

# SANDYFORD BUSINESS DISTRICT

# Cabinet 2025

GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND  
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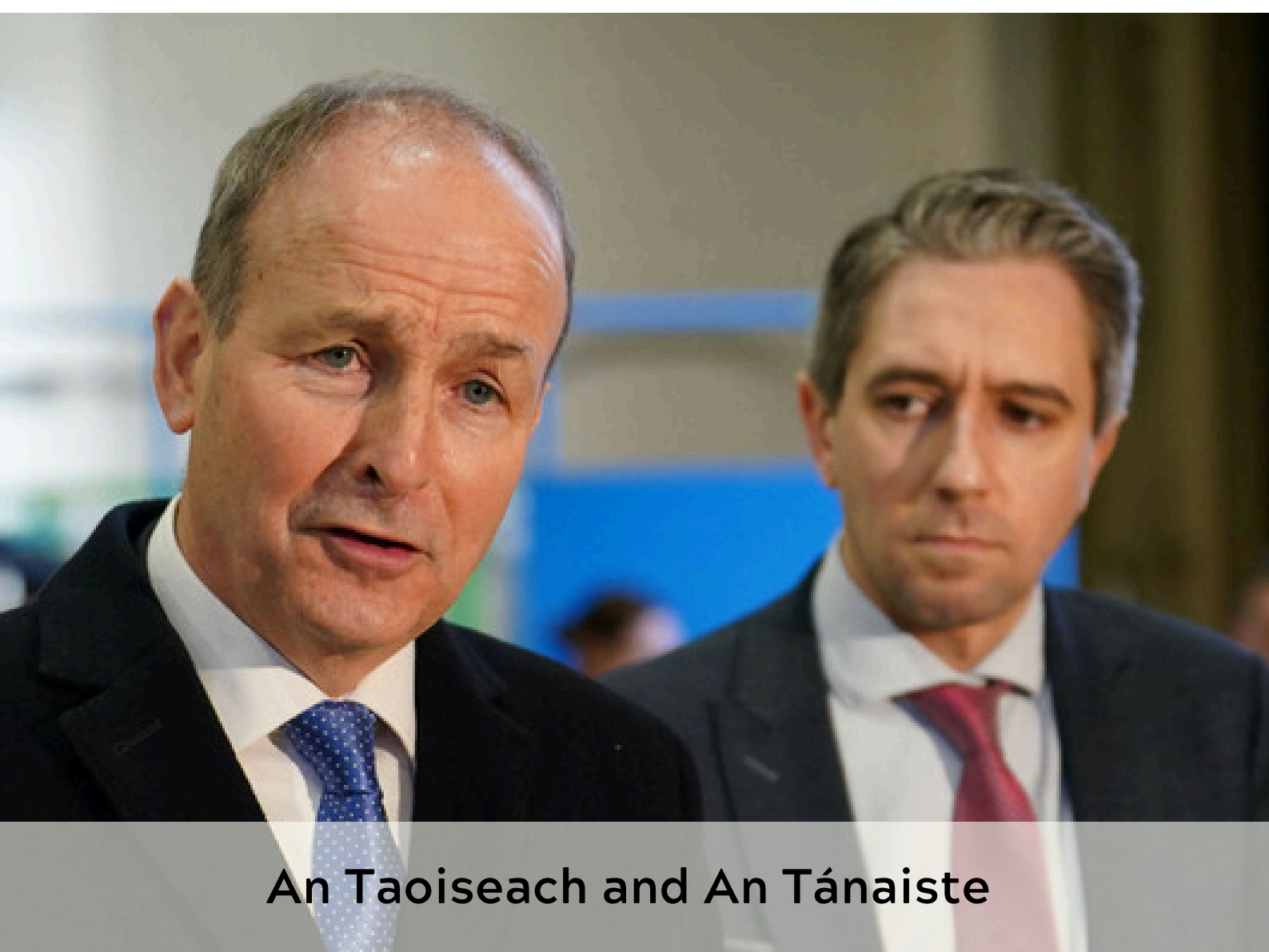
Following the general election on 29 November 2024, a new Programme for Government has been agreed between Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael, and the Independents.

On 23 January 2025, Fianna Fáil leader Micheál Martin was appointed An Taoiseach by the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, following his nomination to the position by Dáil Éireann.

The new Taoiseach subsequently sought Dáil approval for the appointment of fourteen other senior ministers as members of Government, as well as announcing the nomination of Attorney General and four Ministers of State attending Cabinet (i.e. 'super-junior' ministers).

The fifteen senior ministers positions comprise of eight members of Fianna Fáil, and seven members of Fine Gael; reflecting Fianna Fáil's larger number of Dáil seats. Each of the fifteen senior ministers will be responsible for one or more Government departments. A number of departments have been reconfigured, or retitled, as part of the formation of the new Government. Outgoing Taoiseach and Fine Gael leader, Simon Harris, was appointed An Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Defence.

Of the four 'super-junior' ministers, one is from Fianna Fáil, one from Fine Gael, and two from the Independent ranks. The 'super junior' ministers attend cabinet, but they do not have voting rights. The Attorney General and the Secretary-General to the Government also attend cabinet meetings. Nineteen other Ministers of State will also be appointed by Government.



An Taoiseach and An Tánaiste



Ministers Paschal Donohoe and Jack Chambers

## Micheál Martin TD | An Taoiseach



**DOB:** 01/08/1960  
**Constituency:** Cork South Central  
**Party:** Fianna Fáil  
**First elected:** 1989  
**Education:** University College Cork  
**Profession:** Teacher

- Tánaiste (2022–25)
- Taoiseach (June 2020– December 2022)
- Leader of the Opposition (February 2011–June 2020)
- Elected Fianna Fáil Leader in 2011
- Minister for Foreign Affairs (2008–2011, 2022 – 25)
- Minister for Defence (2022 – 2025)
- Minister for Enterprise, Trade & Employment (2004–08)
- Minister for Health & Children (2000–2004)
- Minister for Education & Science (1997–2000)
- Lord Mayor of Cork (1992–1993)

## Simon Harris TD | An Tánaiste, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade & Defence



**DOB:** 17/12/1986  
**Constituency:** Wicklow  
**Party:** Fine Gael  
**First elected:** 2011  
**Education:** TU Dublin  
**Profession:** Public Representative

- Taoiseach (2024–25)
- Elected Fine Gael Leader in 2024
- Minister for Further and Higher Education (2020 – 24)
- Minister for Justice during Helen McEntee's maternity leave (2022–23)
- Minister for Health (2016–2020)
- Minister of State at Dept. of Finance (2014–16)
- First elected to Dáil Éireann in 2011

## Paschal Donohoe TD | Minister for Finance



**DOB:** 19/09/1974  
**Constituency:** Dublin Central  
**Party:** Fine Gael  
**First elected:** 2011  
**Education:** Trinity College Dublin  
**Profession:** Sales & Marketing Director

- President of the Eurogroup (2020–present)
- Minister for Public Expenditure & Reform (2016–17; 2022–25)
- Minister for Finance (2017–22)
- Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport (2014–16)
- Minister of State for European Affairs (2011–14)
- Elected to Dáil Éireann for the first time in 2011
- Member of Seanad Éireann (2007–11)

## Jack Chambers TD | Minister for Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Services, Reform and Digitalisation



**DOB:** 21/11/1990  
**Constituency:** Dublin West  
**Party:** Fianna Fáil  
**First elected:** 2016  
**Education:** Royal College of Surgeons Ireland & Trinity College, Dublin  
**Profession:** Medical Doctor

- Appointed Fianna Fáil Deputy Leader in 2024
- Finance Minister (2024–25)
- Minister of State for International Road Transport and Logistics (2022 – 24)
- Minister of State for Postal Policy (2022 – 24)
- Minister of State for Sport and the Gaeltacht (2020 – 22)
- Government Chief Whip (2020–22)
- Elected to Dáil Éireann for the first time in 2016
- Member of Fingal County Council (2014–16)

## Helen McEntee TD | Minister for Education & Youth



**DOB:** 08/06/1986  
**Constituency:** Meath East  
**Party:** Fine Gael  
**First elected:** 2013  
**Education:** DCU  
**Profession:** Banking

- Appointed Fine Gael Deputy–Leader in 2024
- Minister for Justice (2020–25)
- Minister of State for European Affairs (2017–20)
- Minister of State for Mental Health & Older People (2016–17)
- First elected to Dáil Éireann in the 2013 by–election, following the death of her father
- Political assistant to her late father, Minister Shane McEntee (2010–12)

## Peter Burke TD | Minister for Enterprise, Tourism & Employment



**DOB:** 02/10/1982  
**Constituency:** Longford–Westmeath  
**Party:** Fine Gael  
**First elected:** 2016  
**Education:** University of Galway  
**Profession:** Accountant

- Minister for Enterprise (2024–25)
- Minister of State for European Affairs (2022–24)
- Minister of State for Local Government (2020–22)
- Elected to Dáil Éireann for the first time in 2016
- Member of Westmeath County Council (2009 – 16)

## James Browne TD | Minister for Housing, Local Government & Heritage



**DOB:** 15/10/1975  
**Constituency:** Wexford  
**Party:** Fianna Fáil  
**First elected:** 2016  
**Education:**  
**Profession:** Barrister

- Minister of State at the Department of Justice (2020–25)
- Responsible for the preparation of Fianna Fáil General Election Manifesto 2024
- First elected to the Dáil in 2016
- Member of Wexford County Council (2014–16)
- Member of Enniscorthy Town Council (2009–14)

## Jim O’Callaghan TD | Minister for Justice, Home Affairs & Migration



**DOB:** 05/01/1968  
**Constituency:** Dublin Bay South  
**Party:** Fianna Fáil  
**First elected:** 2016  
**Education:** University College Dublin, Cambridge University, King’s Inns  
**Profession:** Barrister

- Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Justice since 2016
- Previously turned down a Minister of State position in Department of Justice in 2020.
- First elected to Dáil Éireann in 2016
- Legal adviser to Fianna Fáil (2011 – 16)

## Patrick O’Donovan TD | Minister for Arts, Media, Communications, Culture & Sport



**DOB:** 21/03/1977  
**Constituency:** Limerick County  
**Party:** Fine Gael  
**First elected:** 2011  
**Education:** Mary Immaculate College, University College Cork  
**Profession:** Accountant

- Minister for Further and Higher Education (2024–25)
- Minister of State for the Gaeltacht (2022–24)
- Minister of State for Office of Public Works (2020–22)
- Minister of State for Public Procurement (2017–24)
- Minister of State for Tourism and Sport (2016–17)
- First elected to Dáil Éireann in 2011
- Member of Limerick County Council (2003 –11)

## Norma Foley TD | Minister for Children, Disability & Equality



**DOB:** 1970  
**Constituency:** Kerry  
**Party:** Fianna Fáil  
**First elected:** 2020  
**Education:** University College Cork  
**Profession:** Teacher

- Minister for Education (2020–25)
- First elected to Dáil Éireann in 2020
- Member of Kerry County Council (1994–2020)
- Her father Denis Foley was a Fianna Fáil TD for Kerry North 1981–89 and 1992–2002

## James Lawless TD | Minister for Further & Higher Education, Research, Innovation & Science



**DOB:** 19/08/1976  
**Constituency:** Kildare North  
**Party:** Fianna Fáil  
**First elected:** 2016  
**Education:** Trinity College Dublin, King's Inns  
**Profession:** Barrister

- Minister of State at the Departments of Transport & Environment (2024–25)
- Chair of Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice (2020–24)
- First elected to Dáil Éireann in 2016
- Mayor of Naas (2015–16)
- Member of Kildare County Council (2014–16)

## Dara Calleary TD | Minister for Social Protection, and Minister for Rural & Community Development & Gaeltacht



**DOB:** 10/05/1973  
**Constituency:** Mayo  
**Party:** Fianna Fáil  
**First elected:** 2007  
**Education:** Trinity College Dublin  
**Profession:** Banking

- Minister of State for Trade Promotion and Digital (2022–25)
- Minister for Agriculture for a brief period in 2020.
- Fianna Fáil Deputy Leader (2018–20)
- Minister of State at the Department of An Taoiseach, and Department of Finance (2009–11).
- First elected to Dáil Éireann in 2007
- His father Sean and grandfather Phelim both represented Mayo in Dáil Éireann.

## Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD | Minister for Health



**DOB:** 5/09/1980  
**Constituency:** Dun Laoghaire  
**Party:** Fine Gael  
**First elected:** 2020  
**Education:** Trinity College Dublin, University College Dublin  
**Profession:** Barrister

- Minister of State for European Affairs (2024–25)
- Minister of State for Financial Services (2022–24)
- Elected to Dáil Éireann for the first time in 2020
- Member of Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council (2019 – 20)
- Policy advisor to Minister for Children Frances Fitzgerald (2011–13), Minister for Justice Alan Shatter (2013–14), and Minister for Housing Eoghan Murphy (2017–20)

## Martin Heydon TD | Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries & Marine



**DOB:** 09/08/1978  
**Constituency:** Kildare North  
**Party:** Fine Gael  
**First elected:** 2011  
**Education:** Kildalton Agricultural College  
**Profession:** Agriculture, Finance

- Minister of State for Research and Development, Farm Safety and Market Development (2020–25)
- Chair of the Fine Gael Parliamentary Party (2016–20)
- First elected to Dáil Éireann in 2011
- Member of Kildare County Council (2009 – 11)

## Darragh O'Brien TD | Minister for Climate, Environment, & Energy and Minister for Transport



**DOB:** 08/07/1974  
**Constituency:** Dublin Fingal  
**Party:** Fianna Fáil  
**First elected:** 2007  
**Education:** Trinity College Dublin  
**Profession:** Financial Services

- Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage (2020–25)
- Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Housing, Planning and Local Government (2018–20)
- Fianna Fáil Spokesperson on Foreign Affairs and Trade (2016–18)
- Re-elected to Dáil Éireann in 2016
- Member of Seanad Éireann (2011–16)
- Elected to Dáil Éireann for the first time in 2007

**Mary Butler TD | Government Chief Whip and Minister of State (attending cabinet) with responsibility for Mental Health**



**DOB:** 29/10/1966  
**Constituency:** Waterford  
**Party:** Fianna Fáil  
**First elected:** 2016  
**Education:** Waterford Institute of Technology  
**Profession:** Grocery retailer

- Minister of State at the Department of Health, with responsibility for Mental Health and Older People (2020– 25)
- Chair of the Oireachtas Committee on Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (2016 – 20)
- Chair of the Oireachtas Cross Party Group on Dementia
- First elected to Dáil Éireann in 2016
- Member of Waterford City and County Council (2014 –16)

**Hildegarde Naughton TD | Minister for State (attending Cabinet) with responsibility for Disability**



**DOB:** 01/05/1977  
**Constituency:** Galway West  
**Party:** Fine Gael  
**First elected:** 2016  
**Education:** NUI Galway, St Patrick's College, Dublin  
**Profession:** Teacher

- Minister of State at the Department of Transport (2020–22)
- First elected to Dáil Éireann in 2016
- Member of Seanad Éireann (2013–16)
- Member of Galway City Council (2009–13)

**Sean Canney TD | Minister of State (attending Cabinet) with responsibility for International Road Transport, Logistics, Rail, & Ports**



**DOB:** 06/04/1960  
**Constituency:** Galway East  
**Party:** Independent  
**First elected:**  
**Education:** Institute of Technology, Sligo (now Atlantic Technological University)  
**Profession:** Surveyor | Lecturer

- Minister of State at the Departments of Rural and Community Development, and Communications, Climate Action and Environment (2018–20)
- Minister of State for the OPW (2016–17)
- First elected to the Dáil in 2016
- Member of Galway County Council (2004–16)
- Mayor of County Galway (2007–08)

**Noel Grealish TD | Minister of State (attending Cabinet) with responsibility for Food Promotion, New Markets, Research, & Development**



**DOB:** 16/12/1965  
**Constituency:** Galway West  
**Party:** Independent  
**First elected:**  
**Education:** Maynooth University  
**Profession:** Business owner

- First elected to Dáil Éireann in 2002
- Former leader and member of the right-of-centre political party, the Progressive Democrats
- Member of Galway County Council (1999–2002)

**Rossa Fanning | Attorney General**



**DOB:** 1976  
**Party:** Non-partisan  
**Education:** King's Inns, UCD, University of Michigan  
**Profession:** Barrister

- Appointed Attorney General in December 2022
- Called to the Bar in 1999 and appointed Senior Counsel in 2016
- Specialises in commercial litigation and insolvency
- Has been involved in cases involving commercial lettings, defamation, debt recovery, company law, injunctions, repossessions and professional negligence
- Has represented Facebook, Google, and Twitter in disputes
- Lecturer at University College Dublin's law faculty from 2001 to 2009



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