Newly-appointed Taoiseach Leo Varadkar TD has announced his Minister of State appointments. They are:

- Andrew Doyle TD, Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine with special responsibility for Food, Forestry and Horticulture;
- Brendan Griffin TD, Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport with special responsibility for Tourism and Sport;
- Catherine Byrne TD, Minister of State at the Department of Health with responsibility for Health Promotion and the National Drugs Strategy;
- Ciarán Cannon TD, Minister of State at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with special responsibility for the Diaspora and International Development;
- Damien English TD, Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government with special responsibility for Housing and Urban Development;
- David Stanton TD, Minister of State at the Department of Justice and Equality with special responsibility for Equality, Immigration and Integration;
- Finian McGrath TD, Minister of State at the Department of Social Protection, the Department of Justice & Equality, and the Department of Health with special responsibility for Disability Issues;
- Helen McEntee TD, Minister of State for European Affairs;
- Jim Daly TD, Minister of State at the Department of Health with special responsibility for Mental Health and Older People;
- Joe McHugh TD, Government Chief Whip and Minister of State with responsibility for Gaeilge, Gaeltacht and the Islands;
- John Halligan TD, Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise and Innovation and the Department of Education and Skills with special responsibility for Training, Skills, Innovation, Research and Development;
- John Paul Phelan TD, Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government with special responsibility for Local Government and Electoral Reform;
- Kevin Boxer Moran TD, Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform with special responsibility for the Office of Public Works and Flood Relief;
- Mary Mitchell O’Connor TD, Minister of State at the Department of Education with special responsibility for Higher Education;
- Michael D’Arcy TD, Minister of State at the Department of Finance and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform with special responsibility for Financial Services and Insurance;
- Pat Breen TD, Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise and Innovation, the Department of Employment and Social Protection, the Department of the Taoiseach and the Department of Justice and Equality with special responsibility for Trade, Employment, Business, EU Digital Single Market and Data Protection;
- Patrick O’Donovan TD, Minister of State at the Department of Finance and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform with special responsibility for Public Procurement, Open Government and eGovernment;
- Paul Kehoe TD, Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach and the Department of Defence with special responsibility for Defence; and
- Sean Kyne TD, Minister of State at the Department of Rural and Community Development and the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment with responsibility for natural resources, community affairs and digital development.
The Protected Disclosures Act 2014, in the main, aimed to put in place a mechanism wherein it would not only be easy for employees to report on any wrong-doing in their workplace, but would also provide protections for them.

With the recent strong media focus on notable whistleblowing cases in public organisations, now more than ever it is important to not only ensure transparency but to safeguard the rights and privacy of those who report improper activity.

This conference will look at how the Protected Disclosures Act impacts legal, HR, governance and reputational issues. It will assemble panels of professionals and experts who will discuss the practical issues and best practice in the area. There will be ample opportunity for attendees to participate in the debate and discussion.

Key themes
- The policy and political background to the Protected Disclosures Act 2014
- Guidance for public sector organisations on compliance with the Protected Disclosures Act 2014
- Emerging legal issues concerning Protected Disclosures and public sector organisations
- Board Responsibilities and Protected Disclosures
- Managing the reputational issues arising when a protected disclosure arises
- HR Practicalities

Keynote Speaker
Brendan Howlin TD is the current leader of the Labour Party. His political career has spanned over thirty years. He has represented the people of Wexford as a TD since 1987. During his career he has served as Leas-Cheann Comhairle, and Minister for the Environment and Minister for Health. In 2011, he was appointed Ireland’s first Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, with the eponymous Department being established formally by statute in July of the same year. He retained this appointment in the subsequent election. He is currently the Labour Party’s spokesperson for Justice and Northern Ireland.
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People Matter: Good Governance is Rooted in Strong Ethical Values
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GPDR and Data-Sharing in the Public Sector
Fleur O’Shea
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5 & 12 July
The “Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies” issued by the Department of Finance states that - High standards of corporate governance in all State Agencies, are critical to ensuring a positive contribution to the State’s economic efficiency and competitiveness. They are subject to more stringent obligations than private sector therefore it is important to ensure public sector bodies are adhering to these standards.
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Finances for Non-Financial People
12 July
Without a background in accounting or finance, delving into an organisation’s accounts can be daunting. The language used, the standard practices and the processes through which things are done can seem confusing to an outsider. This workshop will help those with little or no experience in a financial position get to grips with financial documentation or reports, and accounts.
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Tuesday 27 June

2.00 p.m.
Leaders' Questions (FF, SF, LAB, Sol-PBP) (32 mins)

2.32 p.m.
Order of Business (30 mins)
Motion re. Framework Agreement with EU and Republic of the Philippines (referral to Committee) (without debate) (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade)
Motion re. Educational Research Centre (without debate) (Department of Education and Skills)

3.02 p.m.
Taoiseach’s Questions (45 mins)

3.47 p.m.
RQs: Oral - Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (90 mins)

5.17 p.m.
Topical Issues
Private Notice Question (if any) (48 mins)

6.05 p.m.
Government Business: (155 mins)
Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2017 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Justice and Equality)

8.40 p.m.
Private Members’ Business (Fianna Fáil): (120 mins)
Local Government (Establishment of Town Councils Commission) Bill 2017 - Second Stage

10.40 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

Thursday 29 June

10.00 a.m.
Government Business (120 mins)
Statements on FEMPI

12.00 p.m.
Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, LAB, SD-GP) (32 mins)

12.32 p.m.
Questions on Promised Legislation (15 mins)
Motion re. Tenth Report of the Committee of Selection and Appointment of Chairs (without debate)

12.47 p.m.
Weekly divisions (43 mins)

1.30 p.m.
Government Business: (120 mins)
Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2017 - Second Stage (resumed, if not previously concluded) (Department of Justice and Equality)
Rugby World Cup 2023 Bill 2017 - Order for Second Stage and Second Stage (Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport)

3.30 p.m.
Parliamentary Questions: Oral - Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (90 mins)

5.00 p.m.
Topical Issues (48 mins)
Private Notice Question (if any)

5.48 p.m.
Committee Report/ PMB: (120 mins)
Protection of Employees (Collective Redundancies) Bill 2017 - Second Stage (Deputy David Cullinane)

7.48 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

Wednesday 28 June

10.00 a.m.
Government Business: (120 mins)
Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2017 - Second Stage (resumed) (Department of Justice and Equality)

12.00 p.m.
Leaders’ Questions (FF, SF, I4C, RIG) (32 mins)

12.32 p.m.
Questions on Promised Legislation (30 mins)

1.02 p.m.
Taoiseach’s Questions (45 mins)

1.47 p.m.
Government Business: (105 mins)
Post European Council Statements

3.32 p.m.
Parliamentary Questions: Oral - Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport (90 mins)

5.02 p.m.
Topical Issues (48 mins)
Private Notice Question (if any)

5.50 p.m.
SOS (40 mins)

6.30 p.m.
Private Members’ Business (Sinn Féin): (120 mins)
Motion re. Anti-Malaria Drug Lariam

8.30 p.m.
Government Business: (105 mins)
Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2017 - Second Stage (resumed, if not previously concluded) (Department of Justice and Equality)

10.15 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns
This week in Seanad Éireann

**Tuesday 27 June**

2.30 p.m.
Commencement Matters

3.30 p.m.
Order of Business
Motion regarding the Educational Research Centre (Establishment) (Amendment) Order 2017 - without debate

4.45 p.m.
Statements on University Hospital Waterford Cardiology Services (Minister for Health)

5.25 p.m.
Inland Fisheries Bill 2017 - Committee Stage (Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment)

7.30 p.m.
Seanad Adjourns

**Wednesday 28 June**

10.30 a.m.
Commencement Matters

11.30 a.m.
Order of Business

12.45 p.m.
Private Members Business
The National Housing Co-op Bill 2017 – Second Stage (Senator David Norris)

3.00 p.m.
Petroleum and Other Minerals Development (Prohibition of Onshore Hydraulic Fracturing) Bill 2016 (changed from Prohibition of the Exploration and Extraction of Onshore Petroleum Bill 2016) - Committee Stage (Department Communications, Climate Action and Environment)

5.00 p.m.
Private Members Business (Fianna Fáil Senators)

7.00 p.m.
Dáil Adjourns

**Thursday 29 June**

The Seanad Public Consultation Committee will meet in the Seanad Chamber
This week’s Committee Meetings

Tuesday 27 June

Public Accounts
CR3, LH 2000 11 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (joint)
CR1, LH 2000 11.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness - Third Quarterly Progress Report and Emergency Accommodation (Resumed) [Minister for Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government and Officials from the Department]

Agriculture, Food and the Marine (joint)
CR1, LH 2000 3 p.m.
AGENDA: (i) 2015 Annual Report of the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority [Representatives from the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority] and (ii) Issues concerning the Sea-Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Mr. Paul Barlow, Woodstown Bay Shellfish Ltd, Mr. Geradl Kelly, Fresco Seafoods Ltd and Tadhg Fisheries Ltd, Mr. Michael Crowley, Riverbank Mussels Ltd and Mr. Alex McCarthy, Alex McCarthy Shellfish]

Education and Skills (joint)
CR2, LH 2000 4 p.m.
AGENDA: Review of the adequacy of training and supports available to providers of special needs education and education in DEIS schools [Dr. Aine Hyland, Emeritus Professor of Education at University College Cork and representatives from Irish National Teachers Organisation (INTO); Marito Institute of Education; National Association of Boards of Management in Special Education (NABMSE); National Council for Special Education (NCSE); Scoil na Naomh Ulig and St. Anne’s Special School]

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (joint)
CR3, LH 2000 4 p.m.
AGENDA: Detailed Scrutiny of the Fossil Fuel Divestment Bill 2016 [Mr. Thomas Pringle T.D.]
Session A: Mr. Thomas Pringle TD, Mr. Kingsmill Bond, New Energy Analyst and Trócaire Representatives
Session B: Irish Strategic Investment Fund Representatives (ISIF) and Dr. Paul Deane, Representatives

Thursday 29 June

Budgetary Oversight
CR1, LH 2000 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Capital Investment [Representatives from the European Investment Bank]

Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach (Select)
CR2, LH 2000 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Bill 2017 [Mr Michael D’Arcy TD, Minister of State at the Department of Finance and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform with special responsibility for Financial Services and Insurance]

Public Accounts
CR3, LH 2000
(a) 10 a.m.
(b) 10.30 a.m. Private Session
AGENDA:
(a) 10 a.m. Business of the Committee;
(b) 10.30 a.m. Private Session

Seánad Public Consultation
Seánad Chamber 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Public Consultation on Children’s Mental Health Services in Ireland.
Session A: 10 a.m.- User Experiences
Session B: 2 p.m. - Advocacy / Service Providers

Social Protection (joint)
CR4, LH 2000 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Pensions schemes (resumed) [Representatives from Active Retirement Ireland, ICSU and the National Women’s Council]

Dáil Business
Room 2, LH 10.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Seánad Select)
CR4, LH 2000 2 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement (joint)
CR2, LH 2000 2.15 p.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Justice and Equality (Select)
CR1, LH 2000 3 p.m.
AGENDA: Civil Liability (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Seánad] [Minister for Justice and Equality]

Wednesday 28 June

Children and Youth Affairs (joint)
CR1, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Session A: The Seanad Public Consultation Committee’s work on Children’s Mental Health [Senator Joan Freeman, Mr. Gareth Noble, Children’s Law Specialist and Mr Peter Hughes, General Secretary, Psychiatric Nurses Association]
Session B: Issues arising from the Audit of the exercise by An Garda Síochána of the Provisions of Section 12 of the Child Care Act 1991 [Dr. Geoffrey Shannon, Special Rapporteur on Child Protection]

Justice and Equality (Select)
CR2, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Mediation Bill 2017 [Minister for Justice and Equality]

Transport, Tourism and Sport (joint)
CR4, LH 2000 9 a.m.
AGENDA: Engagement with Dr. Declan Bedford, Chairman Designate, Medical Bureau of Road Safety (MBRS)

Withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union (Seánad Select)
Room A, LH2000 10 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Dáil Reform (Sub)
Room 2, LH 10.30 a.m.
AGENDA: Private Meeting

Health (joint)
CR3, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.
AGENDA: Quarterly Update on Health Issues [Mr Simon Harris, TD, Minister for Health and Officials from the Department of Health; and Mr. Tony O’Brien, Director General and Representatives from the Health Service Executive]

Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (joint)
CR1, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.
AGENDA: The Impact of Short Term Lettings on Ireland’s Housing & Rental Market (resumed)
Session A: 1.30p.m. [Dr. Ronan Lyons, Assistant Professor of Economics, Trinity College Dublin and Representatives from Threshold.]
Session B: 2.30p.m. [Representatives from Airbnb]

Public Petitions (Joint)
CR2, LH 2000 1.30 p.m.
AGENDA: Public Petition No P000013/17-Make the new English Junior Cert Exam fairer by adding thirty extra minutes [Official from the State Examination Commission and Representatives from the Department of Education and Skills]

Education and Skills (Select)
CR3, LH 2000 4.30 p.m.
AGENDA: Education (Admission to Schools) Bill 2016 [Minister for Education and Skills]