

# Tánaiste and Minister Varadkar: October-December 2020

The diary is used for planning purposes. It may not be a true reflection of all activities.

## ▲ Thu 1 Oct

■	09:50 – 10:30	<a href="#">Highland Local Radio</a>
■	11:00 – 12:30	<a href="#">Budget Bilateral with PER</a>
■	17:00 – 17:30	<a href="#">Call to Ms Yoo Myung-her ( WTO DG candidate S Korea)</a>
■	18:00 – 18:30	<a href="#">Call with Dr Liam Fox ( WTO DG candidate UK)</a>
■	20:30 – 22:00	<a href="#">Prime Time COVID special</a>

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## ▲ Fri 2 Oct

■	09:00 – 09:30	<a href="#">Call with Dr Amina Mohamed ( WTO DG candidate Kenya)</a>
■	10:30 – 11:30	<a href="#">Meeting with Nick Leeder, Head of Google Ireland</a>
■	15:15 – 16:15	<a href="#">Isolde Goggin CCPC</a>
■	18:00 – 19:00	<a href="#">Call with Riverwood, Luttrell Park, Station Court and St Mochtas re proposed new bridge (Emer Currie)</a>

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## ▲ Sat 3 Oct

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## ▲ Sun 4 Oct

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## ▲ Mon 5 Oct

■	11:00 – 12:00	<a href="#">Staff Meeting</a>
■	12:00 – 14:00	<a href="#">Meeting with 3 Party Leaders, and CMO</a>
■	17:30 – 19:30	<a href="#">Government Meeting</a>
■	20:30 – 20:50	<a href="#">Prep for Clare Byrne Live</a>
■	20:50 – 21:35	<a href="#">Travel to RTE</a>
■	21:35 – 22:05	<a href="#">Claire Byrne Live</a>

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## ▲ Tue 6 Oct

■	12:15 – 12:45	<a href="#">Secretary General Orlaigh Quinn</a>
■	14:30 – 16:30	<a href="#">Round table with Pharma on Covid Vaccine</a>
■	16:30 – 17:00	<a href="#">Video piece</a>

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▲ **Wed 7 Oct**

- 11:00 – 13:00 [Enterprise Forum on Brexit](#)
  - 13:00 – 13:30 [Briefing with Officials for Vestager Call](#)
  - 13:40 – 14:10 [Joint call with Minister Donohoe and Commissioner Vestager](#)
  - 16:00 – 16:15 [Prep for Climate Bill](#)
  - 16:30 – 17:00 [Climate Bill launch with Eamon Ryan](#)
  - 17:40 – 19:10 [Statements on Business and Brexit](#)
  - 21:30 – 22:15 [Voting Block](#)
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▲ **Thu 8 Oct**

- 08:00 – 08:20 [Interview with Clare FM](#)
  - 09:15 – 10:15 [Meeting with Maurice Quinlivan TD Chair of DETE Committee](#)
  - 16:00 – 18:00 [Cabinet Committee Europe \(before October European Council\)](#)
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▲ **Fri 9 Oct**

- 10:00 – 12:00 [Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery \(before Budget\)](#)
  - 12:00 – 13:30 [Budget Talks with Leaders, Paschal & Michael McGrath](#)
  - 14:00 – 15:45 [Hospitality Forum](#)
  - 16:00 – 19:15 [Cabinet Committee on Covid-19](#)
  - 19:20 – 19:30 [Prep for Pre Rec](#)
  - 19:30 – 20:00 [Pre-Rec Down to Business with Bobby Kerr \(per Sarah\)](#)
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▲ **Sat 10 Oct – Sun 11 Oct**

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▲ **Mon 12 Oct**

- 11:00 – 12:00 [Staff Meeting](#)
  - 12:00 – 13:00 [Budget Meeting with 3 Leaders and Ministers Donohoe and McGrath](#)
  - 14:45 – 15:15 [Video with Minister Donohoe](#)
  - 16:00 – 16:45 [Dalton Phillips, DAA](#)
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▲ **Tue 13 Oct**

- 08:00 – 11:00 [Government Meeting](#)
- 13:00 – 14:30 [Budget Speech](#)
- 15:00 – 15:30 [Prep- DETE Press Conference](#)

■	15:30 – 16:15	<a href="#">DETE Press Conference</a>
■	At 20:30	<a href="#">Financial Resolutions (Voteable 8.30pm - 12 Midnight)</a>
■	21:50 – 22:30	<a href="#">Tánaiste to take Financial Resolution No.s 5 and 6</a>
■	23:30 – 23:59	<a href="#">Voting Block 12:00am - 12:40 am</a>

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#### ▲ Wed 14 Oct

■	08:00 – 08:30	<a href="#">Morning Ireland</a>
■	09:00 – 09:30	<a href="#">Pat Kenny</a>
■	09:45 – 10:15	<a href="#">Address the National Women's Enterprise Day Event</a>
■	10:30 – 11:00	<a href="#">Radio Kerry</a>
■	13:38 – 14:08	<a href="#">Tánaiste to speak on Budget 2021</a>
■	18:30 – 19:30	<a href="#">Government Meeting</a>

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#### ▲ Thu 15 Oct

■	09:30 – 10:20	<a href="#">Leaders Questions Briefing</a>
■	10:30 – 12:00	<a href="#">Oral PQ's</a>
■	17:00 – 17:30	<a href="#">The Last Word (per Nick)</a>

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#### ▲ Fri 16 Oct

■	10:30 – 12:00	<a href="#">St Mochta's</a>
■	12:15 – 12:30	<a href="#">Prep for DPD Event</a>
■	12:30 – 13:30	<a href="#">DPD Jobs Announcement</a>

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#### ▲ Sat 17 Oct

■	15:00 – 17:00	<a href="#">Meeting of 3 Leaders, Minister Donohoe and Minister McGrath and Chiefs of Staff</a>
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#### ▲ Sun 18 Oct

#### ▲ Mon 19 Oct

■	11:00 – 12:00	<a href="#">Staff Meeting</a>
■	12:30 – 14:00	<a href="#">Cabinet Committee on Covid-19</a>
■	15:30 – 15:45	<a href="#">Video for CIF</a>
■	16:00 – 19:30	<a href="#">Government Meeting</a>

- 21:10 – 21:20 [Press Conference Prep](#)
  - 21:20 – 21:30 [Prep with Leaders](#)
  - 21:30 – 22:00 [Press Conference](#)
  - 22:30 – 23:30 [Webex Call with Business Representative Group Leaders](#)
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#### ▲ Tue 20 Oct

- 15:00 – 16:00 [Microsoft](#)
  - 16:00 – 16:30 [Call with Dr. Ngozi Okonjo Iweala \(DG WTO Candidate - Nigeria\)](#)
  - 20:30 – 20:45 [Government Meeting](#)
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#### ▲ Wed 21 Oct

- 10:15 – 11:15 [NEP Consultation](#)
  - 12:48 – 14:00 [NEP Consultation](#)
  - At 14:30 [Govt Meeting](#)
  - 15:30 – 15:45 [Video](#)
  - 16:00 – 17:00 [Retail Consultation Forum](#)
  - 17:30 – 20:00 [Parliamentary Party Meeting](#)
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#### ▲ Thu 22 Oct

- 09:00 – 09:10 [Prep](#)
- 09:10 – 09:30 [Galway Bay FM](#)
- 12:00 – 12:34 [Leaders Questions](#)
- 12:34 – 13:04 [Questions on Promised Legislation](#)

- 16:30 – 17:30 [Briefing with Minister English and Officials on Employment Permits Regime](#)
  - 22:59 – 23:39 [Voting Block](#)
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#### ▲ Fri 23 Oct

- 10:30 – 11:30 [Meeting with Minister Humphreys re; new policy for rural Ireland](#)
  - 12:00 [Dáil is votable between 12 noon and 3.30pm](#)
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#### ▲ Sat 24 Oct

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#### ▲ Sun 25 Oct

- 11:30 – 12:00 [Interview Prep](#)
  - 13:00 – 14:00 [This Week](#)
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#### ▲ Mon 26 Oct

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#### ▲ Tue 27 Oct

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#### ▲ Wed 28 Oct

- 11:00 – 13:00 [Government Meeting](#)
- 14:45 – 16:45 [LEEF Meeting](#)
- 17:00 – 17:15 [Video piece to be recorded and Facebook pre-record for Boost \(event for small local businesses\)](#)

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▲ **Thu 29 Oct**

■ 16:00 – 18:00 [Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland](#)

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▲ **Fri 30 Oct**

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▲ **Sat 31 Oct**

■ 15:00 – 15:30 [Record video for Battle of Ballinalee Commemoration](#)

▲ **Sun 1 Nov**

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▲ **Mon 2 Nov**

■ 08:45 – 11:00 [Tánaiste to Chair Virtual Meeting of Very Like Minded Group of EU Trade Ministers](#)

■ 15:00 – 16:00 [Staff Meeting](#)

■ 16:00 – 18:00 [Cabinet Committee Social Affairs and Equality](#)

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▲ **Tue 3 Nov**

■ 13:15 – 14:45 [Nick Prep](#)

■ 17:18 – 19:18 [Statements in Dáil](#)

■ 19:30 – 20:00 [Pre-record an address for Amazon Academy Ireland - EI, Video piece for The 23 Kildare Street Talks and Video Piece for Civil Service Excellence and Innovation Recognition & Public Service Innovation Fund 2020](#)

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▲ **Wed 4 Nov**

- 17:00 – 17:30 [Brian and Angela re NEP](#)
  - 21:50 – 22:35 [Voting Block](#)
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▲ **Thu 5 Nov**

- 12:00 – 12:34 [Leaders Questions](#)  
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  - 12:34 – 13:04 [Questions on Promised Legislation](#)  
Leinster House
  - 13:15 – 13:30 [Video piece for Transact, Limerick - Jobs Announcement](#)
  - 16:00 – 18:00 [Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery \(National Economic Plan\)](#)
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▲ **Fri 6 Nov**

- 09:00 – 11:00 [British Irish Council,\(Scottish - theme of summit Economic Recovery\)](#)
  - 14:30 – 14:45 [Video for Jobs Announcement](#)
  - 15:00 – 17:00 [Min Mac](#)
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▲ **Sat 7 Nov – Sun 8 Nov**

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▲ **Mon 9 Nov**

- All Day [Formal Trade Council](#)
- 08:00 – 12:00 [Trade Council](#)
- 15:00 – 16:00 [Staff Meeting](#)

■ 16:00 – 18:00 [Cabinet Committee on Environment & Climate](#)

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▲ **Tue 10 Nov**

■ 13:00 – 13:30 [Meet Secretary General Orlaigh Quinn](#)

■ 17:39 – 19:34 [Motion](#)

■ 19:50 – 21:20 [Dept PQ's](#)

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▲ **Wed 11 Nov**

■ 12:00 – 13:00 [Tara Buckley, RGDATA](#)

■ 14:30 – 16:00 [Tánaiste to Chair SME Taskforce Meeting](#)

■ 16:30 – 17:30 [Sebastian Hamilton, Revolut](#)

■ 21:30 – 22:15 [Voting Block](#)

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▲ **Thu 12 Nov**

■ 15:00 – 16:00 [Call with Pat Shine Managing Director & CEO Lufthansa Technik Shannon Ltd.](#)

■ 16:00 – 18:00 [Cabinet Committee on Health](#)

■ 18:00 – 19:00 [Meeting with Taoiseach, Minister Ryan, AG and Martin Fraser](#)

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▲ **Fri 13 Nov**

■ 10:00 – 10:30 [Video for Marie Keating](#)

■ 10:30 – 11:30 [Frank O'Regan and Ireland South East Development Office](#)

■ 12:00 – 13:00 [Joseph Kilroy, Chartered Institute of Building](#)

■ 14:30 – 16:00 [Meeting to brief Opposition Leaders](#)



■ 16:00 – 17:00 [presentation](#)

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▲ **Sat 14 Nov – Sun 15 Nov**

▲ **Mon 16 Nov**

- 10:40 – 10:55 [Video Piece on Sick Pay](#)
  - 11:00 – 12:00 [Aengus Kelly, CEO Aercap](#)
  - 12:00 – 13:00 [Staff Meeting](#)
  - 13:30 – 14:00 [Virtual Trade Mission - UK Department of International Trade](#)
  - 15:30 – 16:00 [Video Piece for IBM Board Meeting](#)
  - 16:00 – 18:00 [Cabinet Committee on Housing](#)
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▲ **Tue 17 Nov**

- 14:30 – 15:00 [Video piece for KTI](#)
  - 15:30 – 17:00 [US Chamber of Commerce](#)
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▲ **Wed 18 Nov**

- 10:00 – 11:00 [Private Members Business \(Labour - Working from Home COVID-19 Bill\)](#)
- 11:30 – 11:45 [Tik Tok Video](#)
- 12:00 – 12:30 [Photocall with Microsoft re Jobs Announcement](#)
- 14:00 – 16:00 [Briefing for Further Revised Estimate \(DETE\)](#)
- 16:00 – 18:00 [LEEF sub-group on Employment Meeting](#)
- 19:00 – 21:00 [Further Revised Department Estimate](#)

■ 21:30 – 22:15 [Voting Block](#)

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▲ **Thu 19 Nov**

■ 10:30 – 10:45 [LQ Prep](#)

■ 10:45 – 11:55 [Leaders Questions Briefing](#)

■ 15:30 – 17:00 [Brexit Group Meeting](#)

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▲ **Fri 20 Nov**

■ 09:00 – 09:30 [Meeting with Vodafone - Minister Ryan also participating](#)

■ 09:35 – 10:05 [Meeting with Eir - Minister Ryan also participating](#)

■ 10:30 – 11:30 [Meeting with AmCham](#)

■ 12:00 – 12:45 [Meeting with British Ambassador Paul Johnston](#)

■ 14:15 – 14:30 [Video Piece](#)

■ 14:30 – 15:15 [Tik Tok Meeting](#)

■ 15:20 – 15:40 [Record speech for Jobs Expo](#)

■ 16:00 – 17:00 [Meeting with representatives of 4 taxi associations](#)

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▲ **Sat 21 Nov**

■ 14:30 – 15:00 [Tánaiste to speak at Jobs Expo and Construction Jobs Expo](#)

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▲ **Sun 22 Nov**

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▲ **Mon 23 Nov**

- 10:30 – 10:45 [Meeting](#)
  - 11:00 – 12:00 [TASC](#)
  - 12:00 – 13:00 [Staff Meeting](#)
  - 14:30 – 15:30 [PayPal](#)
  - 17:00 – 18:30 [Cabinet Committee on Government Coordination](#)
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▲ **Tue 24 Nov**

- 14:30 – 15:15 [Meeting with Paul Murphy General Manager IBM](#)
  - 15:30 – 16:00 [Financial Services Union](#)
  - 17:03 – 17:45 [Tánaiste to speak for 10 minutes on Statements on COVID-19](#)
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▲ **Wed 25 Nov**

- - 09:00 – 09:30 [Look For Local Campaign Launch](#)
  - 10:10 – 10:25 [Briefing by DETE Officials for NSMC Meeting](#)
  - 10:30 – 12:00 [Trade and Business Development Sectoral Meeting \(NSMC\) Diane Dodds MLA](#)
  - 12:50 – 13:20 [Phonecall with Olgierd Geblewicz](#)
  - 14:30 – 15:15 [CPA Ireland](#)
  - 15:30 – 17:30 [Sub Committee on Insurance](#)
  - 20:15 – 21:00 [Voting Block](#)
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▲ **Thu 26 Nov**

- 12:00 – 12:34 [Leaders Questions](#)

- 12:34 – 13:04 [Questions on Promised Legislation](#)
  - 15:00 – 15:30 [Video piece for Takeda Pharmaceutical Company and Northern Trust](#)
  - 18:30 – 20:30 [Cabinet Committee on COVID-19](#)
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#### ▲ Fri 27 Nov

- 10:00 – 11:30 [Meeting with IDA and Dept Officials re IDA Strategy 2021 - 2024](#)
  - 11:30 – 12:00 [Brexit Video recording](#)
  - 12:00 – 13:00 [Meeting with Low Pay Commission](#)
  - 14:00 – 16:30 [Government Meeting](#)
  - 18:15 – 18:30 [Prep for press Conference](#)
  - 18:30 – 19:30 [Press Conference](#)
  - 19:45 – 20:45 [Meeting with Business Representative Leaders](#)
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#### ▲ Sat 28 Nov – Sun 29 Nov

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#### ▲ Mon 30 Nov

- 09:30 – 10:30 [Visit St. Patrick's NS](#)  
Diswellstown, D15
- 11:00 – 12:00 [Staff Meeting](#)
- 12:00 – 12:45 [Constituency Meeting](#)
- 12:45 – 13:45 [Constituency Meeting with Councillors](#)
- 13:45 – 14:00 [Interview with Newstalk on Marriage Referendum](#)
- 16:00 – 18:00 [Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality](#)
- 18:15 – 18:30 [Photocall with Taoiseach for World Aids Day](#)
- 18:30 – 20:00 [Cabinet Committee on Government Coordination](#)

▲ **Tue 1 Dec**

- 15:00 – 16:00 [Dublin Chamber](#)
  - 16:15 – 16:25 [Video Piece on Harmac Jobs announcement](#)
  - 16:30 – 17:30 [Laois Chamber Webinar](#)
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▲ **Wed 2 Dec**

- - 12:30 – 13:30 [Irish Exporters Association Webinar](#)
  - 15:00 – 16:30 [Enterprise Forum on Brexit](#)
  - 16:30 – 17:00 [Angela and Brian re: Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery](#)
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▲ **Thu 3 Dec**

- - 09:00 – 10:30 [Meeting of SME Growth Taskforce](#)
  - 12:00 – 13:05 [Leaders Questions and Questions on Promised Legislation](#)
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▲ **Fri 4 Dec**

- 10:30 – 12:00 [Visit Colaiste Pobail Setanta](#)  
Phibblestown, Dublin 15
- 12:30 – 12:45 [Video piece for Deloitte Technology Fast 50 Awards and Anti Viral](#)
- 14:30 – 15:30 [Meeting with IRHA](#)
- 15:30 – 15:45 [Weekly Video Piece](#)

■ 17:00 – 19:45 [Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment](#)

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▲ Sat 5 Dec – Sun 6 Dec

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▲ Mon 7 Dec

■ 10:30 – 11:45 [Visit Coca Cola](#)

■ 12:30 – 13:30 [Staff Meeting](#)

■ 15:00 – 15:45 [Meeting with Cathy Kearney, VP, Apple Ireland](#)

■ 16:00 – 17:00 [Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change](#)

■ 17:00 – 17:30 [Insurance Video Recording](#)

■ 18:30 – 20:30 [Cabinet Committee on Government Coordination](#)

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▲ Tue 8 Dec

■ 12:00 – 13:00 [Keep for Press Conference on Insurance Report](#)

■ 14:30 – 15:30 [Glanbia Royal A-Ware](#)

■ 15:30 – 16:00 [Meet Secretary General Orlaigh Quinn](#)

■ 16:00 – 16:45 [Meeting with Prof Mark Ferguson SFI](#)

■ 16:45 – 16:50 [Video pieces for Thornhill College and Willie Heron](#)

■ 17:00 – 19:00 [Cabinet Committee on Europe](#)

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▲ Wed 9 Dec

■ 08:00 – 08:30 [Morning Ireland](#)

- 08:30 – 09:00 [Newstalk Breakfast](#)
  - 15:00 – 15:45 [Sinead Gibney, Irish Human Rights and Equality Commissioner](#)
  - 16:00 – 16:30 [Video piece with Minister O'Donovan re Dublin Zoo](#)
  - 21:00 – 21:30 [Meeting with Minister Norma Foley re; Schools in Castleknock - Ministers Chambers and O'Gorman to attend also.](#)
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#### ▲ Thu 10 Dec

- 12:00 – 13:05 [Leaders Questions and Questions on Promised Legislation](#)
  - 20:00 – 21:00 [Participate in The Washington Ireland Program \(WIP\) panel discussion "Year in Review"](#)
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#### ▲ Fri 11 Dec

- 10:30 – 11:30 [Meeting of West Regional Enterprise Steering Committee to include Aptar issue](#)
  - 11:30 – 11:45 [Video with Senator Aisling Dolan](#)
  - 11:45 – 12:00 [Photocall for Launch of IPA Yearbook](#)
  - 12:00 – 13:00 [Address Fingal Chamber Members](#)
  - 15:30 – 16:30 [Meeting with Mc Donalds](#)
  - 16:30 – 16:45 [Weekly Video](#)
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#### ▲ Sat 12 Dec – Sun 13 Dec

#### ▲ Mon 14 Dec

- 11:00 – 12:00 [Staff Meeting](#)
- 12:15 – 13:15 [Meeting with Harry Goddard, CEO Deloitte](#)
- 14:45 – 15:45 [Meeting with US Ambassador Edward F Crawford](#)
- 16:00 – 16:15 [Video piece for Retirement of Eileen Gleeson](#)

- 17:00 – 19:00 [Cabinet Committee on Health \(including focus on Winter services\)](#)
  - 19:30 – 21:00 [Cabinet Committee on Government Coordination](#)
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#### ▲ Tue 15 Dec

- 12:45 – 13:45 [Meet Secretary General Orlaigh Quinn](#)
  - 14:30 – 15:15 [Matt Shanahan TD](#)
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#### ▲ Wed 16 Dec

- 10:30 – 11:30 [Launch of 3rd Report of Balance for Better Business including photocal!](#)
  - 12:00 – 13:00 [Launch of Analog Active Learning Device](#)
  - 14:30 – 16:30 [Hospitality Forum - Co Chaired with Minister Martin](#)
  - 22:42 – 23:27 [Voting Block](#)
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#### ▲ Thu 17 Dec

- 09:30 – 10:30 [Prep for Leaders Questions/Questions on Promised Legislation](#)
  - 10:30 – 12:00 [DETE Oral PQ's](#)
  - 12:00 – 13:05 [Leaders Questions and Questions on Promised Legislation](#)
  - 13:45 – 13:55 [Dial in to DETE Management Board Meeting](#)
  - 14:15 – 15:00 [Meeting with Minister Foley and Principals of 3 Schools in D15, Ministers Chambers and O'Gorman also attending](#)
  - 15:00 – 16:00 [Meeting with Verizon](#)
  - 21:00 – 22:00 [Prime Time](#)  
RTE Studio, D4
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▲ **Fri 18 Dec**

- 11:15 – 13:00 [Plenary Meeting of the North South Ministerial Council](#)
  - 13:00 – 13:30 [NSMC Press Conference](#)
  - 13:30 – 13:45 [Weekly Video Message](#)
  - 16:00 – 16:30 [Tánaiste to record Christmas Message for DETE Staff](#)
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▲ **Sat 19 Dec – Sun 20 Dec**

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▲ **Mon 21 Dec**

- 11:15 – 12:15 [Visit St Francis Hospice](#)
  - 12:45 – 13:45 [Visit Capital Dock](#)
  - 15:00 – 16:00 [Staff Meeting](#)
  - 16:00 – 16:30 [Video Recording x 2](#)
  - 17:30 – 18:30 [Leaders Meeting](#)
  - 18:30 – 20:00 [Cabinet Committee on COVID](#)
  - 20:30 – 21:30 [Cabinet Committee on Government Coordination](#)
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▲ **Tue 22 Dec**

- 13:20 – 14:00 [Post Cabinet Press Conference](#)
  - 17:00 – 17:20 [Newstalk](#)
  - 20:00 – 20:45 [Prep for Primetime](#)
  - 21:00 – 22:00 [Prime Time](#)
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▲ **Wed 23 Dec**

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▲ **Thu 24 Dec – Fri 25 Dec**

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▲ **Sat 26 Dec**

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▲ **Sun 27 Dec**

■ 11:15 – 11:45 [Newstalk](#)

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▲ **Mon 28 Dec**

■ 08:00 – 08:30 [Morning Ireland](#)

■ 16:00 – 18:00 [Government Meeting](#)

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▲ **Tue 29 Dec**

■ 11:00 – 13:00 [Enterprise Forum on Brexit](#)

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▲ **Wed 30 Dec**

■ 15:00 – 17:00 [Government Meeting](#)

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▲ **Thu 31 Dec**