

Special Advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State of the 33rd Dáil

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1. The appointment of each Special Adviser to a Minister or Minister of State requires the approval of Government in accordance with Section 11 of the Public Service Management Act 1997, as outlined in the published Guidelines for Ministerial Appointments to the 33rd Dáil. (<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/9ad159-special-advisers-pay/>)
2. Following the rotation of Taoiseach on 17/12/22 Ministers and Ministers of State were required to reappoint their respective Special Advisers.
3. This List outlines the position at 20/12/2023 in relation to the formal appointment of Special Advisers where it has been confirmed to the Department of Public Expenditure NDP and Reform that a formal Government Order has been made appointing the Special Adviser concerned and remuneration details have been confirmed by the relevant Line Department to the Department of Public Expenditure NDP and Reform. This list will be updated as the process is finalised the remaining appointments.
4. Reference to "gifted of salary" relates to those individuals that have disclosed that they wish to avail of a statutory facility to voluntarily return an amount of the salary they are paid back to the Exchequer. The salary amount shown in such instances is prior to the subsequent gifting of salary. The legislative basis for the gifting of salary is provided for at Section 483 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.
5. The salary shown reflects the rate at time of appointment, and may have changed since with increments and the 1st October 2023 increase. All queries in respect of individual Special Adviser appointments should be directed to the respective Line Department to which a Special Adviser is assigned.

Department	Minister / Minister of State	Adviser	Appointed	Sanctioned Pay Rate	Relevant Payscale	Information
Agriculture, Food and the Marine	Charlie McConalogue	Amii McKeever	12/06/2023	€109,548	PO Standard	
		Ciaran O'Donnell	23/10/2023	€98,665	PO Standard	
	MoS Pippa Hackett	Declan O'Rourke	17/12/2022	€95,301	PO Standard	
		Jack O'Connell	17/12/2022	€95,301	PO Standard	
	MoS Martin Hayden	Barry Cassidy	21/12/2022	€75,933	AP Standard	
Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth	Roderic O'Gorman	Tom Sheppard	06/03/2023	€105,425	PO Standard	
		Eoin Wilson	17/12/2022	€103,358	PO Standard	
	MoS Anne Rabbitte	Noel Byrne	01/03/2023	€80,241	AP Standard	
Enterprise, Trade and Employment	Simon Coveney	Laura McGonigle	17/12/2022	€101,811	PO Standard	
		Chris Donoghue	17/12/2022	€114,347	PO Standard	
	MoS Neale Richmond	Fiona Campbell	28/03/2023	€74,701	AP Standard	
Environment, Climate and Communications / Transport	Eamon Ryan	John McDonald	17/12/2022	€103,358	PO Standard	
		Paul Kenny	17/12/2022	€110,811	PO Standard	
		Edel Hackett	17/12/2022	€95,301	PO Standard	
		Anna Conlan	17/12/2022	€165,451	Assistant Secretary	
		Dónall Geoghegan	17/12/2022	€165,451	Assistant Secretary	
		Éamonn Fahey	17/12/2022	€103,358	PO Standard	
		David Healy	17/12/2022	€55,405	PO Standard	Worksharer (50%)
		Niamh Allen	17/12/2022	€51,679	PO Standard	Worksharer (50%)
	MoS Jack Chambers (Transport)	Shane Smyth	17/12/2022	€103,358	PO Standard	
		Sam Griffin	01/09/2023	€107,006	PO Standard	
Finance	Michael McGrath	Grant Sweetnam	17/12/2022	€103,358	PO Standard	
		Kevin Barrett	17/12/2022	€110,452	PO Standard	
	Mos Jennifer Carroll-MacNeill	Stephen Foley	13/03/2023	€87,455	AP Standard	
Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science	Simon Harris	Sarah Bardon	17/12/2022	€110,811	PO Standard	
		Max Murphy	26/06/2023	€97,207	PO Standard	

Health	Stephen Donnelly	Susan Mitchell	17/12/2022	€110,811	PO Standard	
		Páraic Gallagher	17/12/2022	€99,345	PO Standard	
	MoS Mary Butler	Corona Joyce	21/12/2022	€84,151	AP Standard	
Housing, Local Government and Heritage	Darragh O'Brien	Ciara Shaughnessy	17/12/2022	€103,358	PO Standard	
		Kevin Dillon	17/12/2022	€110,811	PO Standard	
	MoS Malcolm Noonan	Hannah Hamilton	21/12/2022	€85,730	AP Standard	
Justice	Helen McEntee	Patrick Cluskey	01/06/2023	€110,805	PO Standard (Non PPC)	
		Fiach Kelly	01/06/2023	€116,634	PO Standard	
	MoS James Browne	Adam Ledwith	22/08/2023	€87,445	AP Standard	
Public Expenditure and Reform	Paschal Donohoe	Deborah Sweeney	17/12/2022	€114,347	PO Standard	
		Fiona O'Connor	17/12/2022	€114,347	PO Standard	
Rural and Community Development / Social Protection	Heather Humphreys	Niall O'Connor	17/12/2022	€110,811	PO Standard	
		Pauric McPhilips	17/12/2022	€110,811	PO Standard	
Rural and Community Development	MoS Joseph O'Brien	Anne-Marie McNally	21/12/2022	€85,730	AP Standard	
Tánaiste/Foreign Affairs and Defence	Micheál Martin	Deirdre Gillane	17/12/2022	€195,137	Deputy Secretary	Gifting of salary
		Pat McParland	17/12/2022	€165,451	Assistant Secretary	
		Diarmuid Lynch	17/12/2022	€103,358	PO Standard	
		Grainne Weld	17/12/2022	€103,358	PO Standard	
		Alan Ahearne	17/12/2022		Assistant Secretary Equivalent	Part-time secondment from NUIG
		Sharon McGowan	03/04/2023	€97,207	PO Standard	
	MoS Peter Burke	Laura Mannion	21/12/2023	€73,236	AP Standard	
	MoS Sean Fleming	Eoin Delaney	10/04/2023	€74,701	AP Standard	
Taoiseach	Leo Varadkar	Brian Murphy	17/12/2022	€185,350	Deputy Secretary (non PPC)	Gifting of salary
		Philip O'Callaghan	17/12/2022	€151,137	Assistant Secretary	
		Claire Mungovan	17/12/2022	€110,811	PO Standard	
		Bríd Murphy	17/12/2022	€95,301	PO Standard	
		Sarah O'Neill	17/12/2022	€110,811	PO Standard	Currently on approved leave
		Ciona Doyle	17/12/2022	€95,301	PO Standard	
		Matthew Lynch	17/12/2022	€110,811	PO Standard	
		Jim D'Arcy	16/01/2023	€40,998	PO Higher	Worksharer (50%)
	Hildegard Naughton (Chief Whip)	Paul Melia	17/12/2022	€110,811	PO Standard	
Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media	Catherine Martin	Juno McEnroe	17/12/2022	€103,358	PO Standard	
		Meghan McSweeney	01/11/2023	€98,665	PO Standard	
	MoS Thomas Byrne	Daniel Griffin	21/12/2022	€73,326	AP Standard	