Tánaiste and Minister Varadkar: January-March 2021

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

🔺 Fri 1 Jan		
🔺 Sat 2 Jan		
🔺 Sun 3 Jan		
	12:00 - 13:30	<u>This Week</u>
Mon 4 Jan		
▲ Tue 5 Jan		
	15:00 – 19:45	Cabinet Committee on COVID-19
 Wed 6 Jan 		
	12:15 – 14:15	Government Meeting
	15:40 - 15:45	Prep for Press Conference
	15:45 - 16:00	Meet Taoiseach and Minister Ryan
	16:00 - 17:00	<u>3 Leaders Press Conference</u>
	17:00 – 17:30	Video recording of Tánaiste's message to IDA Annual Conference
🔺 Thu 7 Jan		

:	10:00 - 10:30 13:00 - 13:30	Pat Kenny Show News at One
🔺 Fri 8 Jan		
🔺 Sat 9 Jan		
	11:30 – 15:00	Meeting
▲ Sun 10 Jan		
🔺 Mon 11 Jan		
	At 09:25	Arrive RTE
	09:30 - 09:50	Dermot and Dave Interview
	10:00 - 10:30	Claire Byrne Interview
	11:00 - 11:30	Aldi Jobs Announcement Closed Photocall
	11:30 - 11:45	Video recording for El
	11:45 – 12:00	Media piece with Virgin Media
	15:00 – 15:30	Highland Radio
	15:30 – 16:30	Staff Meeting
 Tue 12 Jan 		
▲ Wed 13 Jan		
	12:00 - 12:20	Pieces to Camera
-	13:04 - 14:34	

🔺 Thu 14 Jan

	12:00 - 13:05	Leaders Questions and Questions on Promised Legislation
	15:00 – 15:45	Meeting with Boddy Healy, CEO of Manna Aero
	16:00 - 16:30	Record Messages for Going for Growth and Showcase Ireland
	16:30 - 16:45	Record piece on Remote Work with Newstalk
	17:00 - 17:30	Interview with Newstalk
•	17:30 - 18:00	Interview with Today FM

🔺 Fri 15 Jan

10:45 - 11:00	Vaccine Video
11:00 - 11:20	Briefing on Remote Working
11:20 - 11:35	Weekly Video
11:35 – 12:00	News at One pre-rec
12:00 - 12:20	Doorstep
14:00 - 15:15	Meeting with Vintners, Hoteliers and Restauranteurs including Ministers Donohoe and Martin
15:15 – 15:45	Meeting with Ministers Donohoe and Martin
16:00 - 17:00	Constituency Meeting with Mary Donoghue and team

▲ Sat 16 Jan – Sun 17 Jan

A Mon 18 Jan

13:15 – 14:30	Meeting with Ministers English and Troy
14:30 - 15:45	Ministerial Management Board Meeting
16:30 - 17:00	Call with Cecilia Malmstrom (Re: OECD DG)

Tue 19 Jan

Wed 20 Jan

11:00 - 11:15	Prep for Interview with Limerick Local Radio
11:15 – 11:30	Limerick Local Radio
11:30 - 12:30	Meeting with Patricia King and Danny McCoy
13:00 - 13:45	<u>Tánaiste to speak on Motion on EU-UK Trade and</u> <u>Cooperation Agreement for 10 minutes (1.20pm</u> <u>approx)</u>
14:45 – 15:10	Tánaiste to speak at UN Global Impact Event
15:30 - 17:00	Meeting of SME and State Bodies Group
17:00 - 18:00	Briefing for Taoiseach, Tánaiste and Minister Ryan by Vaccination Committee

🔺 Thu 21 Jan		
	09:30 - 10:30	Briefing with Officials (Wendy Gray and Orlaigh Quinn) re Sick Pay
	12:00 - 13:05	Leaders Questions and Questions on Promised Legislation
	15:00 - 15:45	Meeting with French Ambassador, Vincent Guerend Webex
	16:00 - 17:30	Meeting with Labour Court
	17:45 - 18:00	Phone Call Mrs Blessing Nchenko

🔺 Fri 22 Jan

10:30 - 11:30	Meeting with Ian Drennan, ODCE
11:40 – 11:55	Weekly Video
12:00 - 13:00	Meeting with NSAI
14:30 - 17:30	LEEF Meeting
21:45 – 22:15	Phone Call with Minister Damien O'Connor, New Zealand

▲ Sat 23 Jan – Sun 24 Jan

Mon 25 Jan

10:45 – 11:00 Prep for Newsweek Interview

11:00 - 11:45	Interview with Newsweek
14:00 - 15:00	Staff Meeting
15:30 - 16:00	Meeting with Commissioner Vestager
16:00 - 18:00	Cabinet Committee on Covid-19
21:20 - 22:00	Prep for Claire Byrne Show
22:00 - 22:15	Travel to RTE
22:35 - 23:00	Claire Byrne Show
22:00 - 22:15	Travel to RTE

Tue 26 Jan

15:45 – 16:00	Prep for Press Conference
16:00 - 17:00	Press Conference

🔺 Wed 27 Jan

11:00 - 11:15	
	<u>Eurospar, Hartstown</u>
11:30 - 12:30	Meeting with Noel Keely, CEO, Musgrave Group
12:30 - 13:00	Pre-record News at One
14:30 - 15:30	Briefing by Officials on Corporate Enforcement Authority Bill for pre leg scrutiny
16:00 - 17:00	Meeting with Mairead McCaul, MD of MSD Ireland
20:30 - 21:00	Prep for The Tonight Show
21:00 - 21:15	News
21:20 - 21:50	Depart and travel to Virgin Media
22:00 - 23:00	The Tonight Show with Matt Cooper

🔺 Thu 28 Jan

	12:00 - 13:05	Leaders Questions and Questions on Promised
_		Legislation
	15:00 - 15:30	Meeting with Mr Yang Xu, CEO, Huawei Ireland
	16:00 - 17:00	Meeting with WRC

🔺 Fri 29 Jan

10:00 - 11:30	JCETE pre-leg scrutiny of Corporate Enforcement Authority Bill
13:45 – 14:45	Meeting with Content Moderators
15:30 - 18:00	Constituency

A Mon 1 Feb

12:00 - 13:00	Meeting with Minister Donohue
14:30 – 15:30	Meeting with Irish Medtech Association
16:00 - 18:00	Cabinet Committee on Education

Tue 2 Feb

14:30 - 15:00	Meeting with Michael Mubea, Ambassador of Kenya to Ireland
16:30 - 17:00	Meeting with Sec Gen, Orlaigh Quinn

Wed 3 Feb

Meeting with Minister Ryan
Briefing for Agrifood Scheme Launch
Launch of Agri Food Scheme
Prep for Interview with Christina Finn
Interview with Christina Finn
Briefing by Sec Gen and Officials for Cab Comm on Economic Recovery and Investment

🔺 Thu 4 Feb

08:30 - 09:00	Media 2FM
12:00 - 13:05	Leaders Questions and Questions on Promised Legislation
16:00 - 18:00	Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment

🔺 Fri 5 Feb

09:45 - 10:00	Prep for Interview
10:00 - 10:45	Interview with Ciaran Hancock and Alan Betson
15:30 - 16:00	Piece to Camera

🔺 Sat 6 Feb – Sun 7 Feb

Mon 8 Feb

11:00 - 12:00	Staff Meeting
14:30 - 14:45	Prep for interview with Irish Mirror
14:45 - 15:30	Interview with Irish Mirror
16:00 - 18:00	Cabinet Committee on Housing

Tue 9 Feb

10:30 - 13:30	Government Meeting
14:15 – 14:30	Prep for Press Conference
14:30 - 15:30	Press Conference
15:40 – 15:55	Pre-record with Matt Cooper
16:00 - 17:00	Meeting with Sharon Bannerton of Champion Green
17:00 - 17:30	<u>Record message for European Financial Forum at</u> <u>request of IDA</u>
17:30 - 18:00	Meeting with Sec Gen, Orlaigh Quinn
18:00 - 18:15	Interview with Drivetime
18:30 - 19:00	Interview with Kieran Cuddihy, Newstalk

 Wed 10 Feb 			
	10:30 - 10:40	Prep for Interview with Kerry Local Radio	
	10:40 - 10:55	Interview with Kerry Local Radio	
	11:30 – 12:30	Meeting with Minister Coveney re Northern Ireland	

🔺 Thu 11 Feb

10:00 - 10:30	Call with EVP Commissioner Dombrovskis
15:00 - 16:00	Meeting with Israeli Ambassador, Ophir Kariv and
	Deputy Ambassador Mrs Orli Weitzman
16:00 - 16:30	Call with Padraic McGann (Vintner)

🔶 Fri 12 Feb

10:30 - 12:30	LEEF Meeting (per Taoiseach's Office)
14:00 - 14:20	Weekly video to be followed by Newstalk 2.20- 2.30pm

14:30 - 14:45	Pre-record message for launch of LEO's National Enterprise Week
15:00 - 16:30	Constituency

▲ Sat 13 Feb – Sun 14 Feb

Mon 15 Feb

	15:15 – 16:15	Briefing for 3 Govt Party Leaders with Minister Donnelly on Quarantine
	17:30 – 19:00	Cabinet Committee on Government Coordination
•	19:00 – 20:30	<u>Meeting re Phoenix Park Consultation per Senator</u> <u>Emer Currie</u>

🔺 Tue 16 Feb

15:15 – 16:15	Meeting with Rory Moloney, AON/Willis Watson
20:00 - 21:00	Prep for Prime Time
21:30 - 22:00	Prime Time

Wed 17 Feb

11:00	- 11:30	Pre Record message for Global Equality Caucus
11:30	- 12:00	Record message for Centenarians
13:30		Meeting with Gary Kennedy and Brid Horan Chairs of Balance for Better Business and Sec Gen Orlaigh Quinn
15:00	- 17:00	Cabinet Committee on Education
17:30	- 20:00	Parliamentary Party Meeting

🔺 Thu 18 Feb

13:25 – 15:55	Statements and Q&A on Business and COVID-19
17:15 – 20:45	Cabinet Committee on COVID-19

🔺 Fri 19 Feb		
	10:50 - 11:00	Sarah re Scale Ireland Event
	11:00 - 12:00	Scale Ireland Event - Martina Fitzgerald
	12:15 – 12:25	Brian and Nick for Media Prep

12:30 - 12:50	News at One pre-record
13:00 - 14:00	Brian O'Donovan RTE
15:30 – 16:30	Meeting with Brendan McGinty Chairperson, Paul
	Healy Chief Executive and Tracey Donnery Executive
	Director Skillnet Ireland

▲ Sat 20 Feb – Sun 21 Feb

Mon 22 Feb

14:15 – 15:15	Record message for EI's Annual Start-Up Event
16:00 - 18:15	Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change
19:00 - 21:00	Cabinet Committee on Covid-19
21:00 - 22:00	Cabinet Committee on Government Coordination

Tue 23 Feb

12:20 - 12:30	Brian and Nick
13:30 - 16:30	Government Meeting

Wed 24 Feb

0	8:00 - 08:30	Morning Ireland
0	8:30 – 09:00	Newstalk Breakfast Show
1	0:45 – 11:00	Doorstep with Virgin
1	1:00 - 12:00	Meeting with Mastercard
1	2:00 - 13:00	Meeting with Peter Boland, Alliance for Insurance Reform and Minister Fleming
1	5:30 – 17:00	Ministerial Management Board Meeting

🔺 Thu 25 Feb

08:30 - 11:00	Competitiveness Council
15:00 - 15:45	Meeting with Minister Humphreys and Minister
	O'Donovan re Flooding schemes
16:30 - 17:34	Voting Block

🔺 Fri 26 Feb

11:15 – 11:45	Meeting with Nkencho Family
12:00 - 13:00	Meeting with Insurance Ireland and Minister Fleming
	(organised by Minister Fleming)
14:30 - 17:30	Constituency

- Sat 27 Feb
- Sun 28 Feb

Mon 1 Mar

•	09:20 - 10:00	<u>Tánaiste to give Opening Address at Local Enterprise</u> <u>Week 2021</u>
	10:30 - 11:30	Staff Meeting
	11:45 – 12:00	Prep for Interview at 12 noon
	12:00 - 12:30	Interview with Jennifer Jendusa, Brussels Research Group
	12:30 - 13:00	Meeting with Brian, Sarah and Matt re Climate Change
	14:30 - 15:30	<u>Meeting with Mike Geary, Country Manager, Amazon</u> <u>Web Services</u>
	16:00 - 18:00	Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment
	19:00 - 19:30	Edmund Rice - Zoom Call
	19:30 – 21:30	Cabinet Committee on Government Coordination

Tue 2 Mar

14:00 – 15:00 Meeting with Taoiseach
14.00 13.00 Meeting with Holiseden
15:15 – 16:15 Address Dun Laoighaire-Rathdown Chamber
17:00 – 17:45 Briefing on CETA with Sec Gen, Philip Kelly and Minister of State Troy
17:45 – 18:15 <u>Meeting with Sec Gen, Orlaigh Quinn</u>

Wed 3 Mar

10:30 - 11:00	Media South East Radio
11:00 - 12:00	Meeting with Tom Parlon DG of CIF and Frank Kelly President CIF
12:00 - 12:30	Record Message for Best Workplaces in Ireland 2021 Awards
14:00 - 15:00	Meeting with National Broadband Ireland
15:30 - 16:30	<u>Meeting with Derville Rowland, DG of Financial</u> <u>Conduct, Central Bank</u>

🔺 Thu 4 Mar

08:00 - 08:30	Ireland AM
08:30 - 09:00	<u>Q102</u>
16:00 - 18:00	Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland
18:00 - 19:00	Meeting with Ministers Humphreys and McEntee

🔺 Fri 5 Mar

10:	30 – 11:30	Tánaiste to join online meeting of Corporate Partners of Cork Chamber
12:	00 – 12:30	Pre-record opening address for Business Opportunities with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
12:	30 – 13:00	Pre-record video-piece for American Chamber of Commerce
15:	00 – 16:00	Pre Records (3) for EI SPD Events
16:	00 – 16:30	Visit Vaccination Centre

▲ Sat 6 Mar – Sun 7 Mar

A Mon 8 Mar

12:15 – 12:45	Photo/Video Opportunity for 2021 Champion Green Campaign
14:30 - 15:30	Pre-record Out Leadership Europe Summit
16:00 - 16:30	Record Speech for Love Irish Food Webinar (per Matt)
16:30 - 17:00	Meeting with Brian and Sarah

🔺 Tue 9 Mar

16:30 – 17	:30 Meeting with Delivery Riders	
 Wed 10 Mar 		
10:30 - 11	:00 <u>Galway Bay FM</u>	
11:15 – 12	:00 <u>Glencree Schools Project Event</u>	
12:50 – 13	:00 Prep for News at One	
13:00 – 13	:30 <u>News at One</u>	
14:50 – 15	:00 <u>Media Doorstep</u>	
15:00 - 16	:30 <u>Tánaiste to Chair Hospitality and Tourism Forum with</u> <u>Minister Catherine Martin</u>	

A Thu 11 Mar

08:00 - 08:30	Newstalk
At 13:05	VOTING Block between 1.05 and 5.34 but no later than 5pm
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Fri 12 Mar

10:00 - 10:45	Visit to Danu Special School
11:00 - 11:15	Weekly Video
11:30 - 13:00	Constituency Meeting

▲ Sat 13 Mar – Sun 14 Mar

Mon 15 Mar

10:30 - 10:45	Phonecall to Terence O'Rourke, Chair of El
10:45 – 11:15	Interview with Le Monde
11:30 - 12:00	Interview with Handlesblatt (Germany)
12:50 - 13:00	<u>Media</u>

14:20 - 14:30	Travel to IDA HQ for SPD pre-records
14:30 - 15:45	Pre-recorded India webinar Event (Recording starts at 2.45pm)
16:00 - 17:00	US Life Science Roundtable - Live Broadcast

🔺 Tue 16 Mar

09:15 – 09:45	Prep for Pat Kenny Show
09:45 - 10:00	Travel to Newstalk Studio
10:00 - 10:30	Pat Kenny Show
14:15 – 14:30	Philip Kelly to brief Tánaiste in advance of call with Portuguese Foreign Minister
14:30 - 15:00	Tánaiste to speak with Portuguese Foreign Minister
15:00 – 15:30	Pre-record Opening remarks for Employment Bar Association webinar on future of work post-Covid
15:30 – 15:50	<u>Pre-record for Virtual Animation Dingle 2021 and</u> <u>Healthy Place to Work</u>
16:00 - 16:45	El SPD Event "moderated fireside chat with Governor of California, Gavin Newsom (Live)
17:00 - 17:30	Pre-record message for Bruges Forum (College of Europe)
17:30 - 17:45	Pre-record message for El Innovation Arena Awards

Wed 17 Mar

09:30 - 10:30	El SPD Event "Ready for a Green Future" Eurozone (Live)
11:30 - 13:00	Prep for Meetings
14:30 - 15:15	El SPD Event "Making a Difference UK" (Live)
16:00 - 16:45	EI SPD Event "Moderated fireside chat with Lt
	<u>Governor Denny Heck" (Live)</u>

A Thu 18 Mar

🔺 Fri 19 Mar

Sat 20 Mar

A Mon 22 Mar

13:30 - 13:45	Video Recording piece for Climate Bill Launch
13:45 – 15:15	Meeting of Enterprise Forum
16:00 - 18:00	Cabinet Committee on Europe
18:00 - 19:00	Cabinet Committee on Government Coordination
20:00 - 20:30	Private Prep for Claire Byrne Show
20:30 - 21:00	Prep for Claire Byrne Show
21:15 - 21:30	Travel to RTE
21:30 - 22:00	Claire Byrne Show

Tue 23 Mar

10:00 - 13:50	Government Meeting
 13:55 – 14:05	Video piece for launch of "Our Rural Future" to be recorded (after Govt. Meeting)
15:00 - 15:30	Meeting with Sec Gen, Orlaigh Quinn
15:45 - 16:00	Three Leaders meet in briefing room prior to Climate Bill Launch
16:00 - 16:30	Press Conference for launch of Climate Bill

Wed 24 Mar

09:30 - 10:00	LMFM
10:15 - 10:45	Speak at Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor Event with Conor Murphy Finance Minister organised by Fingal Co Council
10:45 – 11:15	EPIC Brief
11:00 - 12:00	Meeting with EPIC (Events Production Industry Covid Working Group) and Minister Troy
13:30 - 14:30	<u>Meeting with Patricia King Liam Berney, ICTU re Gig</u> <u>Economy Workers and Bogus Self Employment in</u> <u>Ireland</u>
14:30 - 15:00	Recording piece on Intel
15:00 - 16:30	Meeting of Insurance Sub-Group
17:00 – 17:15	<u>Video</u>

🔺 Thu 25 Mar		
•	10:20 - 10:30	Photocall with Maeve Culloty, Ireland lead Hewlett Packard Enterprise and Martin Shanahan, CEO IDA (request by IDA)
	At 13:30	VOTING BLOCK - possible Votes from 1.30pm - 6pm
	16:00 - 17:00	Admin

🔺 Fri 26 Mar

•	10:00 - 10:45	<u>Meeting with OPW and Ministers O'Donovan,</u> <u>Chambers and O'Gorman re OPW Phoenix Park</u> <u>Consultation</u>
•	11:00 - 12:00	Meeting with Microsoft in relation to their paper on Inclusive Recovery
	16:00 – 17:00	Admin
•	17:00 - 18:00	Antigen Test briefing by Prof Mark Fergusson

Sat 27 Mar

11:00 - 12:00	Call with Senator Emer Currie and Ted Leddy re-
	Clonsilla SHD

A Sun 28 Mar

A Mon 29 Mar

10:00 - 11:00	Staff Meeting
11:00 - 12:15	<u>Admin</u>
12:15 - 13:00	Meeting with Lord Barker

•	14:00 - 16:00	Tánaiste participating in launch of "Our Rural Future" with Taoiseach and Ministers Ryan and Humphreys
	16:45 – 17:00	Phone call to Theresa O'Reilly
•	18:00 - 23:00	Cabinet Committee on Covid-19

Tue 30 Mar

	11:00 - 12:00	Admin
•	13:30 - 16:15	Government Meeting
	17:00 - 17:30	<u>Hewlett Packard Enterprises - CEO Antonio Neri (jobs</u> announcement also)
	18:00 - 18:30	Taoiseach's Speech and Prep for Press Conference
•	18:30 – 19:30	Govt Press Conference on Covid-19
	21:10 - 21:30	Travel to RTE
	21:30 - 22:00	Prime Time

Wed 31 Mar

10:15 - 11:00	Meeting with Ministers of State English and Troy
11:00 - 12:30	Ministerial Management Board Meeting
14:00 - 14:30	Record Message for The Tokyo Irish Funds Event
	(request from IDA)
14:30 - 16:00	Meeting with Paschal Donohoe
16:00 - 17:30	Admin
20:00 - 20:30	Hartstown Community Centre Meeting