

## History of Government – Twenty-First Dáil

### Twenty-First Dáil (5.7.1977 - 21.5.1981)

#### Fifteenth Government (5.7.1977 - 11.12.1979)

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Post held:</b>
Jack Lynch	Taoiseach <b>(5.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b>
George Colley	Tánaiste & Minister for Finance and Minister for Public Service <b>(5.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b>
Charles J. Haughey	Minister for Health and Minister for Social Welfare <b>(5.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b>
Brian J. Lenihan	Minister for Fisheries <b>(5.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b> <i>* Department Title change to Fisheries and Forestry w.e.f. 15.7.78</i>
Pádraig Faulkner	Minister for Posts & Telegraphs and Minister for Transport & Power <b>(5.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b> <i>* Department Title Change to Tourism &amp; Transport w.e.f. 23.9.77</i>
James Gibbons	Minister for Agriculture <b>(5.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b>
Desmond J. O'Malley	Minister for Industry & Commerce <b>(5.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b> <i>* Department Title change to Industry Commerce &amp; Energy w.e.f. 23.9.77</i>
Robert Molloy	Minister for Defence <b>(5.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b>
Gerard Collins	Minister for Justice <b>(5.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b>
Michael O'Kennedy	Minister for Foreign Affairs <b>(5.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b>
Sylvester Barret	Minister for Local Government <b>(5.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b> <i>* Dept Title change to Environment w.e.f. 16.8.77</i>
Gene Fitzgerald	Minister for Labour <b>(5.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b>
Denis Gallagher	Minister for the Gaeltacht <b>(5.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b>
John P. Wilson	Minister for Education <b>(5.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b>
Martin O'Donoghue	Minister for Economic Planning and Development <b>(8.7.77 - 11.12.79)</b> Minister without portfolio <b>(5.7.77 - 8.7.77)</b>

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### Notes:

1. Single-party Fianna Fáil Government.
2. (Mr. Lynch retired from politics on 11.12.1979.
3. New Department of Economic Planning and Development established on 13.7.77

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##### (Parliamentary Secretaries)

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Post held:</b>
Patrick Joseph Lalor	Parl. Sec. to Taoiseach and Parl. Sec. to Minister for Defence <b>(5.7.77 - 1.1.78)</b>
David Andrews	Parl. Sec. to Minister for Foreign Affairs <b>(5.7.77 - 1.1.78)</b>
Jim Tunney	Parl. Sec. to Minister for Education <b>(5.7.77 - 1.1.78)</b>
Tom Fitzpatrick	Parl. Sec. to Minister for Posts & Telegraphs and Transport and Power <b>(5.7.77 - 1.1.78)</b>
Pearse Wyse	Parl. Sec. to Minister for Finance <b>(5.7.77 - 1.1.78)</b>
Thomas Hussey	Parl. Sec. to Minister for Agriculture <b>(5.7.77 - 1.1.78)</b>
Maire Geoghegan-Quinn	Parl. Sec. to Minister for Industry & Commerce <b>(5.7.77 - 1.1.78)</b>

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### (Ministers of State)

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Post held:</b>
Patrick Joseph Lalor	MOS at Dept. of the Taoiseach and MOS at Dept. of Defence <b>(1.7.78 - 1.7.79)</b>
David Andrews	MOS at Dept. of Foreign Affairs <b>(1.1.78 - 11.12.79)</b> MOS at Dept. of Justice <b>(1.1.79 - 11.12.79)</b>
Jim Tunney	MOS at Dept. of Education <b>(1.1.78 - 11.12.79)</b>
Tom Fitzpatrick	MOS at Dept of Posts & Telegraphs and MOS at Dept of Transport & Power <b>(1.1.78 - 11.12.79)</b> <i>* Department Title change to Tourism &amp; Transport w.e.f. 15.7.78</i>
Pearse Wyse	MOS at Dept. of Finance <b>(1.1.78 - 11.12.79)</b>
Thomas Hussey	MOS at Dept. of Agriculture <b>(1.1.78 - 11.12.79)</b>
Maire Geoghegan-Quinn	MOS at Dept. of Industry, Commerce & Energy <b>(1.7.78 - 11.12.79)</b>
John O'Leary	MOS at Dept. of the Environment <b>(1.7.78 - 11.12.79)</b>
Ray MacSharry	MOS at Dept. of Public Service <b>(1.7.78 - 11.12.79)</b>
Ray Burke	MOS at Dept. of Industry, Commerce & Energy <b>(1.7.78 - 11.12.79)</b>
Michael J. Woods	MOS at Dept. of the Taoiseach and MOS at Dept. of Defence <b>( 1.7.79 - 11.12.79)</b>

### Notes:

1. Following the enactment of the Ministers and Secretaries (Amendment)(No.2) Act, 1977, the post of Parliamentary Secretary was abolished with effect from 1.1.1978 and replaced by a new post of Minister of State. A maximum of 10 Ministers of State could be appointed.
2. Patrick Joseph Lalor resigned on 1.7.1979 and went to European Parliament.
3. More than one Minister of State can be assigned to a particular Department.
4. Single-party Fianna Fáil Government.

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#### Sixteenth Government (11.12.1979 - 30.6.1981)

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Post held:</b>
Charles J. Haughey	Taoiseach <b>(11.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>
George Colley	Tánaiste and Minister for Tourism & Transport <b>(12.12.79 - 25.1.80)</b> Minister for Energy <b>(22.1.80 to 30.6.81)</b>
Albert Reynolds	Minister for Posts & Telegraphs <b>(12.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b> Minister for Transport <b>(25.1.80 - 30.6.81)</b>
Brian J. Lenihan	Minister for Foreign Affairs <b>(12.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>
Pádraig Faulkner	Minister for Defence <b>(12.12.79 - 15.10.80 resigned)</b>
Desmond J. O'Malley	Minister for Industry, Commerce & Energy <b>(12.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b> Minister for Industry, Commerce & Tourism <b>from 23.1.80</b>
Gerard Collins	Minister for Justice <b>( 12.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>
Michael O'Kennedy	Minister for Finance <b>(12.12.79 - 16.12.80 resigned)</b> Minister for Economic Planning & Development <b>(12.12.79 - 21.1.80)</b> Minister for Energy <b>(21.1.80 - 22.1.80)</b> Minister for Public Service <b>(12.12.79 - 24.3.80)</b>
Gene Fitzgerald	Minister for Labour <b>(12.12.79 - 16.12.80)</b> Minister for the Public Service <b>(24.3.80 - 30.6.81)</b> Minister for Finance <b>(16.12.1980 - 30.6.81)</b>
John P. Wilson	Minister for Education <b>(12.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>
Sylvester Barret	Minister for the Environment <b>(12.12.79 - 15.10.1980)</b> Minister for Defence <b>(15.10.1980 - 30.6.81)</b>
Ray MacSharry	Minister for Agriculture <b>(12.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>
Máire Geoghegan-Quinn	Minister for the Gaeltacht <b>(12.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>
Michael J. Woods	Minister for Health] Minister for Social Welfare] <b>(12.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>
Patrick Power	Minister for Fisheries & Forestry <b>(12.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>

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Ray Burke	Minister for the Environment <b>(15.10.80 - 30.6.81)</b>
Tom Nolan	Minister for Labour <b>(16.12.80 - 30.6.81)</b>

### Notes:

1. Single-Party Fianna Fáil Government.
2. Following the retirement of Jack Lynch from politics on 11.12.79, Charles J. Haughey was appointed Taoiseach on the 11th December 1979 and Fianna Fáil continued in Government. There was no need for a General Election.
3. Michael O'Kennedy became Ireland's EC Commissioner on 16.12.1980.
4. Department of Industry, Commerce & Energy changed to Industry, Commerce & Tourism on 23.1.80
5. Department of Economic, Planning and Development functions transferred to Energy on the 21.1.80
6. Department of Tourism & Transport changed to Transport on the 25.1.80

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### Sixteenth Government

#### (Ministers of State)

**Note:** The number of Ministers of State was increased from 10 to 15. (Ministers and Secretaries (No.2) Act, 1980)

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Post held:</b>
Sean Moore	MOS at Dept. of Taoiseach and MOS at Dept. Defence <b>(13.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>
Jackie Fahey	MOS at Dept. of the Environment <b>(13.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>
Jim Tunney	MOS at Dept. of Education <b>(13.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>
Thomas Hussey	MOS at Dept. of Agriculture <b>(13.12.79to: 17.12.1980)</b> MOS at Dept. Health & Social Welfare <b>(from: 17.12.1980 - 30.06.81)</b>
Michael Smith	MOS at Dept. of Agriculture <b>(from: 17.12.1980 -30.06.81)</b>
Ray Burke*	MOS at Dept. of Industry, Commerce & Energy <b>(13.12.79- appointed Minister for the Environment - 15.10.1980)</b>
Denis Gallagher	MOS at Dept. of Industry, Commerce & Energy <b>(from: 15.10.1980 - 30.06.81)</b>
Lorcan Allen	MOS at Dept. of Agriculture <b>(13.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>

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Ger Connolly	MOS at Dept. of the Environment <b>(13.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>
Tom McEllistrim	MOS at Dept. of Finance <b>(13.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>
Sean Callery	MOS at Dept. of Public Service and MOS at Dept. of Labour <b>(13.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>
Mark Killilea	MOS at Dept. of Posts & Telegraphs <b>(13.12.79 - 30.6.81)</b>
Tom Meaney	MOS at Dept. Industry, Commerce & Energy <b>(25.03.80 - 30.06.81)</b>
Tom Nolan	MOS at Dept. Health & Social Welfare <b>( 25.03.80 to: 16.12.1980 - appointed Minister for Labour)</b>
Brendan Daly	MOS at Dept. Labour <b>(25.03.80 -30.06.81)</b>
Padraig Flynn	MOS at Dept. Transport <b>(25.03.80 -30.06.81)</b>
Sean Doherty	MOS at Dept. Justice <b>(25.03.80 -30.06.81)</b>

### Notes:

1. Unlike Parliamentary Secretaries, Ministers of State remained in Office at the dissolution of the Dáil until a new Government is appointed. From the Sixteenth Government onwards, the terms of office of Ministers of State were the same as for Ministers. (see Ministerial lists for details).
2. Single-party Fianna Fáil Government.