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### News Summary

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### Top Story

**Fianna Fáil leader Micheal Martin has told the 15 Independent TDs involved in discussions that today will be their last opportunity to back him in the vote for Taoiseach. To read more, [click here](#).**

### Politics

- Talks between Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil reached a crucial point on Wednesday when the two parties began to discuss policy issues including on Irish Water, housing and the health service. To read more on this story, [click here](#).
- Fine Gael is willing to compromise on Irish Water and water charges to secure an agreement for government with Fianna Fáil. For more on this story, [click here](#).
- Ireland's minister of sport, Michael Ring, says he will move to regulate Mixed Martial Arts in the country following the death of the Portuguese fighter João Carvalho on Monday. For more on this story, [click here](#).
- The negotiating teams for Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil met twice on Tuesday to discuss the viability of supporting a minority government. To read the full story, [click here](#).
- Fine Gael may consider going into opposition if it fails to win over more Independents than Fianna Fáil, despite Enda Kenny previously saying he will not back a minority Micheál Martin-led government. For more on this story, [click here](#).

- Leading Conservatives on both sides of Britain's referendum debate have warned that border controls with the North could be introduced if the UK votes to leave the European Union. To read the full story, [click here](#).
- Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael negotiating convened formal talks on Monday with a view to agreeing the shape of a minority government that could run for two and a half years. To read the full story, [click here](#).
- An invitation by the Independent Alliance to attend a meeting between Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil to discuss the conditions under which the two biggest parties would support a minority government led by the other was rejected on Saturday by acting Taoiseach Enda Kenny. To read the full story, [click here](#).
- An alliance of opposition TDs seeking to abolish water charges intend to force parties and other deputies to stand up to their election promises on Irish Water in a planned Dáil motion. To read the full story, [click here](#).
- Fianna Fáil leader Micheál Martin has said Fine Gael need to face up to the reality that a minority government is now the most likely outcome. To read the full story, [click here](#).
- Micheál Martin's outright rejection of a coalition offer by Taoiseach Enda Kenny has thrown government formation talks into disarray and increased the chances of a second election. For the full story, [click here](#).

## Economy

- There has been a 20 per cent rise in job vacancies in the first three months of the year, with strong demand for engineers, data analysts and software developers, according to recruitment firm Collins McNicholas. For more on this story, [click here](#).
- US business messaging app Slack said it will create 80 new jobs in Dublin over the next two years. The company, which opened its European headquarters in Ireland last year, said the new roles will be in customer experience and account management and will bring its Irish workforce to 180. For more on this story, [click here](#).
- An employee in Ireland earning around the average wage, with two children, gets more in benefits than he or she pays in work-related taxes, the OECD has claimed. To read more on this report, [click here](#).

- Dublin Port Company said trading throughput rose by 6.8 per cent in the first quarter to 8.4 million gross tonnes as the equivalent of 20 ships a day docked in the port. [Click here](#) for more on this story.
- A decision the UK to leave the European Union would create major economic risks for Ireland, undermining the all-island economy, disrupting trade and creating investment uncertainty, a new report from Ibec warns. To read the full story, [click here](#).
- Sterling could face a further sell-off this week and deliver a fresh blow to Irish exporters into the UK amid more weekend revelations about David Cameron's links with offshore funds, economists here have warned. To read the full story, [click here](#).
- House prices rose by an average of 5.9 per cent in the year to March but Dublin continued to lag the rest of country, with prices rising by just 0.9 per cent compared to an increase of 9.7 per cent outside the capital, a new survey shows. For the full story, [click here](#).
- The public service has become a "revolving door" for private sector staff as they are forced to start on the lowest pay rung regardless of their experience. For the full story, [click here](#).

## Society

- Close to a third of Irish children live in deprived households, according to a recent UNICEF study. For more on this report, [click here](#).
- Galway University has been ordered to introduce mandatory gender quotas to increase the number of female academics in senior posts. For more on this, [click here](#).
- Garda Commissioner Nóirín O'Sullivan has described a survey which showed 86pc of mid-ranking members of the force felt morale was either low or very low as "terrible, but no surprise". To read more on this story, [click here](#).
- Luas operator Transdev has placed all staff on protective notice with immediate effect. In a letter to staff, the company stated that future employment would be on a day-to-day basis until future notice. For more this story and the on-going Luas industrial dispute, [click here](#).
- Women need to play a much more important role in the church, the first Synod in Ireland in 50 years has been told. For the full story, [click here](#).
- The number of Irish parents teaching their children outside the confines of the traditional school has increased dramatically. For the full story, [click here](#).

- Almost 30,000 patients were waiting longer than six months for planned hospital care at the end of March, new figures show. To read the full story, [click here](#).
- Three men have been arrested in connection with the seizure of €240,000 worth of drugs in Co Tipperary this week. For the full story, [click here](#).

## Headlines

- [14.04.2016] [Micheal Martin in last-ditch move to win support of Independents](#) [Irish Times]
- [14.04.2016] [Job vacancies rise by 20% in first quarter, leading recruiter says](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [14.04.2016] ['Third of Irish children living in deprivation'](#) [Irish Independent]
- [14.04.2016] [Galway University told to introduce mandatory gender quotas](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [13.04.2016] [FG and FF talks to reach crucial point on policy issues](#) [Irish Times]
- [13.04.2016] [Parents 'get more in benefits than they pay in taxes'](#) [Irish Independent]
- [13.04.2016] [Fine Gael 'prepared to compromise' on Irish Water to secure deal with Fianna Fáil](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [13.04.2016] [Ireland set to regulate MMA following death of fighter João Carvalho](#) [The Guardian]
- [13.04.2016] [Garda chief dismisses low morale in force as 'no surprise'](#) [Irish Independent]
- [13.04.2016] [US software firm Slack to create 80 new jobs in Dublin](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [12.04.2016] [FG and FF hold four hours of talks on government options](#) [Irish Times]
- [12.04.2016] [Dublin Port says trading throughput rose by 6.8% in first quarter](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [12.04.2016] [Transdev places Luas staff on protective notice](#) [Irish Independent]
- [11.04.2016] [Brexit could lead to Irish border controls, Tories warn](#) [Irish Times]
- [11.04.2016] [Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil to discuss shape of minority government](#) [Irish Times]
- [11.04.2016] [Ibec warns of major economic risks to Ireland if UK leaves EU](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [11.04.2016] [House prices stable in Dublin but up by 9.7% elsewhere in year to March](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [11.04.2016] [Low pay is 'putting external candidates off' public service](#) [Irish Independent]
- [11.04.2016] [Sterling dip still a risk for Irish exports](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [10.04.2016] [Women must play bigger role in church, Synod hears](#) [Irish Times]
- [10.04.2016] [More Irish children now taught by parents at home](#) [Irish Independent]
- [10.04.2016] [Waiting lists soar as 30,000 patients face six-month delays](#) [Sunday Business Post]
- [09.04.2016] [Enda Kenny refuses invitation to meeting by Independent Alliance](#) [Irish Times]
- [09.04.2016] [Alliance seeks to abolish water charges](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [08.04.2016] [Fine Gael must face up to the probability of minority government, says Martin](#) [Irish Times]
- [08.04.2016] [Election looms as coalition talks in disarray](#) [Irish Examiner]
- [08.04.2016] [Almost €250,000 worth of drugs seized in intelligence-led operation](#) [Irish Independent]

### **Newspaper (average daily net circulation/political stance - February 2015)**

**Irish Independent** (circulation: 112,383) politically populist; Conservative

**Irish Times** (circulation: 76,194) politically Liberal/Progressive; centre-right on economic issues

**Irish Examiner** (circulation: 33, 198) politically Centrist

**Sunday Business Post** (circulation: 32, 498) politically Liberal