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News Summary

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Top Story

The prospect of a hard Border between Northern Ireland and the Republic is “anathema” to the tourism sector, a committee examining the potential impact of the UK’s departure from the EU has heard. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Politics

Nobody in Government has warned the British authorities that they are in breach of their international obligations in relation to the Belfast Agreement, the Dáil has heard. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Border checks at Irish airports and ports cannot be beefed up in order to control immigration into Britain, former Taoiseach Bertie Ahern has insisted. To read more on Mr Ahern’s comments, [click here](#).

It will cost €123m to fund Irish Water until April but the Government has no plans on plugging the gap after that if charges are fully scrapped. However, the Government says the money needed to fund Irish Water in the coming months will be taken from savings. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Independent Alliance has agreed to seek a free vote on a motion to allow for a referendum of repealing the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution which prohibits abortion in the State. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Northern Ireland should push the EU to grant it associate or even membership status to avoid the devastating consequences of Brexit for Irish people, Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness has said. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Department of Justice has denied an allegation that Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality Frances Fitzgerald breached any obligations or requirements in disclosing the names of two Garda whistleblowers at a meeting with senior members of the force in 2015. TO read more on this story, [click here](#).

A warning was issued to members of the Citizens’ Assembly about their use of social media by Taoiseach Enda Kenny as it met for the first time yesterday. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

A huge majority of Dubliners are in favour of the capital city having a directly-elected Mayor, according to the results of an opinion poll for the Labour Party. To read more on this year, [click here](#).

The “help-to-buy” housing scheme announced in Budget 2017 has become a point of tension between Fine Gael and Fianna Fáil and could jeopardise the “confidence and supply” agreement struck between the parties. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Economy

The Government has been forced to make significant changes to one of its key budget proposals on foot of concerns raised by the Central Bank and pressure from Fianna Fáil. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Irish secure IT retirement company, AMI, has today announced that it will invest €1.1m and create 15 jobs by 2018 as it grows its business and increases its team to 50. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

At least 10 per cent of Irish mushroom farms have closed down since the UK referendum decision to leave EU, the Dáil was told. Sinn Féin TD Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin said a minimum of six of the 60 growers operating at the time of the June vote had ceased production. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Construction Information Services (CIS) have launched their Annual Report entitled 'Construction Opportunities 2017'. The report shows that there is an excess of €17 billion in key and major construction projects already scheduled for 2017 in the construction sector. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Private Rented Sector has expanded strongly in recent years according to new research by Savills Ireland using CSO data. According to their figures, 24.5% of all households in Dublin – incorporating 328,700 persons – are now living in private rented accommodation. This represents a 61.3% increase since the first quarter of 2011. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Minister of State for Employment and Small Business, Pat Breen, has formally opened the new Design+ Gateway at the Institute of Technology, Carlow. The Design+ Technology Gateway is funded by Enterprise Ireland and aims to give companies based in the southeast, midlands and beyond an opportunity to develop their business through innovative collaborative research and development while networking with industry across the regions. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Cork County Council has sought funding from the Government for the development of up to 18,000 houses under proposals worth more than €170m. To read more on the proposed development, [click here](#).

President Michael D Higgins has warned that 200,000 Irish jobs are reliant on our trading relationship with Britain. Speaking as he launched a collection of his speeches at the Irish Embassy in London, he stressed that it would make economic sense to continue current economic links, despite the Brexit vote. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Microfinance Ireland will be marking European Microfinance Day on October 20th by highlighting the benefits of mentoring services for Irish businesses. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Society

More than 500 schools are facing closure after secondary teachers threatened to strike in a long-running row over pay. After two strong votes by members for industrial action about pay equality and teachers' terms and conditions, the Association of Secondary Teachers Ireland (ASTI) is waiting until its 23-member standing committee meets today to decide if and when it should begin. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

More than 10,000 students marched through Dublin to urge the Government not to impose a student loans scheme. To read more on the opposition to tuition fees, [click here](#).

A nationwide campaign got underway this week to recruit parents and others to take over supervision and substitution work in hundreds of second-level schools from November 7. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The trade union SIPTU has strongly criticised the Department of Health for urging the Government to reduce the minimum wage for care workers in the residential sector. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Hospitals across the country are increasingly struggling with equipment which manufacturers will no longer stand over, according to the Irish Hospital Consultants Association. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The malfunctioning state of foster care services across the Midlands has been revealed in a new report which shows that some children in placements had to share rooms and even beds with other children because of a lack of available places. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Scientists and doctors will meet in Trinity College this week to discuss the future of treating cancer at the tenth International Cancer Conference. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Major health employers from the UK, Australia and Canada will step up the international recruitment drive for Irish nurses today with tempting incentive packages at a major recruitment fair in Dublin. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The leadership of the body representing mid-ranking gardaí is to outline industrial relations options to delegates at a meeting on Monday. The Association of Garda Sergeants & Inspectors (AGSI) is holding a special delegate conference in Athlone at which it will decide if it should join frontline gardaí in action, up to and including strike. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

President Michael D Higgins has paid tribute to Irish activist Eva Gore-Booth, the sister of Constance Markievicz, describing her as "a remarkable, indeed quite extraordinary, figure, not just in Ireland's revolution, but also in the international trade union, suffrage and peace movements". To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Education Minister Richard Bruton said meeting the pay demands of the ASTI was "not tenable" because it would cost €2.3bn in knock-on payments to workers across the entire public service. To read more on the on-going teachers' dispute, [click here](#).

The Government's much-vaunted Budget promise to hire 1,000 extra nurses may have limited impact on under-staffing affecting patient care in many wards, it emerged this week. To read more on this revelation, [click here](#).

There has been a four-fold increase in people admitted to hospital emergency departments who classed themselves as "homeless", research published in the Irish Medical Journal shows. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Headlines

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- [20.10.16] [10,000 students protest at loan scheme](#) [Irish Independent]
- [20.10.16] [Industrial action threat: 500 schools set to be shut](#) [Irish Examiner]
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- [19.10.16] [Brexit threatens Irish mushroom industry with ‘economic calamity’, Dáil hears](#) [Irish Times]
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- [19.10.16] [Over €17bn worth of construction projects pipelined for 2017](#) [Business World]
- [19.10.16] [We want you – Government in desperate recruitment bid for parents to run schools](#) [Irish Independent]
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- [14.10.16] [‘Money is not available, we have to balance the budget’ – Education Minister’s words to ASTI](#) [Irish Independent]
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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