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News Summary

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Top Story

US president-elect Donald Trump has invited Taoiseach Enda Kenny to the White House for St Patrick's Day in 2017. During a 10 minute conversation, the Taoiseach congratulated Mr Trump on his victory and "both men committed to working together to the mutual benefit of Ireland and the United States," according to a spokeswoman for Mr Kenny. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Politics

The Government has left the door open to the future privatisation of Irish Water, the Dáil heard this week. Housing Minister Simon Coveney said he is reserving the right to make changes to an opposition law seeking to retain Irish Water in public ownership. The Government yesterday decided not to oppose a bill, brought by Independents4Change TD Joan Collins, which is being supported by Sinn Féin and Fianna Fáil. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

A Government motion to be put before the Dáil says the State will offer to take in an unspecified number of children from the Calais "Jungle" migrant camp. Campaigners and opposition groups have called for the State to allow 200 unaccompanied minors who had been living in the migrant camp in France to come to Ireland. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

A referendum on the future of water services could be held after Fianna Fáil agreed to support an Opposition Bill calling for a vote. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Minister for Justice, Frances Fitzgerald, and the Northern Ireland secretary James Brokenshire, yesterday committed the British and Irish governments to enhancing security co-operation in the wake of Brexit. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Social Protection Minister Leo Varadkar this week formally kickstarted the process of boosting councilors' pay. Mr Varadkar has struck a deal with the body representing local authority members which will see them receive social benefits for the first time. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Ireland has formally ratified the Paris Agreement on global climate change, it was announced on Monday. Minister for Communications Denis Naughten completed the process last Friday, the day the deal came into force. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The British government has “a clear, measured plan for exiting the European Union”, Northern Ireland secretary James Brokenshire told an Irish Times conference on Brexit. “We are not seeking an ‘off the shelf’ deal ... but rather a solution that provides the best outcome for the United Kingdom”, he told the event in Dublin on Monday. To read more on Mr Brokenshire's comments, [click here](#).

Taoiseach Enda Kenny has denied the Government considered enforcing martial law if strike action by gardaí proceeded. Mr Kenny told media on Friday morning it was never contemplated or discussed by the Cabinet. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Economy

New office space planned for Dublin over the next five years can accommodate more than 100,000 extra workers and any companies seeking to relocate as a result of Britain's vote to leave the European Union, property group Savills said on Thursday. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Bank of Ireland said it is winding down its shipping business, joining other banks looking to cut non-core lending and exposure to an industry suffering its worst downturn. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

As a small-open economy highly dependent on trade and, in particular, US investment, Ireland is particularly vulnerable to a more protectionist stance under a new President, according to Goodbody Stockbrokers. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Ireland's government will this week formally submit its appeal against the European Commission's multi-billion-euro demand for back taxes from Apple, Finance Minister Michael Noonan said on Tuesday. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Rents are rising in double digits and are now higher than at the height of the Celtic Tiger, with “disastrous” consequences for renters, communities, and the country’s competitiveness. The average rent across the country increased by 11.7% in the 12 months between September 2015 and the same month in 2016. This is the highest yearly increase since Daft began its quarterly rent reports 14 years ago. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

State spending on housing programmes has increased by only €200 million in the last three years, despite the worsening crisis. New figures show that €2.28 billion of exchequer funding has been allocated towards housing programmes between 2014 and 2016. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

A British exit from the European Union that left trade with the bloc governed by World Trade Organisation rules would knock around 3.5% off Ireland's gross domestic product within a decade, an Irish government report estimated on Monday. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

CarVal, the multibillion US private equity firm that has heavily invested in toxic Anglo Irish Bank debts, shifted over €130 million to parent companies in low-tax jurisdictions while paying just €500 in Irish taxes. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Multibillion-euro property funds have sought to enlist the support of Fianna Fáil in their bid to water down changes to how they are taxed introduced in the budget. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

The Government has issued a strong warning that any additional pay rises for public servants will be at the expense of State services, since there will be no increase in the overall amount of money available for spending. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

New independent research conducted by AIG has examined consumer attitudes to insurance claims, fraud and compensation in Ireland. The Independent research was conducted amongst a nationally representative sample of 1,000 people. To read more on the study, [click here](#).

Apple hosting provider, MacStadium, have this week established their first European data centre and international headquarters in Dublin, creating 35 information technology jobs over the course of 3 years. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Society

Any sudden move to raise the grades that trainee primary teachers need in Leaving Certificate English, Irish and Maths will rule a large number of students out of entry to the courses, according to a new report. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Second-level schools were open on Thursday after the teachers' union, the Association of Secondary Teachers Ireland (ASTI), called off its action to allow for peace talks. The union suspended both its one-day strikes and its withdrawal from supervision and substitution duties, which was set to close hundreds of schools. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Hospitals are facing chaos as angry nurses ballot for industrial action which may lead to bed closures and one-day work stoppages. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

A record 66 patients were awaiting admission this week to University Hospital Limerick from its emergency department. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Ireland's largest household waste company will 'reconsider' the collection of bin bags due to health and safety concerns for its workers. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Ireland must accept more refugees in the spirit of Mons Hugh O'Flaherty, the Killarney man and Vatican priest who saved thousands of Jews and others during the Nazi occupation of Rome. That was the message from Columban missionary priest and human rights activist, Fr Shay Cullen speaking in Killarney at the weekend. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Thousands of students were locked out of secondary schools indefinitely from Monday on health and safety grounds as ASTI teachers continue their industrial dispute over pay and conditions. To read more on this story, [click here](#).

Nearly one in 10 Irish people in their early to mid-70s is still working - almost twice the EU average. The findings from the National Positive Indicators Report suggest financial pressure may be one of the reasons why many pensioners are still in the workforce. To read more on the report, [click here](#).

Cork hospitals will benefit from €92.4m in capital investment in the coming five years, say the HSE. The figure was quoted at a meeting of the Regional Health Forum South, in County Hall, in Cork City, and is for 13 major projects in Cork University Hospital, Mercy University Hospital, South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital, Mallow General, and Bantry General. To read more on this story, [click here](#). [5]

There have been calls for the Government to take a fresh look at the effectiveness of sending people to prison after a new report showed almost half of prison inmates had re-offended within three years. To read more on the CSO report, [click here](#).

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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