



An Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála  
agus Rialtais Áitiúil  
Department of Housing, Planning  
and Local Government



An tAire do Rialtas Áitiúil agus Forbairt Uirbeach  
Minister for Housing and Urban Development

## MINISTER DAMIEN ENGLISH'S DIARY

OCTOBER 2018

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# 01 October 2018 - 07 October 2018

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## 01 October

- **08:30 - 17:00 Constituency Events all day** (Meath) - Damien English
- **10:15 - 10:45 Minister - Interview in studio on LFMF Radio** - Damien English/Members/Oireachtas
- **13:00 - 13:30 NSIC-North South Interconnector With Min. Mc Entee, Min. English & DCCA Officials- Enda Gallagher & Eamonn Confrey** (Minister Mc Entee's Constituency Office-Cannon St, Kells, Meath) - Damien English

## 02 October

- **07:15 - 07:30 South-East Radio Interview (phone)** (Car) - Damien English
- **09:15 - 09:30 Interview with Waterford Radio** (WIT) - Damien English
- **09:30 - 12:30 MSP Baseline Report Stakeholder Events in Waterford, Main Auditorium in WIT's Cork Road campus.(Host-Anne Phelan Senior Administrator, WIT- [REDACTED] & Porter-PJ Walsh will greet & Escort Minister)** (Waterford Institute of Technology-With Niamh Santry, Philip Nugent, Padraic Dempsey & Tracey O'Connor) - Damien English
- **14:00 - 15:15 LQs & Order of Business** (Dail - Also Vote) - Damien English

## 03 October

- **11:30 - 12:00 INMO meeting with North East Area Constituents** (Navan Offices, with David Miskell IRO) - Damien English
- **12:00 - 13:15 Leaders Q's on Promised Legislation** (Dail) - Damien English
- **13:30 - 14:30 Ivan Gaine- Sherry Fitzgerald Holdings Ltd.-Housing & Sentiment** (LH with Ivan Gaines, Marian Finnegan & David O'Connor) - Damien English
- **14:30 - 15:00 Meet Paul Keogh** (LH) - Damien English
- **15:00 - 15:48 Taking Topical Issue No. 4. Deputies Casey, O'Loughlin, Lawless and O'Rourke** (LH) - Damien English
- **15:50 - 17:50 Closing Speech - PMB Motion re. Housing** (LH) - Damien English

## 04 October

- **09:30 - 11:00 MinMB** (Min Conf Room) - Eoghan Murphy
- **11:30 - 12:00**
- **12:00 - 13:00 LQs and Questions on Promised Legislation** (LH) - Damien English
- **12:00 - 12:30**
- **12:15 - 12:45 Simon Week 2018-Briefing** (AV Room, Leinster House from 10:30am -1pm) - Damien English
- **12:47 - 13:45 Block Voting** (LH) - Damien English
- **14:00 - 14:30 Meet Min Catherine Byrne** (LH) - Damien English
- **17:00 - 17:48 Available for Topical Issues - if needed** (LH) - Damien English

## 05 October

- **09:00 - 09:30**
- **10:30 - 11:00 IPI-Address Conference (Ministers to address at 10:40am)** (Gibson Hotel Dublin With Stewart Logan 087 938 5338) - Damien English

## 06 October

## 07 October

# 08 October 2018 - 14 October 2018

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## 08 October

- **11:00 - 11:30 County Meath Later life Network AGM (11-1pm)**  
(Ardboyne Hotel, Navan.Co. Meath (Minister to attend at 11am) No  
Speech or Notes re'qd ) - Damien English
- **14:30 - 15:00**

## 09 October

- Budget Day**
- **12:00 - 12:45 FG PP Meeting (Lh)** - Damien English
- **13:00 - 14:00 Budget Speech (lh)** - Damien English
- **15:30 - 16:15 DHPLG- Budget Press Conference** (Government  
Press Centre, Government Buildings, Merrion Street) - Damien  
English

## 10 October

- **07:45 - 08:15 FG Dublin Bay South Business Breakfast** (The  
Shelbourne Hotel, sent from Kate O'Connell T.D ) - Damien English
- **10:30 - 11:30 Taking Commencement No. 4 (Seanad)** - Damien  
English
- **12:15 - 13:15 Taoiseach statement on the Budget (LH)** - Damien  
English
- **15:15 - 16:00 Front Bench Duty - Budget Debate (LH)** - Damien  
English
- **17:30 - 19:15 PP Meeting (LH)**

## 11 October

- **10:00 - 10:30 LGMA 20th Annual LA HR Conference**  
**Dept.Official-Myriam Scanlon-** (Carlton Hotel,  
Tyrrelstown, Blanchardstown, Co. Dublin ) - Damien English
- **11:00 - 12:30 Meath Comhairle na nOg AGM 10am -3pm** (Trim  
GAA club, Trim, County Meath and the time is from 10.00 am to  
3.00pm (Subject to Dail Sitting) Peter Mulligan Youth  
Work Ireland Meath ) - Damien English
- **12:47 - 13:45 Block Voting (LH)** - Damien English

## 12 October

- **09:30 - 12:30 MSP Baseline Report Stakeholder Events in Sligo**  
(Aurivo Auditorium, Institute of Technology, Sligo, Ash Lane,  
Bellanode, Sligo, F91 YW50) - Damien English

## 13 October

## 14 October

# 15 October 2018 - 21 October 2018

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## 15 October

- 09:30 - 10:00
- 17:00 - 17:30

## 16 October

- 09:00 - 12:30 **Mos Doyle visit to Meath/Westmeath (see Itinerary attached)** (meet with Gary O'Mara-Meath Enterprise on 'Boyne Valley Food Innovation District' & 2/3 visits to local producers ) - Damien English
- 13:15 - 14:00 **Keep Private** (Dublin ) - Damien English ☺
- 14:00 - 15:15 **LQ and Order of Business - VOTES OOB at 2.30** (LH) - Damien English
- 17:12 - 17:52 **VOTE - motion re Nomination of Member to Gov** (LH) - Damien English
- 18:00 - 18:30 **Meeting with Minister Catherine Byrne DOH** (LH ) - Damien English

## 17 October

- 10:45 - 11:00 **Briefing with Brendan Buggy on Vacant Homes** (CH- Brendan Buggy [REDACTED] ) - Damien English
- 11:00 - 12:00 **Vacant Homes Officers** (Conference Room CH (Dept. Official-Brendan Buggy) Minister English to give 5-10 mins opening speech-confirmed ) - Damien English
- 12:00 - 13:15 **Leaders Q's on Promised Legislation** (Dail) - Damien English ☺
- 15:00 - 15:30 **De-Brief with Dept. official Martin Hehir on Ardnacrusha Launch** (LH Min. Sean Canney to attend also ) - Damien English
- 16:00 - 16:30

## 18 October

- 10:30 - 11:30 **Taking Commencements No. 4** (Seanad) - Damien English
- 12:45 - 14:15 **Taking Seanad Statements - An update on rebuilding Ireland also Pyrite damage and rectification measures.** (Seanad) - Damien English
- 12:47 - 13:45 **Block Voting (pair arranged)** (LH ) - Damien English ☺
- 15:30 - 18:00 **EO Ireland event** (Meath) - Damien English

## 19 October

- 09:00 - 12:30 **MSP Baseline Report Stakeholder Event in Cork** (Min. Staunton) (Main Lecture Hall, University Hospital Cork, Wilton Co. Cork ) - Damien English ☺
- 14:30 - 15:30 **Ardnacrusha Ministerial Lunch** (Ardnacrusha Generating Station, Co. Clare (ESB), Dept.- Martin Hehir ) - Damien English

## 20 October

## 21 October

# 22 October 2018 - 28 October 2018

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## 22 October

## 23 October

- **09:15 - 12:15 MSP Baseline Report Stakeholder Event in Dublin**  
(St Laurence's DIT, 7 Grangegorman Rd Lower, Arran Quay, Dublin)  
- Damien English
- **14:00 - 14:30 Guardian (as per Stephen)** (Min Murphy's office CH)  
- Damien English
- **15:00 - 15:30 Postponed division (Health Bill) -VOTE (LH)** -  
Damien English
- **17:00 - 17:30**

## 24 October

- **11:00 - 11:45 Kildare Co.Co. HAP Meeting** (LH (Dept. Official-Marguerite Ryan) Kildare Co.Co- Dos-Tadhg McDonnell, Annette Aspell & Siobhán Scully) - Damien English
- **12:00 - 13:15 Leaders Q's on Promised Legislation** (Dail) - Damien English
- **13:30 - 14:00 Alone-discussion on Housing Report "Housing Choices for Older People in Ireland-Time for Action"** (LH with Alone CEO- Sean Moynihan, Dept.-Alan Byrne &/or Derek Rafferty)
- **14:00 - 14:30 Minister Daly & Minister English De-Brief on Housing Conference** (LH ( meeting about the Farmleigh event on Housing Conference about Older People) Dept. -Derek Rafferty & Al
- **15:00 - 15:30 Irish bookmakers Assoc. (of Kilcock, Co. Meath) (discuss betting tax) with Min. Regina Doherty** (LH -Attendees: Sharon Byrne Chairperson IBA -Mob: 0874181408 & Jackie Murphy,
- **16:30 - 18:00 PP Meeting** (LH) - Damien English
- **18:30 - 19:30 RGT Living Charity Event -(Chinese Calligrapher Liu Ziyu) 3-4 mins speech by Minister English at 7.15pm** (Round

## 25 October

- Cliona morning Only** (CH)
- **09:00 - 10:00 PAC (Public A/c's Committee)** (LH 9am to 1pm for Dept. Officials only) - Damien English
- **09:30 - 10:30 ICSH Biennial Housing Finance and Development Conference-Sponsored by Gas Networks Ireland** (The Lyrath Conference Centre, Co. Kilkenny. Keynote Speech at 9:45am by Minister. (ICSH-Donal Mc Manus) Dept-David Rsmith & Stella McKervey) - Damien English
- **12:47 - 13:45 Block Voting** (LH) - Damien English
- **14:00 - 17:00 Finance Bill (possible VOTE)** (LH) - Damien English

## 26 October

- Cliona Away** (CH)
- **09:00 - 12:00 Sligo LA Visit -9-10:15 meeting with LA, 10:30-11:00-Sod Turning of 28 units at Knappagh Site on Strandhill rd, 11.15-12pm-Official Opening of 22 units at Fr. O'Flanagan Tce, (Sligo Co Co.County Hall, Riverside, Co. Sligo (Peter Gavican will attend to discuss Licensing & Belinda Treacy-** Damien English
- **11:00 - 11:15 Ocean FM Interview at Fr O'Flanagan site (Sligo)** - Damien English

## 27 October

## 28 October

# 29 October 2018 - 04 November 2018

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## 29 October

■ 09:30 - 10:00

## 30 October

Desktop assessments (Ministers Office CH from 11am)

■ 11:30 - 12:00

## 31 October

- 14:15 - 15:00 **The Abhaile Project- Granny Grant Scheme** (CH- Abhaile Project attendees- Ciaran Ferrie, Dermot Bannon and Michelle Moore(Dept.-Derek Rafferty to attend)) - Damien English
- 15:00 - 15:20 **Dublin Inquirer – Housing Podcast** (CH- Ministers Office with Dublin based Journalist Ian Maleney) - Damien English
- 15:50 - 16:00 **De-Brief with Terry Sheridan -Dept. Official for Amazon meeting** (CH) - Damien English
- 16:00 - 16:30 **Amazon Data Services meeting on “Strategic Infrastructure Designation for Data Centres”** (CH - Mike Beary, Country Manager & Niamh Gallagher -Head of Public Policy & (Dept. Official-Terry Sheridan) ) - Damien English
- 16:30 - 16:40 **Phone call to Barry Quinlan** (CH) - Damien English

## 01 November

- 09:15 - 09:45 **LMFM Radio** (Housing Issues) - Damien English
- 10:30 - 12:00 **Conference on Affordability (half-day) via Hugh Brennan -O Cualann Housing** (DCC Offices, Wood Quay starting at 10:30am to 12pm (Barry Quinlan) Minister speaking at 11am to 11:20am) - Damien English
- 14:30 - 15:00 **Meeting on Housing** (Navan, Meath) - Damien English
- 17:30 - 18:30 **Retirement and Departure (Dave W)** (CH) - Damien English
- 18:30 - 19:30 **Meath Art Groups Exhibition -Minister to speak and attend** (Johnstown, Navan, Meath) - Damien English

## 02 November

Siobhan Away

- 12:00 - 13:00 **Flexibus Locallink Rural Transport Day (10am -2pm)** (Simonstown GAA Centre, Navan, Co. Meath C15 N61X) - Damien English

## 03 November

## 04 November

- 12:00 - 13:00 **This Week in Politics’ (TWIP)** - (RTE TV studio) - Damien English