

GETTING THINGS DONE

Looking back over three and a half years of the Party delivering in government

2007

JULY 2007
New regulations to prevent illegal shipments of waste abroad.

AUGUST 2007
Increase tax take on oil and gas finds: to ensure state benefits from any Irish finds.

SEPTEMBER 2007
Bigger and better apartments: New guidelines to ensure family friendly apartments.

SEPTEMBER 2007
40% improvement in energy efficiency for new homes: all homes must meet standards.

OCTOBER 2007
Green planning exemptions: process to fast track certain micro renewable technologies begins.

NOVEMBER 2007
Animal protection: for red squirrel and rare birds of prey.



JUNE 2007
The Greens enter Government.

MARCH 2008
Green motor tax system: New CO2-based tax system will encourage drivers to switch to low emissions cars.



MARCH 2008
Ethical investment: Pension Reserve Fund withdraws from cluster bomb companies.

APRIL 2008
Local government reform: Green paper published to strengthen local democracy.

JANUARY 2008
Incentives for companies: eco-friendly business practices will receive tax rebates.



MAY 2008
Crackdown on junk food advertising: New Broadcasting bill establishes rule on food advertising targeting children.

2008

DECEMBER 2007
Carbon budget delivered: climate considerations now integrated into Govt budgetary policy.

JUNE 2008
Dublin Bay protected: Wildlife to be protected and taskforce to advise on future of the bay.

JANUARY 2009
Emergency accommodation for homeless in Dublin City: announced by John Gormley.

2009

NOVEMBER 2008
Cycle to Work scheme: offers commuters tax rebate on purchasing a bike.



OCTOBER 2008
19% increase in water funding: to upgrade Ireland's drinking water infrastructure.

AUGUST 2008
Noise pollution consultation: public invited to contribute to development of Noise Bill.

SEPTEMBER 2008
Smart meters rolled out: pilot scheme begins to help customers cut electricity costs.



FEBRUARY 2009
€100m national insulation scheme: Scheme creates 4,000 jobs and upgrades 50,000 homes.



MARCH 2009
Bank bosses salaries scrapped: Move will cut back on excessive bank boss salaries.

APRIL 2009
E-voting machines scrapped: John Gormley announces process to dispose of costly machine.

MAY 2009
10,000 green jobs created: 50% of jobs created in first half of 2009 were in the green economy.

JUNE 2009
€200 charge on second homes will bring in an extra €40 million to help fund councils.

JULY 2009
Landscape around Tara protected: National Monuments Bill protects heritage.

2010

DECEMBER 2009
Carbon levy introduced: Ireland commits to cutting carbon emissions by 80% by 2050.

NOVEMBER 2009
International waste review published: Landfill levy and incineration levies increase.

OCTOBER 2009
Revised Programme for Government published: New deal pledges to maintain free University fees.

SEPTEMBER 2009
Support for renewable energy: Fixed tariffs for biomass, wind and ocean energy for 15 years.



AUGUST 2009
EU introduces phased ban on incandescent bulbs: Following Ireland's example.

JANUARY 2010
New teaching posts announced: following reversal of education cuts



FEBRUARY 2010
Green tax incentive scheme extended: Accelerated Capital Allowance Scheme allows businesses to offset cost of energy efficient equipment against tax.



MARCH 2010
First electric vehicle charging points unveiled; €5,000 incentive for early adopters.

MARCH 2010
Clampdown on text message and phone scams: Eamon Ryan regulates premium rate telecoms sector.



JULY 2010
Civil Partnership Bill becomes law: New legislation will enhance rights for same-sex couples.

JULY 2010
Planning Bill passes through Dáil: new law puts interests of citizens ahead of developers and

JUNE 2010
Council on integration formed: migrants views sought to achieve better integration.

JUNE 2010
Protecting wildlife from jet skis and quad bikes: Laws will reduce damage to nature sites.

MAY 2010
Cervical cancer vaccine begins: moved was secured by the Green Party in October 2009.

APRIL 2010
Bill to ban stag hunting published: Stag hunting comes to an end.

SEPTEMBER 2010
Dunboyne rail line offers commuting alternatives: line reopens after 60 years.

OCTOBER 2010
Luas extended: the extension of the Luas Green Line to Cherrywood will bring 26,000 more commuters within 15 minutes walk of a high-speed, public transport option.



OCTOBER 2010
High-speed broadband: scheme delivers 100mb broadband to 78 second level schools

OCTOBER 2010
Digital Television switched on: €500m benefit to Ireland from modernisation of transmission.



DECEMBER 2010
Climate Change Bill published: vital legislation includes domestic emissions targets; strong policy mechanisms across government departments and agencies; and mandatory greenhouse reporting obligations for companies.

DECEMBER 2010
Action on ghost estates: advice aimed at addressing problems in unfinished estates.

NOVEMBER 2010
Dublin Mayor Bill put to Dail: Mayor will deliver integrated and transport for the capital.



NOVEMBER 2010
Funds secured for Metro North: Following planning approval project is backed in four year plan.