

Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee

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Visit to Ireland, 30-31 March - Outline programme

Thursday, 30 March

09:00	Leave Assembly for Cardiff Wales airport. Transport will be available outside the Assembly Office, Cardiff Bay
10:50	Depart. Flight FR883
11:45	Arrive Dublin
13:00	Arrive at Buswells Hotel
13:30	Luncheon reception in the Dáil with Members of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food followed by a guided tour of the Oireachtas and meetings with Irish Government officials
17:00 – 18:30	Briefing by Badger Watch Ireland in Press Room, Buswells Hotel – Damian Meagher

Friday, 31 March

09:30	Depart hotel for Irish Farm Centre, headquarters of the Irish Farmers' Association for meeting at 10:00 with Michael O'Keefe, Animal Health Project Leader and Fintan Conway, Executive Secretary to Animal Health Committee
10:30	Travel to Newtonmountkennedy, Co Wicklow and meetings with Patrick Nuttall, farmer and Declan O'Neill, IFA County Chairman
13:00	Lunch in Roundwood Inn, Roundwood, Co Wicklow
14:00	Depart for Naas
15:30	Meeting with Tom Myers, Senior Veterinary Inspector with the Department for Agriculture; visit to local departmental office

19:15	Arrive Dublin International Airport
20:45	Depart. Flight FR884
21:40	Arrive Cardiff. Transport will be provided to Cardiff Bay