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Born March 1947, Wexford
Married with Eleanor Griffin, 3 sons, 1 daughter

Education:

Wexford CBS, University College Dublin (Bcomm, DPA, MPA)

Occupation:

Full-time Public Representative and former University Lecturer in Public Administration, Public Finance, the Institutions and Policies of the European Union, and Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

September 2004	Appointed Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
6 June 2002	Previously served as Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach and Minister of State at Department of Foreign Affairs with special responsibility for European Affairs Representative of the Government of Ireland on the Convention on the Future of Europe. As Minister for European Affairs he was responsible for coordinating Ireland's 6th Presidency of the European Union
23 February 2004,	At a ceremony in the Estonian National Art Museum Estonian President Arnold Rüütel handed over decorations to outstanding public servants, cultural figures and business people. As a token of gratitude for supporting Estonia's accession to the European Union the Irish Minister of State for European Affairs Dick Roche received the Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana, 1st class on the occasion of the 86th anniversary of the Republic of Estonia.
1987	First elected to the Dáil
1989 and in 1997	Re-elected

Nov. 1992 - Feb. 1993	Served in Seanad Éireann as a Taoiseach's nominee
1993	Re-elected to Seanad Éireann on the Administrative Panel
1997 - 2002	In the Dáil, he served as Chairman of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on the Strategic Management Initiative
1989-1992	Chairman of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on State-Sponsored Bodies Member of a number of other Oireachtas committees including the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Public Enterprise and the Dáil Committee on Procedures and Privileges.
1984	First elected to Greystones Town Commissioners and served on the Commission from 1984 until his appointment as Minister of State in 2002
1996-1997	Commission Chairman
1985	Elected to Wicklow County Council
2002	Served on the Council
1988-1997	Board Member, Eastern Health Board
1989-1997	Board of Meath Hospital Former member Irish Commission for Justice and Peace (Chairman 1985-1986), Institute of Public Administration, International Ombudsman Institute, Association of Graduates in Public Administration and Irish Council of the European Movement.
1978	Awarded the United Nations Human Rights Fellowship. A former University Lecturer in Public Administration Minister Roche has published many articles on public administration in Ireland.