

## IRELAND

### Minister of Education and Science

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Marlborough Street  
Dublin 1

### Mary Hanafin T.D.

Born 1959 in Thurles

Daughter of Des Hanafin (Senator 1969-1993, 1997-2002) and sister of Senator John Hanafin.

#### Constituency:

1997

General Election first elected to Dáil Éireann.

May 18, 2002

Re-elected to the Dáil, taking the first seat in Dún Laoghaire, and topping the poll with 8,818 first preference votes.

With this, she was the top female vote-getter (per quota) in the country.

#### Political Career:

September 2004

Appointed Minister for Education and Science.

2002 – 2004

Minister of State at the Departments of the Taoiseach and Defence, with special responsibility as Government Chief Whip and for the Information Society.

2000 – 2002

Minister of State at the Departments of Health and Children, Justice, Equality and Law Reform, and Education and Science, with special responsibility for Children.

Former Member of Oireachtas Joint Committees on Heritage and the Irish Language; Justice, Equality & Women's Rights, and Education and Science.

1985 – 1991

Member of Dublin City Council.

#### Education:

Presentation Convent, Thurles, Co. Tipperary and

St Patrick's College, Maynooth (BA, HdipED).

Diploma in Legal Studies from DIT

#### Occupation:

Full-time public representative and Government Minister.

Secondary school teacher of Irish and History, Dominican College, Sion Hill, Blackrock, Co. Dublin until her election to Dáil Éireann in 1997.