

# IRELAND

## Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism

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### Martin CULLEN

Born in 1954 in Waterford  
Married, two children

He was educated at Waterpark College and the Regional Technical College, (now Waterford Institute of Technology), Waterford. His early business career was in marketing in Ireland and later abroad. Later in his business career, he was appointed Chief Executive of Ireland's Federation of Transport Operators.

1993/94	He was Mayor of Waterford - a position previously held by his father and grandfather.
7 May 2008	He was appointed Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism by Taoiseach Brian Cowen TD, having served as Minister for Social and Family Affairs from 14 June 2007 (to 8 May 2008).
29. Sept. 04 – 14. June 07	He was Minister for Transport
June 2002 – Sept. 2004	He was also Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
June 1997 - June 2002	He held the position of Minister of State at the Department of Finance and the Office of Public Works

**During his career he has also held the following positions:**

- 1979 - Founding member, Waterford Round Table
- June 1987 Member of Joint Committee on Women's Rights
- March - November 1993 Member of Public Accounts Committee
- November 1993 - Member of Select Committee on Social Affairs
- March 1995 - May 1997 Vice Chairman of the Committee for Commercial State-Sponsored Bodies
- March 1995 - May 1997 Member of the Finance and General Affairs Committee
- 1987 - First elected to Dáil Éireann
- Front bench spokesperson on a variety of portfolios including Enterprise and Employment 1993; Industry and Commerce 1988-1989; Tourism Transport and Communications 1987-1988
- 1989-1992 Served in Seanad Éireann
- 1991-1997 Member of Waterford City Council
- Former Director, Waterford Economic Development Board and South East Regional Tourism Organisation