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Richard BRUTON

06 May 2016	He was appointed Minister of Education and Skills.
March 2011-May 2016	He previously served as Minister for Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation.
2012	He launched the first annual Action Plan for Jobs. Hundreds of measures right across government have been delivered according to tight timetables. These actions have made it easier to do business; supported promising sectors; and opened up new markets. Official employment figures from the CSO (Central Statistics Office) show that almost 100,000 additional people are at work today in Ireland compared to early 2012 when the Government launched and started implementing the first Action Plan for Jobs.
1994-1997	He was Minister for Enterprise and Employment when 1.000 jobs a week were being created in Ireland.
1986-1987	He served as Minister of State at the Department of Industry and Commerce.

1982 He was first elected to Dáil Éireann for Dublin North Central, having previously been a member of the Senate and a Local Authority. He has had wide experience in the Fine Gael Front Bench, holding eight different portfolios including Finance, Education and Science, Employment, Economic Planning and Public Sector Reform. He also held the post of Director of Policy.

He is a research economist by profession, and worked as an economist before entering politics in the private sector and with the ESRI (Economic and Social Research Institute).

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