

In March 2008, Minister Dempsey travelled to Singapore en route to Australia. He was accompanied by his Press Advisor and his Private Secretary. Details of expenses incurred by Minister Dempsey are laid out in the table below and Schedule 2 contains the itinerary for this trip and records held for accounting purposes in relation to these costs.

Flight costs	Included in travel details for Australia
Hotel costs	€931.43
Car hire	€171.27
VIP Services	€188.42

Visit of Minister Noel Dempsey TD to Singapore, March 2008

Programme

Sunday 9th March:

18:15 Minister Dempsey and delegation arrive (QF6) and transfer to Shangri-La hotel

Monday 10th March:

09:30 Meeting with Minister for Transport
- Mr. Raymond Lim Siang Keat

11:00 Meeting with the land transport authority of Singapore
- Mr Lew Yii Der, Group Director of Policy & Planning

12:30 Lunch at Ambassador's Residence

15:00 Meeting with CEO of Singapore International Airlines
- Mr. Chew Choon Seng

16:30 Meeting with ComfortDelgro
- Mr Kua Hong Pak, MD, Mr Lawrence Tan, CEO, ComfortDelGro Bus, Mr Choo Chek Siew, CFO
ComfortDelgro currently own the "Citylink", network in Ireland

19:55 Depart Singapore for Melbourne (QF6)

In March 2008, Minister Dempsey represented the Irish Government for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Australia and he was accompanied by his Press Advisor and his Private Secretary. Details of expenses incurred by Minister Dempsey are laid out in the table below and Schedule 3 contains the itinerary for this trip and records held for accounting purposes in relation to these costs.

Flight costs	€8,998.88
Subsistence	€1,000.00
Hotel costs	€3,075.88
Broadband	€54.82
Food and Beverage	€9.80
Car hire	€2,172.87
VIP Services	€130.10
Expenses	€429.76
Gifts	€135.00

Visit by Minister for Transport Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D. to Australia for St. Patrick's Day 2008

Programme

Tuesday 11 March - Canberra

- 06.25 Arrive Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport
- 08.10 Depart for Canberra
- 09.05 Arrive Canberra International Airport
Met on arrival by Ambassador Mairtin Ó'Fainin & Aidan Cronin, First Secretary
- 12.20 Arrive at Parliament House
- 12.30 Official Lunch with committee members of Australia-Ireland Parliamentary Friendship Group
- 14.00 Attend Question Time
- 16.00 Meeting with Federal Minister for Transport Mr. Anthony Albanese
- 18.00 Ambassador's St. Patrick's Day Reception – Minister addresses & conveys St. Patrick's Day greetings to assembled guests
- 20.00 Depart Ambassador's Residence

Wednesday 12 March – Canberra/Melbourne

- 07.45 Depart hotel for airport
- 09.45 Arrive Melbourne
- 10.30 Meeting with Computershare Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Tom Honan
- 12.30 Tourism Ireland business lunch - Minister addresses guests
- 18.00 Reception hosted by Ambassador Ó'Fainin – Minister addresses guests
- 20.00 Depart Celtic Club

Thursday 13 March - Melbourne

- 09.00 Meeting with Victorian Minister for Police & Emergency Services, Mr. Bob Cameron MLA
- 10.15 Depart for the Australian Irish Welfare Bureau, 440a High Street, Northcote
- 10.45 Morning coffee with staff & volunteers and members of Melbourne Irish-Australian community – Minister conveys Irish greetings
- 11.45 Depart for Enterprise Ireland business lunch
- 12.15 Enterprise Ireland business lunch – Minister gives address & extends Irish Government greetings and message
- 15.00 Meeting with Victorian Minister for Public Transport, Ms. Lynne Kosky MLA
- 19.00 St. Patrick's Dinner at The Hotel Windsor, 103 Spring St. – Minister addresses guests & conveys Irish Government greetings & message

Friday 14 March – Melbourne/Sydney/Brisbane

- 06.30 Irish Australian Chamber of Commerce St. Patrick's Day Breakfast – Minister addresses invited guests
- 08.30 Depart Crown Palladium for airport
- 10.00 Depart Melbourne for Sydney
- 11.20 Arrive at Sydney domestic airport

- 11.30 Depart airport for Sydney Convention Centre, Darling Harbour
- 12.30 Lansdowne Club Lunch, Sydney Convention Centre - Minister addresses guests
- 14.30 Depart Convention Centre for domestic airport
- 16.05 Depart Sydney for Brisbane
- 16.35 Minister and party arrive in Brisbane
- 18.15 Pre-dinner Reception – Minister is guest of honour
- 18.45 St. Patrick’s Dinner - Minister addresses guests & delivers Irish Government greetings & message

Saturday 15 March - Sydney

- 10.00 Review Brisbane St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- 14.00 Depart for Sydney
- 17.45 Arrive Sydney airport

Sunday 16 March

- 09.00 Attends Mass at St. Patrick’s Church
- 10.30 Pre-parade reception hosted by Consul General – Minister addresses guests
- 12.00 Review parade – Minister is guest of honour
- 13.00 Depart for family day celebrations in Hyde Park – VIP area available but opportunity for Minister to meet with the community

Monday 17 March - St. Patrick’s Day

- 09.00 Meeting with Rob Gilmore, GHD (IDA Client)
- 10.00 Presentation by Albert Montocchio, G.M of Transtank/Steelbro (IDA client)
- 11.00 Interview with the Irish Echo
- 12.00 Tourism Ireland Business lunch – Minister speaks & conveys Irish Government greetings & message
- 15.00 Briefing by Paul Hayes, General Manager, Camera Enforcement Branch, NSW Road & Traffic Authority

18.20 Consul General's St. Patrick's Day reception for the Irish community and business contacts – Minister addresses guests

Tuesday 18 March

10.00 Meeting with Memorial Committee and presentation of Famine Memorial award at Hyde Park Barracks

12.30 Depart Sydney for Adelaide

Wednesday 19 March

Informal Meeting with Members of the Irish Club in Adelaide

Meeting with Mr Pat Conlon, Minister for Transport, South Australia

19.30 Depart Adelaide