

In November 2008, Minister Dempsey travelled to Washington to sign a Pre-Clearance Agreement with the United States and was accompanied by his Press Advisor and Departmental official. Details of expenses incurred by Minister Dempsey are laid out in the table below along with the itinerary for this trip.

Flight costs	€2,922.25
Expenses	€65.82
Hotel costs	€1,501.27
Rail ticket	€166.57
Car hire	€402.46
Photos for Irish media	€364.51

Visit of Minister Dempsey to U.S. 16th – 19th November 2008 – Itinerary

Sunday 16 November

- 12.00 Depart Dublin Airport on Aer Lingus Flight EI 0119
- 15.20 Arrive Washington Dulles, EI 0119
- Met by Embassy. Transfer to Mayflower Hotel

Monday 17 November

- 10.15 Arrive Department of Homeland Security, Ronald Reagan Building, 14th Street Entrance
- 10.30 Statements by Secretary Chertoff and Minister Dempsey (Press and officials present)
- Signing of Preclearance Agreement
- 12.00 Briefing of Washington-based Irish media, Ambassador's Residence
- 13.30 Business reception & lunch at Ambassador's Residence

Tuesday 18 November

- 09.30 Visit to Baltimore Port
- Meet with Maryland Transport Secretary, John Torcari, Baltimore Port Authority Executive Director, Jim White
- 12.30 Lunch with Governor O'Malley, Annapolis
- 16:00 Travel by train to New York
- 22:00 Private meeting

Wednesday 19 November

- 8.30 Breakfast meeting with airline carriers in Consul General's residence (Aer Lingus, Continental & American airlines)
- 12.30 Attending Irish America Top Business 100 lunch (Plaza Hotel, 5th Avenue & Central Park South)
- Afternoon Meeting with New York's Deputy Commissioner for Transport

Thursday 20th November

- Morning: Visit to Ireland House for meetings with:-
- Consulate General
 - Tourism Ireland
 - Enterprise Ireland
 - IDA
 - America Ireland Fund
- Evening: Depart New York on Aer Lingus Flight to Dublin

Friday 21st November

- 05:30 Arrive in Dublin Airport