

The Dail meets in Leinster House in Dublin.



The main political parties in Ireland are Fine Gael, Fianna Fail, Labour, Sinn Fein and there are also a number of independent TD's. After the election a government is formed by the main party or by a coalition of parties so that they will have a majority when decisions are made in the Dail. They need to have at least 84 TD's to ensure a majority vote

(  $166 \div 2 = 83 + 1 = 84$ ). We have had coalition governments in Ireland for the last twenty years.



Our Taoiseach (Prime Minister) is Enda Kenny and he is leader of the Fine Gael party



Fine Gael is in coalition with the Labour party. Our Tanaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) is Eamon Gilmore who is leader of the Labour party



