



Ms Mary Harney was the youngest ever member of the Senate and is the longest-serving woman in the Irish Parliament. She became the only woman to lead a political party in Ireland and was a member of the parliament continuously from 1981 to 2011, with ministerial responsibility for 17 years. She served in three different departments as Minister - Environment (1989-92), Enterprise Trade & Employment (1997-2004) and Health & Children (2004-11) - and was Deputy Prime Minister for nine years.

Her entire political life has been characterised by a passion for reform, innovation & enterprise. She has always been ready to challenge the *status quo*.