Bertie Ahern quits

has announced he is to resign on May 6 amid controversy over his private financial affairs. Ahern has been taoiseach for more than a decade and a member of the Irish parliament for 31 years



- 1977: First elected to the Dáil
- 1991-1994: Minister for finance
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 1994: Becomes Fianna Fáil leader
- 1994: Becomes Flanna Fall leadel
 1997: Becomes taoiseach
- 1998: Takes key role leading up to Good Friday Agreement which
- Good Friday Agreement which secures peace in Northern Ireland
- 2002: Re-elected
 2007: Leads Fianna Fáil to win third general election in a row
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