

Mon, Feb 3 at 10:56 AM

Dear US Media,

I send you my email below to the Irish Times, Forsa and the Irish Government in the hope that you might be able to offer some media assistance.

Nothing that is truly constructive gets done from within in the Irish Government, it takes a lot of external influence. My reports on my Failte 32 website that have tried to hold the

Irish Government accountable conclude this. While my email below wouldn't exactly make it into any of your newspapers, I meant what I said in it.

Are any of you familiar with a four-day at home and one-day at the office arrangement in the public sector in the US? Even in the private for-profit sector, I've never heard of such

an arrangement here in the US. But in Ireland, the Taoiseach has to beg to get civil servants, yes, I said civil servants, government employees, back into the office for TWO days.

Civil servants to keep existing remote working arrangements pending talks process with unions – The Irish Times

"The department had said personnel would have to spend a minimum of two days per week in the office. Staff in senior management grades, principal officer level and above, would have to be in the office three days per week at least."

This means, they are currently working from home four days a week at the least.

I asked AI a couple of questions regarding remote working. See below in quotes.

"You've hit on a valid concern. In practice, some employees might indeed compress their work into fewer days, which could lead to a rushed approach and potentially compromise the quality of their work. Additionally, the lack of a structured office environment might lead to reduced accountability. In an office, supervisors and colleagues can easily observe and engage with each other, which naturally encourages consistent productivity. Working remotely, employees may feel less scrutinized and, consequently, less compelled to maintain the same level of diligence.

Moreover, the variation in home office setups could result in unequal working conditions. Not all employees have access to a quiet, well-equipped workspace at home, which can affect their efficiency and output. Distractions at home, such as household chores or family members, can further disrupt focus and productivity.

Remote work also makes it harder for managers to gauge employee well-being and address issues promptly, possibly leading to unnoticed struggles and lower morale." End quote.

And remember, in the Irish civil service, nobody gets fired, so even if they do less work at home, they're not getting fired and civil servants know this. I know it because I've heard it from the horse's mouth many times.

"One of the main arguments against remote work is the lack of separation between work and personal life. When your home becomes your office, it can be challenging to maintain a clear boundary between work and personal time. This can lead to longer working hours, as employees find it harder to "switch off" from work mode. The absence of a physical transition from a workplace to home means work can infiltrate personal time, leading to burnout and decreased job satisfaction.

Additionally, remote work can result in reduced social interaction and professional isolation. The casual conversations, coffee breaks, and impromptu team meetings that naturally occur in an office environment are absent in a remote setup. This reduced social interaction can lead to feelings of isolation, which can negatively impact mental health and job satisfaction." End of quote

I believe that all government employees are essential workers and should be legally categorized as such. For profit companies can do what they like. If they want to have their employees work from home five days a week, they can do this. This is a benefit they can give to their employees. Employees in the private sector take more of a risk than civil servants who have very safe job security. My job security in the private sector here in the US is uncertain, always has been. I see friends of mine and others back in

Ireland in government jobs and they have their jobs for life. And they get many other benefits that many in the private sector do not get including a guaranteed pension.

Under no circumstances should government employees be allowed work from home. And it's not discriminatory as employees in many industry sectors can't work from home including in the security industry where I work. We're all essential workers. Allowing civil servants work from home is nothing but an abuse of taxpayer funds. They want every benefit that will allow them to do less and less work and get more and more benefits with little risk, all at the taxpayers' expense. I'm even aware of this type of abuse in the public healthcare system in Ireland, the HSE, and know some people very familiar with its operation and the abuse of it by employees particularly those who are meant to administer COVID vaccines who are on the payroll but never turn up for work. It's a never-ending vacation for them at the taxpayer expense.

I'm not sure why the Taoiseach is now requiring civil servants to come back to the office TWO days a week, but I assume it's because very little work is being done from home, and it's not being done properly, but now the government is caught up in this stupid bloody agreement they made with the unions. Perhaps it was a good idea when they agreed to it in that they thought that a bit of distance between the decision makers in government and staff was a good thing to keep staff from picking up on their shady deals, and to avoid any whistleblowers coming forward with the goods on them. Conspiratorial? So, now a balance has to be struck between work being done and being done properly by civil servants and their exposure to shady government deals, that is, it has nothing whatsoever to do with this work-life balance crap taxpayers are being sold.

That said, there has rarely been a whistleblower in the Irish civil service since the founding of the state. The Irish don't work this way. They instead approach the government and leverage their knowledge of whichever shady deal they're most familiar with by making personal demands that have nothing to do with the public good. It is now so incestuous that it is quite literally a den of thieves where everybody has something on everybody else and the government can't get ahead of it.

Checking with AI again, it's interesting to note:

"As of 2025, approximately 10% of federal employees work remotely full-time. When considering both full-time remote and hybrid work arrangements, the percentage increases to around 15%. This includes employees across federal, state, and local government levels."

"As of 2025, approximately 25% of Irish government employees work remotely either full-time or in a hybrid arrangement. This includes employees at national, state, and local levels."

And:

"According to the Institute of Public Administration, around 21% of the Irish workforce is employed in the public sector. This includes national, state, and local government employees."

"As of 2023, approximately 1.7% of the US workforce is employed in the federal government. When including state and local government employees, the total percentage of the US workforce in the public government sector rises to around 15%."

And the US is a much larger country than Ireland and yet its government is significantly smaller. And 10% more government employees in Ireland work from home.

The Irish Government has stolen everything from its people in recent decades (sound familiar?) including healthcare and housing. It has just gotten worse and worse over time. I'm beginning to think that Ireland is a microcosm of a future and arguably present America. How does a welfare capitalist nation like Ireland have similar issues to America, a capitalist nation?

I digress. But this is personal to me even though I now see myself as American first, Irish second. Most of my family has emigrated and we are now spread across four countries. Out of nine family members including my parents, one sibling remains on in Ireland. But while myself and my brother had enough of trying to find a job in Ireland, we left earlier in the 90s but the rest of the clan left around the financial crisis. That was the final straw. I even remember my da being absolutely mad when the bus pass issue arose in the 90s where it was going to be scrapped. Having worked all his life in Ireland and having set up his own successful business employing many, the only thing he ever was going to get free from the government was a bus pass in retirement and this he was even going to be denied (if there hadn't been a huge outcry!) having seen the never-ending abuse by so many people down through the years of the system.

Anyhow, while I realize some of the media cc'd on this email are sympathetic to the Irish Government, perhaps you can overcome your bias and give a thought to the Irish taxpayer instead.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Maurice D. Landers

Sun, Feb 9 at 10:56 AM

Dear Irish Times,

I'm surprised you'd put out such a limited content article.

I'm a happier, less stressed person': Differing opinions on remote-working changes for civil servants

You used five people out of a universe of 2.7 million in the Irish labor force, inc. those actively seeking work.

There are 300K in the Irish civil service.

So, this was just backing the outcome the IT (and likely the govt.!) wants into the narrative.

Let the narrative fit the outcome we want, right? Fake news? The Irish are idiots and can be manipulated any way you want, right.

I used a sample of more than 1000 law firms when contacting the approx. 2500 law firms in Ireland to see

if any would give me a legal opinion on my case against the Irish Government. As you know, not one did (failte32.org).

What you should have done, as you know very well, was send an IT survey out to a sufficient sample of your readers

or even better to all your readers. And then print the result on the front page. And if the majority of Irish people agree

with remote working for civil (self) servants, then I'll stand down. But short of this, and of course using unbiased survey questions,

I'm assuming most Irish disagree with remote working for the vast majority of self servants, and the IT is

stopping this truth from being published.

Kind regards,

Maurice D. Landers

Wed, Feb 12 at 8:13 AM

Dear Irish Times,

Regarding your article on McCann Fitzgerald today titled Dublin law firm paid €15m for advising two State transport bodies

McCann Fitzgerald is one of many law firms to whom I made a request of a legal opinion on my case.

The below email copy is the first I sent to this law firm requesting a legal opinion back in 2014. It was sent to:

John.Cronin@mccannfitzgerald.ie,
Fergus.Gillen@mccannfitzgerald.ie,
Helen.Kilroy@mccannfitzgerald.ie,
inquiries@mccannfitzgerald.ie

I never heard back from them. Over subsequent years, I sent additional updates such as my final report in 2019, and via my Opportunity Ireland brand in 2021, an update on my high court case and the decision by the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement on my case. All I got were automatic replies stating they will get back to me.

fergus.gillen@mccannfitzgerald.com 2019
helen.kilroy@mccannfitzgerald.com 2021

One solicitor had since left the firm in his reply (John Cronin, 2021).

lorraine.markey@mccannfitzgerald.com 2021

Amazing where their priorities are. How do we expect any law firm in Ireland to provide any defense against the Irish Government when they're being given all these 'wasted' millions almost directly into the pockets of the partners of these firms.

The Irish people read these articles and nothing more is done. You're beating a dead horse if you think these articles will make a difference. You have to take a different approach. It may seem counterintuitive but attacking this head on won't put you out of business. You'd be surprised how things work when you don't shy away from direct confrontation. Let the government threaten you with the law. I'm sure the DPP

won't entertain such shenanigans. The Gardai might!

I've had nothing happen to me by taking on the government. If anything, it has been very satisfying, and I know I've gained a lot of 'silent' support behind me. It has done me no harm whatsoever.

And I would love them to come after me...oh lordy, please hear my prayers! :)

But they won't because it will shine a light on their fraudulent activities. Let's not rock the boat or it'll all come out in the wash, right. Unlike the US, the Irish Government structure is designed such that all parties are incentivized to stay silent unless they want something out of it personally. The US on the other hand, being a two-party system, is in fact a better structure for exposing fraud and corruption on the part of government officials because you have a true emotional for and against. And the other side is only too willing to spill the beans.

So, I say to you IT, threaten them back. Send out something that can be legally challenged by them and let them threaten you, this way you'll confirm you have the goods on them while at the same time get some public exposure on the particular issue. Then even if you have to back off, I can take the article via screenshot and send it out to people stateside. Let them come after me instead. I'll give them a good run for their money, the shysters!

I mean, how many times has the IT reported on the same thing over and over again and nothing has changed? Multiple times over the years? BS certainly makes the world go round!

A new innovative approach has to be implemented if the IT is to be anything other than a local parochial government directed circular.

Kind regards,

Maurice D. Landers

Email referenced above:

Dec. 1, 2014

Dear Mr. John Cronin and Senior Partners, McCann FitzGerald,

I requested an expert opinion on the matter below and attached from a number of law firms in Ireland, some as far back as February 2014, which is nothing more than a basic legal service request, but I have not yet heard back from any of them, not even an acknowledgement or refusal of my request, which I find very unusual. Perhaps this is normal practice for law firms in Ireland?

Can you provide me with an expert opinion on this matter (I can furnish additional information on this matter upon request). Please send me your fee schedule for this service, so that we can begin the process.

Innovation Fund Ireland: Enterprise Ireland and National Pensions Reserve Fund competitive tender - Attached is my final communication on this matter

Included within are some direct and indirect observations of Enterprise Ireland, some information on the project/companies we were proposing to bring into Ireland, and some general recommendations and advice.

Since international investors, including U.S. VC firms and companies, were invited to apply to Innovation Fund Ireland, this is important intelligence for those considering investing in Ireland/Europe, and hopefully will inspire the inclusion of precautions against these types of Irish Government practices occurring again in all types of international transactions, including FDI and future trade agreements.

Thank you in advance of for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards

Maurice D. Landers

Another article below:

Thu, Feb 13 at 7:44 AM

Dear Irish Times,

Regarding your article today titled,

‘A massive waste of money’: Arts Council’s scrapped €6m IT system sparks fury in Cabinet

""These actions likely contravene public procurement procedures. Additionally, exceeding prescribed contract value limits without re-tendering also breaches EU procurement rules on substantial modifications to contracts," Mr Chambers told Cabinet."

So, I guess it's a 'big surprise' to everyone that, just like the pretend Enterprise Ireland competitive tender process I demonstrated in my reports and case study (Failte32.org), the tendering process in other areas

where Irish Government grants are involved is also a total and utter joke, and fraudulent I might add.

"Mr O'Donovan said there were a number of governance failures within the Arts Council."

No, it's called cheating and lying and fraud, not governance failures. Call it what it is and then perhaps the DPP and Gardai (doubtful!) will do something about it instead of investigating those who have committed blasphemy and the like.

Round and round the merry go round we go again but at least IT subscribers who can no longer comment on any articles are paying the IT for this merry go round news cycle. Looking forward to then next great revelation! lol

But I got an even better laugh reading that, "Ministers were furious at revelations about the project, which was abandoned last year. Minister for Public Expenditure Jack Chambers described the episode as "a massive waste of money"."

Is this the same Public Expenditure department who repeatedly ignored my case involving tens of millions of dollars? Just curious! lol

The Irish Government...a den of thieves!

Kind regards,

Maurice D. Landers

p.s. claw back the monies stolen, whoever received part of it, ministers, accessories like government consultants and the like, repossess equipment, plans, proprietary information etc. developed during the IT project to prove that ministers really are "furious"...there's a good name for them all, 'the fast and the furious'! lol