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# U2 GRIEF AT DEATH OF BAND'S 'ROCK'

BY KATIE HIND AND ADELINA CAMPOS

**U2 were plunged into grief last night following the sudden death of their "irreplaceable" tour manager and friend Dennis Sheehan.**

Bono paid a touching tribute to the 69-year-old, who was the band's rock for more than 30 years, after he suffered a heart attack at a Los Angeles hotel.

The frontman said: "We've lost a family member, we're still taking it in."

"He wasn't just a legend in the music business, he was a legend in our band."

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Dennis, 69, found in LA hotel after heart attack

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Dennis Sheehan with Bono and, below, hotel yesterday





**QUESTIONS** Patrick Neary  
**Former bank regulator to face Dail quiz**

**BY ALANA FEARON**  
 FORMER financial watchdog Patrick Neary will be grilled by the banking inquiry today.

In what will be one of the most eagerly anticipated appearances at the probe, the former banking regulator will finally break his silence over the crash and bailout that almost bankrupted the country.

Neary, who retired in January 2009 with a golden handshake of €630,000, Neary was in charge at the height of the boom as banks, including Anglo, engaged in the reckless lending.

He has stayed out of the spotlight since, except for last year's Anglo trials.

During two days of evidence, Mr Neary said "I don't recall" 30 times and "I don't know" 23 times.

But taxpayers will finally get to hear what he has to say today.



**DELIGHT** Paschal Donohoe  
**Ministers joy as tourism takes a hike**

**BY GAVIN NOLAN**  
 TOURISM growth of more than 10% was praised by two ministers yesterday.

Transport Minister Paschal Donohoe and Tourism Minister Michael Ring welcomed the increase from February to April when compared to last year.

Central Statistics Office figures show a jump of 13.5% from the same period in 2014.

Mr Donohoe said: "This is further good news.

"As we enter the peak months for tourism, it is very encouraging that the growth trend witnessed in recent years is continuing."

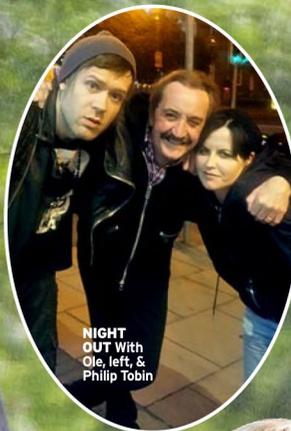
Mr Ring added: "Our focus tourism is paying significant dividends.

"We will continue to invest in a sector that is uniquely capable of bringing economic benefits to the more remote parts of the country."

# Why Dolores it always rain on me..

Troubled singer looks glum on country walk in downpour

**TIME TO LINGER**  
 Dolores O'Riordan in Limerick yesterday



**NIGHT OUT** With Ole, left, & Phillip Tobin



**ON STAGE**  
 Dolores in Paris in 2012

**BY DAVID RALEIGH**  
**TROUBLED singer Dolores O'Riordan looks down in the dumps despite having found love again.**

Soaked by rain, she walked for miles in the mist and cold along isolated country roads near her home in Limerick yesterday.

Dolores, now in love with Russian musician Ole Koretsky, said she was spending a few days relaxing with her mother Eileen.

The 43-year-old former Cranberries star, who sensationally split from her husband of 20 years Don Burton, faces court in Clare later in the year for an alleged assault and air-rage incident on board an Aer Lingus flight last November.

Yesterday, she looked deep in thought as she plodded through a continuous downpour but still managed a smile and a wave for neighbours passing in their cars and tractors.

Asked how she felt about her new love interest the rock chick said: "I'm just having a relaxing time at my mum's house. I'm not doing any press.

"I'm not saying anything [about that]. Thanks love."

And at the family home in Ballybricken, Eileen O'Riordan paused and said, "I don't know", when quizzed about her daughter's new boyfriend.

She later collected a drenched Dolores and took her home.

The Linger singer, who cut a lonely figure while out walking in the rain, is said to be crafting a new solo album in New York where she is based.

The mother of three has always returned to the rural hinterland of her native Ballybricken whenever there has been trauma in her life.

In November 2011 she rushed home to be with her family as her father Terrance Patrick, 74, battled the latter stages of cancer.

Dolores and her siblings, Terence, Brendan, Donal, PJ, Joseph and Angela as well as mother Eileen were all by his side when he passed away.

Following her split with her husband and her arrest last year, she again returned to the comforts of home, a modest renovated cottage in idyllic country surroundings.

She also went back home in 2013 for much-needed family support after she publicly revealed she had suffered repeated sexual abuse as a child at the hands of a local man.

Dolores shot to fame at the tender age of 18 as the lead singer with the Cranberries, who went on to sell more than 40 million records.

The band re-formed for a one-off tour last year after previously splitting up and featured as the headline act for the launch of Limerick City of Culture.

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**DOLORES O'RIORDAN**  
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