

Programme for Government Open Government related commitments

There are Key categories emerging include:

(i) Legislative Reform; (ii) Citizen Assembly mechanism (iii) Civic Participation and (iv) commitments related to previous action plans.

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| Department of Public Expenditure and Reform: Reform Division | <p>Legislative reform (i.e. transparency and public accountability):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reform and consolidate the Ethics in Public Office legislation [page 120 #1456] [Legislation]; Extend the lobbying register [page 121 #1481] Freedom of Information to include Land Development Agency [page 57 #625] [Legislation complete], review of the Freedom of Information Act with public consultation and Review, update and reform our whistleblowing legislation [page 121 #1482] [Legislation]. | Transparency |
| Department of the Taoiseach | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce a new system to register Oireachtas attendance and to protect the integrity of the expenses system [page 120 #1463]. Citizen Assembly related commitments [page 39 #340, page 50 #514, page 77 #914 & #915, page 94 #1168 and page 119 #1430] [Citizen Assembly] Establish a unit in the Department of the Taoiseach to coordinate social dialogue. It will create new models of sectoral engagement [page 122 #1496, #1497, #1498 & related PfG other Depts below] [Civic participation] Wellbeing indicators [page 12; #1, #2 and #3] | Accountability Civic Participation Civic Participation Transparency |
| Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of the national strategy to support the community and voluntary sector (which includes civic participation) [page 92 #1155] [Civic participation]; Update the legislative provisions of the Charities Regulator... [page 92 #1167] [Legislation]. Establish a Rural Youth Assembly, as part of a National Youth Assembly, to allow young people in rural Ireland to identify and influence policy issues that impact on them and their future [page 62 #683] [Citizen Assembly]. Sustain Community Call...[page 92 #1162]. | Civic participation Civic participation |

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| Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish a Youth Assembly, with various modules, including ones for rural and urban young people. This Youth Assembly will consider issues of importance to young people and their future, such as climate action, digitalisation, social media and communications, mental health and wellbeing [page 121 #1479] [Citizen Assembly]. ▪ Act on the recommendations of the Citizens’ Assembly on Gender Equality [page 121 #1474] [Citizen Assembly]. ▪ Informed by the work of the Citizens’ Assembly, hold a referendum on Article 41.2 of the Constitution [page 120 #1472] [Citizen Assembly] ▪ Legislate to require publication of the gender pay gap in large companies [page 77 #916] [Legislation]. ▪ Enshrine disability rights by finalising the legislation required following Ireland’s recent ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD)...[page 78 #942] [Legislation] ▪ Publish and implement a successor to Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: The National Policy Framework for Children and Young People and will develop mechanisms, through a new youth strategy, for the voice and views of young people to be part of decision-making at community, county and national levels [page 81 #999] [Civic participation]. ▪ Ensure a comprehensive national consultation with young people, as to how better their voice can be heard and the issues that they want their Government to focus on for their future. Develop a new National Strategy on Children and Young people’s Participation in Decision-making 2021-2025 [page 121 #1475] [Civic participation]. | Civic participation Civic participation Transparency Accountability Transparency Civic participation Civic participation Civic participation |
| Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Examine the prospect of devolving more powers to the local authorities through the legislative process to strengthen and enhance local democracy [page 119 #1431] [Legislation]. ▪ Consider the expected Institute of Public Administration review of municipal districts, with a view to strengthening local democracy... [page 118 #1424]. ▪ Build the capacity of local authorities to lead locally and engage citizens on climate change and biodiversity [page 118 #1426] [Civic participation]. | Civic Participation Civic Participation [tbc] Civic Participation [tbc] |

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| Department of Foreign Affairs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ [Follow-on] Support initiatives to improve accountability and transparency across European institutions [page 111 #1352]. | Transparency |
| Department of Justice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ [Follow-on] Introduce and implement new anti-corruption and antifraud structures, informed by the forthcoming Hamilton Review [page 85 #1016]. | Transparency |
| Department of Public Expenditure and Reform: Expenditure Division | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduce a more open budgetary process, less dominated by ‘existing level of service’, with small incremental additions each year, but focused on major public goals and proven policy performance [#1490]. ▪ Expand the Equality Budgeting Programme across government departments and agencies [page 77 #917 & page 79 #966]. | Accountability |