

ANNEX D

Rationalisation of State Agencies

Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform

1. The Equality Authority and the Human Rights Commission are to fully integrate their facilities, back office and administrative services and access for citizens.
2. Abolish the National Crime Council.
3. Amalgamate the Censorship of Publications Board and its Appeals Board with the Office for Film Classification.
4. The Office of the Minister for Integration will cease funding the National Consultative Committee on Racism and Interculturalism and its functions will be absorbed into his Office in the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform to be administered directly by it. The Committee will be retained as an advisory committee.

Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government

5. Merge the Local Government Management Services Board and the Local Government Computer Services Board into the Local Government Services Board.
6. Merge the Rent Tribunal into the Private Residential Tenancies Board.

Department of Education and Science

7. Amalgamation of the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland, the Higher Education and Training Awards Council and the Further Education and Training Awards Council. The new organisation will also take responsibility for the external quality assurance review of the universities, a function which is currently performed by the Irish Universities Quality Board and the Higher Education Authority. In seeking to ensure a coherent approach to qualifications and quality assurance, there will also be discussions with the National University of Ireland around the possibility of including some of the related functions of the NUI in the new organisation.
8. Abolition of the Educational Disadvantage Committee.
9. Formal disbandment of the National Adult Learning Council.
10. Closure of the Centre for Early Childhood Development & Education.

Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

11. Merge the Central and Regional Fisheries Boards into a single National Fisheries Board.

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

12. Merge COFORD (the National Council for Forest Research and Development) into the Department.

13. Transfer the marketing/promotion functions of *Bord Iascaigh Mhara* to *An Bord Bia*.

Department of Transport

14. Amalgamate the Air Accident Investigation Unit (Department of Transport), the Railway Accident Investigation Unit (Railway Safety Commission) and the Marine Casualty Investigation Board.
15. Establishment of Dublin Transport Authority to incorporate the Dublin Transport Office, the Commission for Taxi Regulation and Public Transport Licensing functions of the Department of Transport.

Department of Health and Children

16. Subsume the National Council on Ageing and Older People into the Office of Older People in the Department of Health and Children.
17. Subsume the Children Acts Advisory Board into the Office of the Minister for Children in the Department of Health and Children.
18. Subsume the Women's Health Council into the Department of Health and Children.
19. Merge the following bodies into the Health Service Executive (HSE):
 - a. the National Cancer Screening Service
 - b. the National Cancer Registry Board
 - c. the Crisis Pregnancy Agency
 - d. the Drug Treatment Centre.
20. Subsume the following bodies into the Health and Social Care Professionals Council:
 - a. the National Social Work Qualifications Board
 - b. the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council
 - c. the Opticians Board.
21. Merge the Postgraduate Medical and Dental Board into, as appropriate, the Dental Council, the Medical Council and the HSE.
22. Merge the National Council for the Professional Development of Nursing and Midwifery into, as appropriate, the HSE and *An Bord Altranais*.
23. Amalgamate the Food Safety Association of Ireland, the Office of Tobacco Control and the Irish Medicines Board into a Public Health and Medicines Safety Authority to be created in the near future.

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment

24. Amalgamate the National Consumer Agency and the Competition Authority.

Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism

25. Combine the Irish Museum of Modern Art, the Crawford Art Gallery and the National Gallery of Ireland, while retaining separate identities.
26. Merge the National Archives and the Irish Manuscripts Commission into the National Library.

27. Culture Ireland is to remain a part of the Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism, rather than be established as a statutory agency.

Department of Defence

28. Longford and Monaghan Barracks, Rockhill House (Letterkenny) and Lifford Military Post will be closed and consolidated into existing Barracks at Finner, Athlone and Dundalk. St. Bricins Hospital, Dublin will also be closed.

Department of Social and Family Affairs

29. Integrate the Combat Poverty Agency and the Office of Social Inclusion within the Department of Social and Family Affairs.
30. Assign the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) to the Citizens Information Board (CIB). (*Note: while the CIB is a State agency within the Public Service, the MABS is not a separate agency but a collection of over 50 separate companies that have a contractual arrangement with the Department of Social and Family Affairs*)