

Title of the measure:	Action Plan for the Public Sector IRL 25
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This is a proposed measure.

General description

The Sustainable Energy White paper sets a target of 33% energy savings by 2020 for the public sector, to demonstrate its leadership and exemplar role. The Programme for Government repeats this commitment, demonstrating its importance to Government. Article 5 of the ESD also requires that the public sector fulfil this leadership role in relation to energy efficiency.

The 33% public sector target represents savings of 3,240 GWh by 2020, more than 10% of the energy saving required by 2020 for the entire economy under the National 20% target. Clearly, this is an ambitious target and will require radical action by the public sector to achieve it. Our existing and other committed actions are not sufficient in themselves to achieve this target.

The public sector is diverse, involving Government Departments, multiple agencies, the Defence Forces and the Garda Síochána among others. Only co-ordinated action will achieve sufficient energy efficiency savings to reach the target.

To ensure this co-ordination and to determine the radical actions necessary, the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources will establish a high level working group in 2007, under the chairmanship of a senior official from the Department, and involving senior representatives from all relevant Departments and State Agencies. This Group will be charged with the task of drawing up an action plan for submission to Government in 2008, setting out the actions that will be necessary to achieve the 33% public sector target.

Impact evaluation

Estimated Savings are from the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan.

Ex-ante evaluation	2020 National Target
CO ₂ (kt)	816
Energy (GWh)	3240

Measure Impact Level (Semi Quantitative Estimate)		
<input type="checkbox"/> low	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> medium	<input type="checkbox"/> high

Definition of Impact:

Low: Impact below 0.1 % of overall energy (fuel/electricity) consumption or energy-related CO₂ emissions in the tertiary sector of Ireland.

Medium: 0.1 to below 0.5 % of overall energy (fuel/electricity) consumption or energy-related CO₂ emissions in the tertiary sector of Ireland.

High: 0.5 % upwards) of overall energy (fuel/electricity) consumption or energy-related CO₂ emissions in the tertiary sector of Ireland.

References

The Sustainable Energy White paper is available at
<http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/Energy/Energy+Planning+Division/Energy+White+Paper.htm>

The National Energy Efficiency action Plan is available at www.dcmnr.gov.ie

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