

20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010 - 2030

Progress Report: 2010 - 2015

Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport is currently in the process of finalising a new Irish Language Scheme under the Official Languages Act 2003 which contains a number of additional commitments in relation to the provision of services in Irish. The main demand for services through Irish in the Department is in relation to the Department's motor tax services where, in 2015, in excess of 2,000 motor tax transactions would be expected to be processed through the Irish language. In order to encourage the development of Irish language skills across the Department, the Department facilitates and funds training courses in Irish where requested by its staff as part of their development programme.

Measures for Irish in the Public Service

In accordance with Government policy, future language schemes of the Department under the Official Languages Act will seek to identify any posts/areas that have an Irish language competency requirement. These designated posts will enhance the ability of the Department to provide services in Irish.