

PART IV

DECENTRALISATION - Table 1

New Departmental Headquarters

The headquarters of eight Departments and the OPW are being transferred out of Dublin, leaving seven Departments with headquarters in Dublin.

Department/Office	New Headquarters
Agriculture & Food	Portlaoise
Arts, Sport & Tourism	Killarney
Communications, Marine & Natural Resources	Cavan
Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs	Knock Airport
Defence	Newbridge
Education & Science	Mullingar
Environment, Heritage & Local Government	Wexford
Office of Public Works	Trim
Social & Family Affairs	Drogheda

Note: Ministers with headquarters outside of Dublin will be provided with a centralised suite of offices, close to the Houses of the Oireachtas, for a small secretariat so they can conduct business while in Dublin and when the Dáil is in session.

DECENTRALISATION - Table 2

County Breakdown

<u>County</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Approx. Nos.</u>
Carlow	Carlow	350
Cavan	Cavan	425
Clare	Kilrush	50
	Shannon	400
Cork	Clonakilty	150
	Kanturk	100
	Macroom	70
	Mallow	200
	Mitchelstown	200
	Youghal	200
Donegal	Buncrana	120
	Donegal	230
	Gweedore ¹	30
Galway	Ballinasloe	110
	Clifden	40
	Furbo	10
	Loughrea	50
Kerry	Killarney	165
	Listowel	50
Kildare	Athy	250
	Curragh	300
	Newbridge	200
Kilkenny	Kilkenny	105
	Thomastown	110
Laois	Portarlinton	110
	Portlaoise	400
Limerick	Limerick	130
	Newcastle West	50
Longford	Longford	130
Leitrim	Carrick-on-Shannon	265
Louth	Drogheda	300
Mayo	Claremorris	150
	Knock Airport	140

¹ The relocation of Foras na Gaeilge will require the agreement of the North/South Ministerial Council.

<u>County</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Approx. Nos.</u>
Meath	Navan	100
	Trim	275
Monaghan	Carrickmacross	85
	Monaghan	25
Offaly	Birr	250
	Edenderry	75
	Tullamore	130
Roscommon	Roscommon	230
Sligo	Sligo	100
Tipperary	Roscrea	80
	Thurles	200
	Tipperary	200
Waterford	Dungarvan	300
	Waterford	200
Westmeath	Athlone	145
	Mullingar	300
Wexford	Enniscorthy	85
	New Ross	130
	Wexford	325
Wicklow	Arklow	140
<i>To be decided</i>		
IT staff (Note 1)		835
Health sector (Note 2)		500
Total		10,300

Note 1: The Government has decided not to assign the 835 IT jobs included in the programme to any particular location(s) at this stage. IT systems in Departments are now absolutely critical in terms of service delivery – most obviously in the case of the Revenue Commissioners and the Department of Social and Family Affairs. Relocating these services, and the associated jobs, outside Dublin will demand extreme care. The Implementation Committee (see Decentralisation General Notes below) will examine this issue separately and report to the Government by March 2004.

Note 2: The programme includes 500 health sector staff but, in view of the current position in relation to the health reform programme, the Government has decided not to make any decisions at this time about exactly what staff should be decentralised and to what locations these jobs should be assigned. However, the Government has decided that the new Health Service Executive (incorporating the National Hospitals Office, the Primary, Community and Continuing Care Pillar and the Shared Services Centre) and the Health Information & Quality Authority will all be located outside Dublin.

Note 3: The Government has also decided that, save in exceptional circumstances, any new agencies/bodies being established in future should be located in areas compatible with the new programme of decentralisation.

DECENTRALISATION - Table 3

Details of Programme by Department

The following Table outlines the Departments, agencies and jobs which it is proposed to transfer out of Dublin. It also shows the target number of jobs for each location. An Implementation Committee is being established to drive forward the implementation process, with the Chair of the Committee reporting to a special Cabinet sub-Committee. The Government may make some adjustments to the detailed provisions below where necessary to ensure continued effective delivery of public services.

Department	Organisation/Agency	Location	Approx. Nos.
Agriculture & Food	Department HQ	Portlaoise	400
	Cork City staff	Macroom	70
	Bord Bia	Enniscorthy	75
	Bord Glas	Enniscorthy	10
	Teagasc	Carlow	100
	Sub-total		655
Arts, Sport & Tourism	Department HQ	Killarney	140
	Arts Council	Kilkenny	45
	Fáilte Ireland	Mallow	200
	Sports Council	Killarney	25
	Sub-total		410
Communications, Marine & Natural Resources	Department HQ	Cavan	425
	BIM	Clonakilty	150
	Central Fisheries Board	Carrick-on-Shannon	40
	Sub-total		615
Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs	Department HQ	Knock Airport	140
	Department staff	Furbo	10
	ADM	Clifden	40
	Foras na Gaeilge	Gweedore ²	30
	Sub-total		220
Defence	Department HQ	Newbridge	200
	Defence Forces HQ	Curragh	300
	Sub-total		500

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Department	Organisation/Agency	Location	Approx. Nos.
Education & Science	Department HQ	Mullingar	300
	Department staff	Athlone	100
	Higher Education Authority	Athlone	45
	National Educational Welfare Board & NCCA	Portarlington	70
	NQAI/HETAC/FETAC	Edenderry	75
	Sub-total		590
Enterprise, Trade & Employment	Department staff	Carlow	250
	Enterprise Ireland	Shannon	300
	FÁS	Birr	250
	HSA	Thomastown	110
	NSAI	Arklow	140
	Sub-total		1,050
Environment, Heritage & Local Govt.	Department HQ	Wexford	270
	Department staff	New Ross	130
	Department staff	Waterford	200
	Department staff	Kilkenny	60
	LGCSB	To be decided	90
	NBA	Wexford	55
	Sub-total		805
Finance	Department staff	Tullamore	130
	Department IT	To be decided	20
	Revenue staff	Athy	250
	Revenue staff	Kilrush	50
	Revenue staff	Listowel	50
	Revenue staff	Newcastle West	50
	Revenue IT	To be decided	500
	OPW HQ	Trim	275
	OPW staff	Kanturk	100
	OPW staff	Claremorris	150
	Civil Service		
Commission staff	Youghal	100	

Department	Organisation/Agency	Location	Approx. Numbers
Finance	OSI	Dungarvan	300
	Valuation Office	Youghal	100
	Sub-total		2,075
Foreign Affairs	Development Co-operation		
	Ireland	Limerick	130
	Sub-total		130
Health & Children	Various	To be decided	500
	Sub-total		500
Justice, Equality & Law Reform	Department staff	Tipperary	200
	Data Protection		
	Commissioner	Portarlinton	20
	Equality Authority & Director of Equality	Roscrea	80
	Investigations		
	Garda HQ (incl. civilians)	Thurles	200
	Garda Complaints Board	Portarlinton	20
	Land Registry	Roscommon	230
	Prisons Service HQ	Longford	130
	Probation & Welfare Service	Navan	100
	Sub-total		980
Social and Family Affairs	Department HQ	Drogheda	300
	Department staff	Buncrana	120
	Department staff	Donegal	230
	Department staff	Carrick-on-Shannon	225
	Department staff	Sligo	100
	Department IT	To be decided	225
	Combat Poverty Agency	Monaghan	25
	Comhairle	Carrickmacross	85
	Sub-total		1,310

Department	Organisation/Agency	Location	Approx. Numbers
Transport	Road Haulage	Loughrea	40
	Bus Éireann	Mitchelstown	200
	Irish Aviation Authority	Shannon	100
	National Roads Authority	Ballinasloe	90
	National Safety Council	Loughrea	10
	Railway Safety Commission	Ballinasloe	20
	Sub-total		460
Overall total			10,300