

## **Appropriation Account 2021**

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### **Vote 23**

### **Property Registration Authority**

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## **Introduction**

As Accounting Officer for Vote 23, I am required each year to prepare the appropriation account for the Vote, and to submit the account to the Comptroller and Auditor General for audit.

In accordance with this requirement, I have prepared the attached account of the amount expended in the year ended 31 December 2021 for the salaries and expenses of the Property Registration Authority.

The expenditure outturn is compared with the sums granted by Dáil Éireann under the Appropriation Act 2021, including the amount that could be used as appropriations-in-aid of expenditure for the year.

A surplus of €1.933 million is liable for surrender to the Exchequer.

The Statement of Accounting Policies and Principles and notes 1 to 6 form part of the account.

## **Statement of Accounting Policies and Principles**

The standard accounting policies and principles for the production of appropriation accounts, as set out by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in circulars 1 and 9 of 2022, have been applied in the preparation of the account.

Depreciation is charged monthly on a straight line basis.

## **Statement on Internal Financial Control**

### ***Responsibility for system of internal financial control***

As Accounting Officer, I acknowledge my responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated by the Authority.

This responsibility is exercised in the context of the resources available to me and my other obligations as Chief Executive of the Authority. Also, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely manner. Maintaining the system of internal financial controls is a continuous process and the system and its effectiveness are kept under ongoing review.

The position in regard to the financial control environment, the framework of administrative procedures, management reporting and internal audit is as follows.

### ***Shared services***

Payroll and human resources are provided on a shared service basis by the National Shared Service Office (Vote 18). I have fulfilled my responsibilities in relation to the requirements of the service management agreement between this Office and the National Shared Services Office for the provision of shared services.

I rely on a letter of assurance from the Accounting Officer of the National Shared Services Office that the appropriate controls are exercised in the provision of shared services to this Office.

In addition, I rely on a letter of assurance from the Accounting Officer of the Department of Justice that the appropriate controls are exercised in the provision of financial shared services to this Office. I have fulfilled my responsibilities in relation to the requirements of the service level agreement between this Office and the Department of Justice for the provision of financial shared services.

### ***Financial control environment***

I confirm that a control environment containing the following elements is in place.

- Financial responsibilities have been assigned at management level with corresponding accountability.
- Reporting arrangements have been established at all levels where responsibility for financial management has been assigned.
- Formal procedures have been established for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action.
- There is an Audit Committee to advise me in discharging my responsibilities for the internal financial control system.
- Procedures for all key business processes have been documented.
- There are systems in place to safeguard the assets.

### ***Compensations claims***

The Property Registration Authority (PRA) operate a title system that confers a State guarantee on the title holder. The State is bound to indemnify any person who suffers loss through reliance on the register. In the normal course of its business, the Authority receives compensation claims under Section 120 of the Registration of Deeds and Title Act 1964. Claims may arise due to error, forgery or fraud in relation to registration of title.

I oversee the implementation of a counter fraud framework, the aim of which is to minimise our exposure to and losses from fraud against the registers. This framework guides the implementation of our strategy in maintaining the integrity of the registers, safeguarding registered property rights and protecting public resources.

A summary of payments made under Section 120 of the Registration of Deeds and Title Act 1964 is set out in Note 6.1 to the accounts. No compensation payments were made in 2021 that specifically related to fraud or forgery. A small number of alleged fraudulent applications remain under investigation.

### ***Administrative controls and management reporting***

I confirm that a framework of administrative procedures and regular management reporting is in place, including segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability and, in particular, that

- there is an appropriate budgeting system with an annual budget which is kept under review by senior management
- there are regular reviews by senior management of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against forecasts
- a risk management system operates within the Authority

- there are systems aimed at ensuring the security of the ICT systems
- there are appropriate capital investment control guidelines and formal project management disciplines
- the Authority ensures that there is an appropriate focus on good practice in purchasing and that procedures are in place to ensure compliance with all relevant guidelines.

#### ***Internal audit and Audit Committee***

I confirm that the Authority has an internal audit function with appropriately trained personnel, which operates in accordance with a written charter which I have approved. Its work is informed by analysis of the financial risks to which the Authority is exposed and its annual internal audit plans, approved by me, are based on this analysis. These plans aim to cover the key controls on a rolling basis over a reasonable period. The internal audit function is reviewed periodically by me and by the Audit Committee. I have put the procedures in place to ensure that the reports of the internal audit function are followed up.

#### ***Non-compliance with procurement rules***

The Authority complied with the guidelines with the exception of one contract (in excess of €25,000) to the value of €51,870 (excluding VAT) which was listed in my annual return in respect of Circular 40/2002. This contract was in respect of the procurement of additional cyber security hardware in light of the increased risks of a cyber-attack in 2021.

In addition, the Authority has provided details of three non-competitive contracts in the annual return in respect of circular 40/2002 to the Comptroller and Auditor General and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

#### ***Risk and control framework***

The PRA has implemented a risk management system which identifies and reports key risks and the management actions being taken to address and, to the extent possible, to mitigate those risks.

A risk register is in place which identifies the key risks facing the Authority and these have been identified, evaluated and graded according to their significance. The register is reviewed and updated by the Management Board on a quarterly basis. The outcome of these assessments is used to plan and allocate resources to ensure risks are managed to an acceptable level.

The risk register details the controls and actions needed to mitigate risks and assigns responsibility for operation of controls to specific staff.

#### ***Ongoing monitoring and review***

Formal procedures have been established for monitoring control processes and control deficiencies are communicated to those responsible for taking corrective action and to the Management Board, where relevant, in a timely way. I confirm that key risks and related controls have been identified and processes have been put in place to monitor the operation of those key controls and report any identified deficiencies.

***Review of effectiveness***

I confirm that the PRA has procedures to monitor the effectiveness of its risk management and control procedures. The PRA's monitoring and review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control is informed by the work of the internal and external auditors and the management within the PRA responsible for the development and maintenance of the internal financial control framework.

***Internal financial control issues***

No weaknesses in internal financial control were identified in relation to 2021 that resulted in, or may result in, a material loss.

***Covid-19 control issues***

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the necessity to provide a safe working environment and the requirement to maintain service delivery, a number of new work practices were introduced, including remote working.

The new work practices, together with inherent risks in operating in a paper-based environment throughout the pandemic, have given rise to a number of newly identified risks. A Covid-19 risk register was in place throughout 2021 and the related risks were actively managed with a range of appropriate mitigating actions in place.

These actions seek to ensure that the new work practices that have been necessitated by the Covid-19 pandemic have not given rise to a weakening of the control environment.

**Elizabeth Pope**  
Accounting Officer  
Property Registration Authority

23 June 2022

## **Comptroller and Auditor General**

### **Report for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas**

#### **Vote 23 Property Registration Authority**

##### **Opinion on the appropriation account**

I have audited the appropriation account for Vote 23 Property Registration Authority for the year ended 31 December 2021 under section 3 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993.

In my opinion, the appropriation account

- properly presents the receipts and expenditure of Vote 23 Property Registration Authority for the year ended 31 December 2021, and
- has been prepared in the form prescribed by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

##### ***Basis of opinion***

I conducted my audit of the appropriation account in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as promulgated by the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions. My responsibilities under those standards are described in the appendix to this report. I am independent of the Property Registration Authority and have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the standards.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

##### **Report on the statement on internal financial control, and on other matters**

The Accounting Officer has presented a statement on internal financial control together with the appropriation account. My responsibilities to report in relation to the information in the statement, and on certain other matters upon which I report by exception, are described in the appendix to this report.

I have nothing to report in that regard.

**Seamus McCarthy**

Comptroller and Auditor General

29 June 2022

## Appendix to the report

### Responsibilities of the Accounting Officer

The Accounting Officer is responsible for

- the preparation of the appropriation account in accordance with Section 22 of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1866
- ensuring the appropriation account complies with the requirements of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform's *Public Financial Procedures*, and with other directions of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform
- ensuring the regularity of transactions, and
- implementing such internal control as the Accounting Officer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the appropriation account free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Responsibilities of the Comptroller and Auditor General

I am required under section 3 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993 to audit the appropriation account and to report thereon to the Houses of the Oireachtas stating whether, in my opinion, the account properly presents the receipts and expenditure related to the vote.

My objective in carrying out the audit is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement due to fraud or error. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the appropriation account.

As part of an audit in accordance with the ISAs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. In doing so,

- I identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements whether due to fraud or error; design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks; and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- I obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal controls.
- I assess whether the accounting provisions of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform's *Public Financial Procedures* have been complied with.

I communicate with the Accounting Officer regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

I report by exception if, in my opinion,

- I have not received all the information and explanations I required for my audit, or
- the accounting records were not sufficient to permit the appropriation account to be readily and properly audited, or
- the appropriation account is not in agreement with the accounting records.

### Reporting on the statement on internal financial control

My opinion on the appropriation account does not cover the Accounting Officer's statement on internal financial control, and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the appropriation account, I am required under the ISAs to read the statement on internal financial control and, in doing so, consider whether the information contained therein is materially inconsistent with the appropriation account or with knowledge obtained during the audit, or if it otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement, I am required to report that fact.

### Reporting on other matters

I seek to obtain evidence about the regularity of financial transactions in the course of audit. I am required to report under section 3 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993 if I identify any material instance where public money has not been applied for the purposes intended or where transactions did not conform to the authorities governing them.

I am also required under the 1993 Act to prepare, in each year, a report on such matters arising from my audits of the appropriation accounts as I consider appropriate. In such cases, the certificates of opinion on the relevant appropriation accounts refer to the relevant chapter(s) in my annual *Report on the Accounts of the Public Services*.

## Vote 23 Property Registration Authority

### Appropriation Account 2021

		2021	2020
	Estimate provision	Outturn	Outturn
	€000	€000	€000
<b>Programme expenditure</b>			
A Manage the Land Registry and the Registry of Deeds	33,061	31,108	31,100
<b>Gross expenditure</b>	<b>33,061</b>	<b>31,108</b>	<b>31,100</b>
<i>Deduct</i>			
B Appropriations-in-aid	580	660	607
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<b>32,481</b>	<b>30,448</b>	<b>30,493</b>

#### Surplus

The surplus of the amount provided over the net amount applied is liable for surrender to the Exchequer. Under section 91 of the Finance Act 2004, all or part of any unspent appropriations for capital services may be carried over for spending in the following year. €100,000 of unspent allocations in respect of the capital elements of Subhead A.2 was carried forward to 2022.

	2021	2020
	€	€
Surplus	2,033,146	1,294,847
Deferred surrender	(100,000)	—
<b>Surplus to be surrendered</b>	<b>1,933,146</b>	<b>1,294,847</b>

**Elizabeth Pope**  
Accounting Officer  
Property Registration Authority

23 June 2022



## Notes to the Appropriation Account

### Note 1 Operating Cost Statement 2021

		2021	2020
	€000	€000	€000
Pay		26,747	26,692
Non pay		4,361	4,408
<b>Gross expenditure</b>		<b>31,108</b>	<b>31,100</b>
<i>Deduct</i>			
<b>Appropriations-in-aid</b>		<b>660</b>	<b>607</b>
<b>Net expenditure</b>		<b>30,448</b>	<b>30,493</b>
<b>Changes in capital assets</b>			
Purchases cash	(739)		
Depreciation	517		
Loss on disposal	7	(215)	(913)
<b>Changes in net current assets</b>			
Decrease in closing accruals	(132)		
Increase in stock	(12)	(144)	58
<b>Direct expenditure</b>		<b>30,089</b>	<b>29,638</b>
<b>Expenditure borne elsewhere</b>			
Net allied services expenditure (note 1.1)		9,046	7,917
Notional rents		2,279	2,279
<b>Net programme cost</b>		<b>41,414</b>	<b>39,834</b>

#### 1.1 Net allied services expenditure

The net allied services expenditure amount is made up of the following amounts in relation to Vote 23 borne elsewhere.

		2021	2020
		€000	€000
Vote 12	Superannuation and Retired Allowances	8,060	6,981
Vote 13	Office of Public Works	841	790
Vote 18	National Shared Services Office	51	55
Vote 24	Justice – Financial Shared Services Centre	94	91
		<b>9,046</b>	<b>7,917</b>

**Note 2 Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2021**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2021 €000</b>	<b>2020 €000</b>
<b>Capital assets</b>	2.1	3,382	3,154
<b>Current assets</b>			
Bank and cash	2.2	1,514	1,738
Stocks	2.3	139	127
Prepayments	2.4	680	543
Accrued income		7	5
Other debit balance	2.5	79	72
Net Exchequer funding	2.7	—	11
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>2,419</b>	<b>2,496</b>
<b>Less current liabilities</b>			
Accrued expenses		242	222
Other credit balances	2.6	1,462	1,821
Net Exchequer funding	2.7	131	—
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>1,835</b>	<b>2,043</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>584</b>	<b>453</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>3,966</b>	<b>3,607</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
<b>State funding account</b>	2.8	<b>3,966</b>	<b>3,607</b>

**2.1 Capital assets**

	Office and IT equipment €000	Furniture and fittings €000	Assets under development €000	Total €000
<b>Gross assets</b>				
Cost or valuation at 1 January 2021	34,472	3,734	1,595	39,801
Additions	166	—	586	752
Disposals	(486)	—	—	(486)
Cost or valuation at 31 December 2021	34,152	3,734	2,181	40,067
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
Opening balance at 1 January 2021	33,025	3,622	—	36,647
Depreciation for the year	495	22	—	517
Depreciation on disposals	(479)	—	—	(479)
Cumulative depreciation at 31 December 2021	33,041	3,644	—	36,685
<b>Net assets at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>1,111</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2,181</b>	<b>3,382</b>
Net assets at 31 December 2020	1,447	112	1,595	3,154

**2.2 Bank and cash**

at 31 December	2021 €000	2020 €000
PMG balances and cash	877	701
Other commercial bank balances	637	1,037
	<b>1,514</b>	<b>1,738</b>

**Other commercial bank accounts**

The commercial bank account balances represent amounts owing to the Exchequer on 31 December 2021 in respect of registration fees. Not included are non-Exchequer receipts held at the Central Bank in respect of ground rent purchase moneys. The amount held at the end of 2021 is €6 million (2020 €5.8 million).

**2.3 Stocks**

at 31 December	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
Stationery	96	84
Miscellaneous supplies	40	29
IT consumables	3	14
	<b>139</b>	<b>127</b>

**2.4 Prepayments**

at 31 December	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
Software support	561	457
Estate management	16	19
Administration	—	2
Other prepayments	103	65
	<b>680</b>	<b>543</b>

**2.5 Other debit balances**

at 31 December	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
Building charges recoupable	29	46
Payroll deductions held in suspense	50	26
	<b>79</b>	<b>72</b>

**2.6 Other credit balances**

at 31 December	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
<b>Amounts due to the State</b>		
Income tax	374	358
Pay related social insurance	217	211
Value added tax	47	29
Professional services withholding tax	4	3
Extra receipts payable to the Exchequer	637	1,037
	<b>1,279</b>	<b>1,638</b>
Payroll deductions held in suspense	183	183
	<b>1,462</b>	<b>1,821</b>

**2.7 Net Exchequer funding**

at 31 December	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
Surplus to be surrendered	1,933	1,295
Deferred surrender	100	—
Exchequer grant undrawn	(1,902)	(1,306)
<b>Net Exchequer funding</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>(11)</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Debtors</b>		
Bank and cash	1,514	1,738
Debit balances: suspense	79	72
	1,593	1,810
<b>Creditors</b>		
Due to the State	(1,279)	(1,638)
Credit balances: suspense	(183)	(183)
	(1,462)	(1,821)
	<b>131</b>	<b>(11)</b>

**2.8 State funding account**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>€000</b>	<b>€000</b>
Balance at 1 January		3,607	2,752
Disbursements from the Vote			
Estimate provision	Account	32,481	
Deferred surrender	Account	(100)	
Surplus to be surrendered	Account	(1,933)	
Net vote		30,448	30,493
Expenditure (cash) borne elsewhere	1.1	9,046	7,917
Non cash expenditure – notional rent	1	2,279	2,279
Net programme cost	1	(41,414)	(39,834)
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>		<b>3,966</b>	<b>3,607</b>

**2.9 Commitments**

<b>Global commitments</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
at 31 December	€000	€000
Procurement of goods and services	<u><b>594</b></u>	<u><b>531</b></u>

**2.10 Contingent liabilities**

The Authority is involved in a number of pending legal proceedings which may generate liabilities, depending on the outcome of the litigation. Any actual amount or timing of potential liabilities is uncertain. This includes the Section 120 compensation cases as described in Note 6.1 below and referred to in the statement on internal financial control.

### Note 3 Vote Expenditure

#### Analysis of administration expenditure

All of the allocation for Vote 23 Property Registration Authority is classified as administration expenditure applied towards a single programme: manage the Land Registry and the Register of Deeds.

		2021		2020
		Estimate provision	Outturn	Outturn
		€000	€000	€000
i	Salaries, wages and allowances	26,977	26,747	26,692
ii	Travel and subsistence	110	6	22
iii	Training and development and incidental expenses	1,570	1,227	1,082
iv	Postal and telecommunications services	900	825	656
v	Office equipment and external IT services	2,867	1,956	2,315
vi	Office premises expenses	612	339	324
vii	Consultancy services and value for money and policy reviews	25	8	9
		<b>33,061</b>	<b>31,108</b>	<b>31,100</b>

#### Significant variations

The following note presents an analysis of the expenditure of the Vote and outlines the reasons for significant variations (+/- 25% and €100,000)

##### ii Travel and subsistence

*Estimate provision €110,000; outturn €6,000*

There was a reduction on Travel and Subsistence due to the holding of meetings remotely throughout 2021.

##### iii Training and development and incidental expenses

*Estimate provision €1.57 million; outturn €1.227 million*

The under-spend relates to the small number of Section 120 compensation claims paid in 2021. The timing and outcome of the payment of such claims are difficult to predict.

##### v Office equipment and external IT services

*Estimate provision €2.867 million; outturn €1.956 million*

There was an under-spend on ICT capital expenditure due to a restructuring in the manner in which software licences were procured. The movement to a subscription-based arrangement has facilitated a reduction in capital spend.

**vi Office premises expenses***Estimate provision €612,000; outturn €339,000*

There were no significant office maintenance projects undertaken in 2021 leading to a reduced office premises spend.

## Note 4 Receipts

### 4.1 Appropriations-in-aid

	2021		2020
	Estimated €000	Realised €000	Realised €000
Receipts from additional superannuation contributions on public service remuneration	580	660	607
<b>Total</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>607</b>

### 4.2 Extra receipts payable to the Exchequer

	2021 €000	2020 €000
Opening balance at 1 January	1,037	1,799
Land Registry fees	69,811	58,624
Registry of Deed fees	1,123	1,017
Ground rent fees received	53	57
Paid over to Exchequer	(71,387)	(60,460)
<b>Closing balance at 31 December</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>1,037</b>



## Note 5 Staffing and Remuneration

### 5.1 Employee numbers

Full time equivalents	2021	2020
Number of staff at year end	<u>492</u>	<u>529</u>

### 5.2 Pay

	2021	2020
	€000	€000
Pay	24,628	24,656
Higher, special or additional duties allowances	13	23
Other allowances	69	62
Overtime	125	56
Employer's PRSI	1,912	1,895
<b>Total pay</b>	<b><u>26,747</u></b>	<b><u>26,692</u></b>

### 5.3 Allowances and overtime payments

	Number of recipients	Recipients of €10,000 or more	Highest individual payment	
			2021	2020
			€	€
Higher, special or additional duties allowances	6	—	8,302	8,058
Other allowances	22	—	5,047	4,752
Overtime	77	1	12,062	8,283
Extra remuneration in more than one category	10	2	14,651	11,707

### 5.4 Salary of Accounting Officer

As at 31 December 2021, the Accounting Officer's salary is at the grade of Assistant Secretary, with an annual gross salary of €157,886 (as at 31 December 2020, €154,775).

**5.5 Payroll overpayments**

at 31 December	<b>Number of recipients</b>	<b>2021</b> €	<b>2020</b> €
Overpayments	53	166,193	172,997
Recovery plans in place	38	89,541	117,437

## Note 6 Miscellaneous

### 6.1 Compensation and legal costs

#### Payments/costs paid by the PRA in the year

	Claims by employees (personal injury)	Section 120 claims	Total 2021	Total 2020
Number of cases	1	4	5	6
	€000	€000	€000	€000
PRA's own legal costs	18	—	18	—
Payments by/on behalf of the PRA				
Compensation	97	—	97	19
Legal costs	54	14	68	17
Other costs	7	—	7	—
<b>2021 Total</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>36</b>
2020 Total	—	36	36	

#### Cumulative costs of cases completed in 2021

	Claims by employees (personal injury)	Total
Number of cases	1	1
	€000	€000
PRA's own legal costs	18	18
Payments by/on behalf of the PRA		
Compensation	97	97
Legal costs	54	54
Other costs	7	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>176</b>

### 6.2 Fraud and suspected fraud

The PRA are aware of a small number of cases of suspected fraudulent applications for registration. These cases remain under investigation. The cases may result in a payment under Section 120 of the Registration of Title Act 1964.

### **6.3 Merger**

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As part of the Public Service Reform Programme, a Government decision was made to merge the Valuation Office, Ordnance Survey Ireland and the Property Registration Authority.

As a result, a new organisation to be called Tailte Éireann will be created. Tailte Éireann will have responsibility for several important functions, including the State property registration system, the State mapping and surveying infrastructure, the State property valuation service and the development and maintenance of State geospatial information.

The Heads of the Bill were published and underwent pre-legislative scrutiny in September 2021. The legislation is on the priority list in the Spring 2022 legislative programme. Progress continues to be made on the draft legislation.