



BILLE AN REIFRINN, 2001
REFERENDUM BILL, 2001

EXPLANATORY AND FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

General

The Bill amends the functions of a Referendum Commission established under section 2 of the Referendum Act, 1998. It will repeal the functions in section 3 of the Act of 1998 to prepare a statement or statements concerning the referendum proposal setting out the arguments for and against and to foster and promote and, where appropriate, to facilitate debate or discussion in relation to the proposal. A new function of promoting awareness of the referendum and encouraging citizens to vote is also included in the Bill.

Financial and staffing implications

The provisions of the Bill will not have major staffing or financial implications. The funding for a Referendum Commission is decided by the Government for each referendum having regard to the referendum proposal.

An Roinn Comhshaoil agus Rialtais Áitiúil,
Nollaig, 2001.