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## **AN BILLE UM FHÁIL PHOIBLÍ, 2012 PUBLIC PROCUREMENT BILL 2012**

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### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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#### *Purpose of Bill*

The purpose of the Bill is to ensure that social benefits are given a central and crucial role in the assessment of any public tender or any other public procurement process.

#### *Provisions of Bill*

*Section 1* provides that where any public body is procuring goods or services, it shall in its process of assessment allocate not less than 33 per cent of the assessment to a consideration of the social benefits of the particular tender.

Social benefits include the extent to which the tender or proposal would create employment.

*Section 2* defines public body widely to include statutory bodies or those with majority State funding.

*Section 3* is a standard provision.

#### *Financial and regulatory implications*

Any modest cost to the State arising from the Bill in cases where a tender which is not the lowest cost tender is chosen will be likely to be offset by the social benefits flowing from the Bill including increased employment.

*An Teachta John Lyons,  
Samhain, 2012.*