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Explanatory Memorandum



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Background

In 2018 the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission reviewed domestic waste regulation and prices, and recommended that a regulator should licence waste firms and then set prices, where necessary, backed by strong enforcement powers. The purpose of this bill is to kickstart a process that will give expression to that recommendation.

Provisions of the bill

Section 2 of the bill proposes to insert a new subsection into the Waste Management Act 1996 which would require the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment to produce a report into the possible appointment of an independent regulator for the domestic waste management sector. This regulator would have the authority to licence waste firms, to set prices, and to enforce its decisions where necessary through fines or sanctions or both.

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