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An Act to confer functions on the Central Statistics Office and the National Economic and Social Council in relation to the publication of indices, to be known as Genuine Progress Indicators, designed to take fuller account of the quality of life and well-being of the community by incorporating environmental and social factors, in relation to the publication of National Distributional Accounts that aim to measure the distribution of national income and economic growth and in relation to an annual report on the impact of the Budget on economic and social inequality, poverty reduction and income and wealth redistribution; and to provide for related matters. 5 10

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Interpretation

1. In this Act— 15
- “Council” means the National Economic and Social Council;
- “General Progress Indicators” has the meaning assigned to it by *section 2*;
- “National Distributional Accounts” means accounts that seek to measure the distribution of national income including the distribution of economic growth and, in particular, to—
- (a) compute growth rates for each quintile of the population of income and wealth distribution consistent with macroeconomic growth, 20
 - (b) estimate the distribution of both pre-tax and post-tax income and wealth, and
 - (c) assess how government redistribution affects income and wealth inequality and distribution;
- “Office” means the Central Statistics Office. 25

Genuine Progress Indicators

2. (1) In this Act “Genuine Progress Indicators” means socio-economic indicators that—
- (a) supplement gross national income as a measure of economic growth,
 - (b) are designed to take fuller account of the quality of life and well-being of the community by incorporating environmental and social factors, and 30

- (c) integrate physical and monetary measures of human, social, environmental and economic well-being, in order to establish changes to the physical, qualitative and monetary conditions of human, social, natural, produced and financial capital.
- (2) The table to this section provides an example of the matters which may be included in the compilation of Genuine Progress Indicators from data and accounts; the table is not to be read as exhaustive of the matters that may be so included. 5

1. Economic accounts		
National accounts:	gross national income and its components; trade balance	
Livelihood:	disposable income; personal consumption expenditures; debt (household, government, business, student) and net worth; savings (households, government); employment, unemployment, underemployment and quality of employment including security of employment and work-life balance	10 15
Infrastructure:	household infrastructure; public infrastructure	
Transport:	private, public and commercial transport	
2. Social and human health accounts		20
Human capital: time use:	paid work; unpaid housework, parenting and eldercare; volunteerism; leisure time; commuting time	
Human capital: health and wellness:	life expectancy; premature mortality and disease; suicide; obesity; road traffic accidents; infant mortality and low birthweight babies; substance abuse; problem gambling	25
Knowledge capital:	educational attainment, knowledge and skills	
Social capital:	poverty; crime and violence; family breakdown; democratic and civic participation; workplace participation	30
3. Environmental accounts		
Ecological footprint analysis:	ecological footprint accounts (for food, energy, clothing, transport); material and energy flow analysis	35
Natural capital accounts:	non-renewable energy resources and use; renewable energy capacity; minerals; forestry and forest sustainability; wetlands and peatlands; agriculture sustainability; carbon budget; fish and wildlife; parks and wilderness	40
Ecosystem services accounts:	ecosystem integrity; air quality; greenhouse gas emissions and ozone depleting chemicals; water quality and flow; noise pollution; hazardous waste; landfill waste	45

Publication of Genuine Progress Indicators and National Distributional Accounts

3. (1) The Council shall, following consultation with the Office and such Ministers of the

Government, public bodies and other persons as it considers appropriate, approve a methodology for the compilation by the Office of—	
(a) Genuine Progress Indicators, and	
(b) National Distributional Accounts.	
(2) The Office shall in each year—	5
(a) collect and compile the statistical information required for the purposes of <i>subsection (1)</i> , and	
(b) publish the Genuine Progress Indicators and the National Distributional Accounts in respect of the previous year, together with a commentary.	
Impact of Budget on economic and social inequality, etc.	10
4. (1) The Council shall—	
(a) in relation to each Budget, and	
(b) every five years in relation to the cumulative effect of the previous five Budgets, provide an assessment of the impact of the Budget (or Budgets) on economic and social inequality, poverty reduction and income and wealth redistribution.	15
(2) In <i>subsection (1)</i> the “Budget”, in relation to a year, means the Financial Statement of the Minister for Finance and associated material presented to Dáil Éireann, and the Estimates for Public Services, which set out the Government’s proposals for the year with regard to the raising of tax and other revenues and to public expenditure.	
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5. This Act may be cited as the Measuring Quality of Life in Ireland Act 2020.	

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Acht do thabhairt feidhmeanna don Phríomh-Oifig Staidrimh agus don Chomhairle Náisiúnta Eacnamaíoch agus Sóisialach i ndáil le hinnéacsanna a fhoilsiú, ar a dtabharfar Táscairí maidir le Dul Chun Cinn Iarbhír, a bheidh ceaptha chun cáilíocht saoil agus leas an phobail a chur i gcuntas ar shlí níos iomláine trí thosca comhshaoil agus sóisialta a áireamh, i ndáil le Cuntais Dáiliúcháin Náisiúnta a fhoilsiú arb é is cuspóir leo dáileadh an ioncaim náisiúnta agus fás eacnamaíoch a thomhas agus i ndáil le tuarascáil bhliantúil maidir le tionchar an Bhuiséid ar mhíchothromaíocht eacnamaíoch agus shóisialta, ar laghdú na bochtaineachta agus ar athdháileadh ioncaim agus saibhris; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

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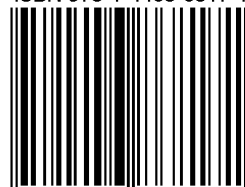
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