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entitled

An Act to require the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to establish a cross-departmental taskforce to examine the cost of producing renewable energy in Ireland; to provide for this taskforce to consult with stakeholders and deliver within six months policy recommendations to the Minister on ways to reduce the cost of producing renewable energy per megawatt-hour. 5

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows: 10

Definitions

1. In this Act—

“bid price” means the price, per megawatt-hour (MWh), at which a renewable energy company is seeking a contract to provide electricity under the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme; 15

“Minister” means the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications.

Taskforce on the cost of renewables

2. (1) The Minister shall, within one month of the passing of this Act, establish a cross-departmental taskforce to examine the cost of renewable energy in Ireland.
- (2) This taskforce shall comprise members from, but not exclusive to, the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, EirGrid, ESB Networks, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities and the Valuation Office. 20
- (3) Members of the taskforce shall be at the Assistant Secretary General grade, or equivalent. 25
- (4) The Minister shall appoint an independent chairperson of the taskforce.
- (5) This taskforce shall examine—
- (a) the existing factors contributing to bid prices in the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme auctions here, 30
- (b) how bid prices in Ireland compare to those in other jurisdictions,

- (c) ways to reduce the cost of producing renewable energy here,
 - (d) international best practice in this area,
 - (e) mechanisms to ensure any savings made on the costs of producing renewable energy are passed onto consumers, and
 - (f) any other issues the taskforce deems relevant. 5
- (6) The Minister shall outline specific terms of reference for the taskforce at the time of its establishment, having regard to the issues set out in *subsection (5)*.
- (7) In the preparation of their policy recommendations, the taskforce shall engage with the renewable energy industry, consumer representative organisations, groups representing those living in and at risk of energy poverty and any other stakeholders the taskforce deems appropriate. 10
- (8) The taskforce shall, within six months of its establishment, deliver policy recommendations to the Minister outlining proposals to reduce the cost of renewable energy per megawatt-hour.
- (9) The Minister shall publish these policy recommendations on the website of the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, within one week of receiving them. 15

Short title and commencement

3. (1) This Act may be cited as the Cost of Renewables Taskforce Act 2022.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation seven days after the date of its passing. 20

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