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Cost of Renewables Taskforce Bill 2022

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Explanatory Memorandum



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Purpose of the Bill

The cost of producing renewable energy per megawatt-hour (MWh) in Ireland is one of the highest in Europe.

This Bill would establish a cross-departmental taskforce to examine the factors contributing to the current cost of producing renewable energy in Ireland and deliver policy recommendations within six months to the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications on ways to reduce the cost of producing renewable energy per megawatt-hour.

Lowering the cost of renewable energy here is important to drive down the price of electricity for consumers and to ensure the renewable electricity we produce is competitive, thereby enabling its export.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1 includes definitions.

Section 2 outlines a timeframe for the establishment of the taskforce, details who the taskforce should include, proposes terms of reference for the work of the taskforce, includes provision for stakeholder engagement and outlines when policy recommendations from the taskforce should be delivered to the Minister.

Section 3 includes the short title and commencement matters.

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