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Re: Parliamentary Question 55156/25 / Dail PQ ref 185

Dear Deputy Tóibín

I refer to the following Parliamentary Question submitted by you for written answer on 13 October 2025.

To ask the Minister for Climate; Energy and the Environment to provide a list of all studies, research and reports commissioned by his Department that were outsourced, in each of the past five years, in tabular form; the names of the companies to which each study, research and report was outsourced; the total cost for each; the number of reports finalised and presented to him that have yet to be released by his Department; the dates on which any such reports yet to be released were first provided to him; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

I wish to advise that the reply to PQ 40369.23, Dáil ref 51, covers the answer to this Question for the period up until September 2023. This reply is a matter of public record.

The information requested covering the period since September 2023 is set out in the table below.

I trust that this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely



Darragh O'Brien TD
Minister for the Climate, Energy and the Environment



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Provision of consultancy services to support policy considerations relating to repowering and extension of life of existing onshore renewable electricity projects	KPMG	€325,300 (ex. VAT)	2025 – to date	In progress, due for completion in December 2025	N/A
Updated report on the Nature and Extent of Consumption and Post-consumption of Textiles in Ireland (NATEX)	Arup	78,735 (ex VAT)	N/A	N – project is ongoing (commenced in August 2025)	N - Expected Q2 2026
Ireland's Textiles EPR Roadmap and Report	WRAP UK - The Waste and Resources Action Programme	32,688 (ex VAT)	2025	N	N - under consideration by officials
Study to explore the Feasibility of Transitioning Ireland's Waste Collection Market from its Current Side-by-Side Licensing System to a Franchise Tendering System	RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd.	€382,583 (ex VAT)	N/A	N - study is ongoing	N - Expected March 2026
Circularity Roadmap for the Construction	WSP Ireland	51,020	2025	N	N – under consideration



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Sector, including proposals for a virgin aggregates levy					n by officials
Food Circle Project to support the implementation of a number of key priority actions included in the National Food Waste Prevention Roadmap 2023-2025 that primarily relate to food donation and redistribution.	FoodCloud	€400,380	The project spans from August 2024 to July 2026. Key deliverables for this Project include the delivery of a number of reports to DCEE with recommendations, stakeholder engagement , and delivery of a number of seminars.	N	Four reports were submitted to DCEE in Q3 2025 and are currently being reviewed.
Circularity Gap Report for Ireland	Circle Economy Foundation	323,440	2024	Y	
National Youth Assembly on Climate Summary Report 2023	Ipsos B&A	€17,642.00	2023	Y	N/A
National Youth Assembly on Climate Summary Report 2024	Ipsos B&A	€8,821.43	2024	Y	N/A
Climate Conversations 2023 Report: From	Ipsos B&A	€39,694.50	2024	Y	N/A



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Individual Action to Collective Engagement					
Climate Conversations 2024 Report: Enhancing our Understanding of Community Climate Action	Ipsos B&A	€27,777.76	2025	Y	N/A
Review of Climate Actions Work and Climate Change Engagement Activities in 2024	George Marshall	€49,950	2025	N - Report being considered as part of review process for NDCA phase 2	N/A
Engagement Framework for Participatory Policymaking	RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd.	€27,459.00	2025	N - Report being considered as part of review process for NDCA phase 2	N/A
Research and report on the existing landfill levy exemptions under the Waste Management (Landfill Levy) Regulations 2015 (SI 189/2015), as amended.	Equanimator Ltd	€35,000	2024	N – under consideration by officials	N – under consideration by officials
WEEE and Batteries Audit of EPR compliance schemes	WSP Ireland Consulting Limited	40,700 (ex VAT) - The Departme	2025	N – under consideration by officials	N – under consideration by officials



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		nt utilised the CE Framework to facilitate this report for the PROs. Responsibility of payment of the report lies with the compliance schemes.			
Review of Code of Corporate Governance for Compliance Schemes	Byrne Wallace Shields LLP	24,925 (ex VAT)	n/a	N (research not yet completed)	N (report not yet completed)
Review and update a Report setting out proposals for a scale of fees for Environmental Law Judicial Reviews	John McDaid	Maximum fee that can be charged: 10,500 Euro.	N/A	N - Project only started	N
Lot 1: Provision of technical and project management support services for the Carbon Capture, Utilisation, Storage and Unallocated Savings	ERM	€279,542 ex VAT	2025	N – under consideration by officials	N – under consideration by officials



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Taskforce					
Lot 2: Provision of technical and project management support services for the delivery of the work of the other Unallocated Savings Taskforces: • Energy Efficiency and Demand Management Wall sectors • Future Energy System Working Group across all sectors • Sustainable Food and Agriculture Working Group.	KPMG	€375,000 ex VAT	N/A	N (re working Group across port not yet completed)	N (report not yet completed)
Regulatory Impact Assessment on proposed regulations for a levy on Single-Use cups	INDECON	84,755 (exc. VAT)	n/a	N (project is currently underway)	N (Project is currently underway)
Report addressing the latest legislative developments at EU level that affect the environmental assessments, with particular regard to energy related developments in the	Philip Lee LLP	Report not yet completed	N/A	N (report not yet completed)	N (report not yet completed)



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maritime areas.					
Tonn Nua Transmission System Infrastructure Costs	GDG Venterra	€8,955	2025	N	12/05/2025
Review of Eirgrid Schedule for Tonn Nua Transmission Infrastructure	GDG Venterra	€14,525.00	2025	N	19/02/2025
Technical Note – Offshore Substation Locations	GDG Venterra	€11,520.00	2025	N	24/02/2025
Technical note – ORESS 1 Market Conditions	GDG Venterra	€15,000	2025	N	02/04/2025
Feasibility Study for Tonn Nua Geotechnical Data	Atkins Réalis	€48,595	2024	Y – details here	
Economic analysis relating to the development of an Offshore Data Surveying Programme	KPMG	€24,984	N/A	N – report not yet completed	N – report not yet completed
Study to explore the potential for exporting hydrogen from Ireland to Continental Europe	ARUP	€136,016	Report not yet completed	N – under consideration by officials	N – report not yet completed
Review AQ focused Citizen Science Projects	Arup Consulting	€19,980 ex VAT	2025	Y – details here	N – not yet provided to the Minister
Solid Fuel Policy Options Paper	Arup Consulting	€19,890 ex VAT	2025	N - Report not completed	N - Report not completed



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Source Apportionment Project of Black Carbon	University College Cork	43,000 Grant	2023	N – Under consideration by officials	N
Decision Making Framework for Intervening on Urban Transport Related Air Quality Issued	ARUP	29,400	2024	N – Under consideration by officials	N
Create Evidence base on the Impact of AQ	UCD	14,558.96 Grant	2024	N – Under consideration by officials	N
Research into AQ Modelling to support AQ Assessment and Planning	VITO	133,100 Grant	Not yet completed	N	N
Development of AQ Communications Toolkit	Enviroguide	9,100	2024	N	N
Development of AQ Roadmap and Guidance Document	FTCO	15,182	2024	N	N
Additional Modelling of Ireland's Energy Security of Supply	Cambridge Economic Policy Associates (CEPA)	€96,216.75 (including self-accounting VAT) - UK company, so not liable for VAT but figure includes	2025	Y – Energy Security in Ireland to 2030	



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		23% for self accounting as required.			
Comprehensive analysis of the legislative, regulatory, licensing and permitting frameworks in respect of geological storage of hydrogen in Ireland	KPMG	€115,200	2025	N – under consideration by officials	N – not yet provided to the Minister
Provision of Agriculture and LULUCF Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2023-2028	University of Galway	€725,473.20 per annum ex. VAT @ 23%	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	N – Academic articles or reports produced during these contracts may be published via the institution directly.	Various
Provision of Electricity Systems Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2023-2028	University College Dublin	€459,894.00 per annum ex. VAT @ 23%	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	N – Academic articles or reports produced during these contracts may be	Various



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				published via the institution directly.	
Provision of Climate and Energy Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2022-2027	University College Cork	€573,625.40 per annum ex. VAT @ 23%	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	N – Academic articles or reports produced during these contracts may be published via the institution directly.	Various
Provision of Development of Hydrogen and ORE Innovation Investment Plans Strategic Assessment Report	KPMG	€94,650	2025	N	N – not yet provided to the Minister
Provision of Economic and Climate Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2023-2027	ESRI	€340,000.00 per annum	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	N – Academic articles or reports produced during these contracts may be published	Various



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Provision of Air Quality and Climate Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2022-2027	EnvEcon Decision Support	€559,000.00 per annum ex. VAT @ 23%	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	N – Academic articles or reports produced during these contracts may be published via the institution directly.	Various
Provision of Air Quality and Climate Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2018-2022	EnvEcon Decision Support	€382,550 per annum ex. VAT @ 23%	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	N – Academic articles or reports produced during these contracts may be published via the institution directly.	Various
Provision of Climate and Energy Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2020-2022	ESRI	€150,000 in 2020 €200,000 per annum thereafter	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	N – Academic articles or reports produced during these contracts	Various



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Provision of Climate and Energy Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2018-2022	University College Cork	€478,012 per annum ex. VAT @ 23%	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	N – Academic articles or reports produced during these contracts may be published via the institution directly.	Various
Provision of Electricity Syses Modelling to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2019-2023	University College Dublin	€277,450.25 per annum ex. VAT @ 23%	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	N – Academic articles or reports produced during these contracts may be published via the institution directly.	Various
ObSERVE Phase III Project: Standards and Protocols for Marine	Sea Watch Foundation, Bangor University	€39,400 (ex VAT)	N/A	N – Not yet	Report will be delivered by 16 th



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Surveys of Mammals, Birds and Sharks in Irish Waters					March 2026
ObSERVE Phase II – Aerial Surveys	University College Cork	€1,348,865	2024	Y	N/A
Irish Offshore Strategic Environment Assessment 6 (IOSEA 6) – SEA and AA Screening Reports, SEA Scoping Document, Environmental Report, Natural Impact Statement document, Post Consultation Report and SEA Statement.	Metoc, TA Intertek EWCS	€169,232	2023	Y	N/A
Provision of an Updated Offshore Bedrock Geology Map for the Irish and Celtic Seas	Venterra Group	€62,641 (ex VAT)	N/A	N - Not yet	Report will be delivered by 16 th October 2026, unless contract is extended
Towards a New Geoscience Agency – Staff Consultation Findings and Change Recommendations	Think HR – Martin Kelly	€23,985	2025	N - The report arose from an in-house staff engagement process which involved	N/A



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				anonymisation of results and confidentiality processes and was therefore not for publication.	
Towards a New Geoscience Agency – Reflections on Staff Presentation of the Final Report July 4 th , 2025	Think HR – Martin Kelly	€5,535	2025	N- The report arose from an in-house staff engagement process which involved anonymisation of results and confidentiality processes and were therefore not for publication.	N/A
Just Transition Indicator Framework for Ireland	Envecon through EPA Fast Track to Policy Research	€24,375	2025	N – Released by the Environmental Protection Agency	N/A
Evaluation of National Just Transition Fund	Indecon Economic Consultants	€90,585	2025	N - Report due for	N – Expected in



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				release	October
Review of the structures of Energy responsibilities in DCEE	Maria Graham	2,228	2025	N	N/A
Analysis of the Marine Fishing Gear market in Ireland and identification of most suitable Extended Producer Responsibility model for compliance with the Single Use Plastics Directive	Eunomia Research & Consulting	€124,975	2024	Y – published online at https://www.gov.ie/en/departments/departments-of-climate-energy-and-the-environment/publications/single-use-plastics/	October 21, 2024
Review of the Climate Action Regional Offices (CAROs)	Ove Arup & Partners Ireland Limited	€50,260 ex VAT	2025	N – under consideration by officials	N/A
Climate Charter – The Story Report and Draft Climate Action Charter	Gate One / A Havas Company	€4,990 ex VAT	2024	N – for internal use only. The outputs from Gate One were used to create the final version of the	N/A - Gate One outputs were not provided to the Minister. However, the final version of the Climate



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				Climate Action Charter which will be released in Q4 2025	Action Charter, which was developed using Gate Ones outputs, was sent to the Minister on 03/07/2025.
Assessing the Strategic Value of Oil Refining in Ireland	Frontier Economics	€229,300 (ex VAT)	2024	N	N/A
Provision of Consultancy Support for the Accelerating Renewable Electricity Taskforce – Investment Report	EY	€55,000 (ex VAT)	2024	N	N/A - The report was presented to the ARET, at which the Minister was present, but it was never officially submitted
Consultancy Support for Environmental Screening Services for the Heat Policy Statement	RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd	89,248	NA	N (Report not yet completed)	NA
National Litter	Tobin Consulting	45905	2025	y	N/A



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Pollution Monitoring System 2024	Engineers				
National Litter Pollution Monitoring Report 2025	Tobin Consulting Engineers	45905	Will be completed in 2026	Report will be published in 2026	N/A
National Litter Pollution Monitoring System Report 2023	Tobin Consulting Engineers				
Consultant regarding implementation of Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 (Batteries Regulation)	Amtivo (Ireland) Limited	80,000 (EX vat)	2025	N	NA
Consultancy to provide an independent analysis of the proposed visible Environmental Costs under extension of the EPR Scheme for tyres	Amtivo (Ireland) Limited	9800 (ex VAT)	2025	N	NA
National Litter Pollution Monitoring System Report 2024	Tobin Consulting Engineers	45905	2025	y	N/A
National Litter Pollution Monitoring System Report 2025	Tobin Consulting Engineers	45905 will be full year cost to end	Will be completed in 2026	Report will be published in 2026	N/A



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		2025			
Strengthening Energy Regulation Oversight	European Economic Research t/a Europe Economics	195,200 euro	2024	N – The recommendations and proposals developed from the report are with the Minister	27/03/2025
Avoca Geotechnical Report 2024 after Site Inspection	CDM Smith	c.€15,000 (Part of larger annual fee for multiple reports)	2024	Yes –online	N/A
Review of Repak NNC Model	Equanimator Ltd	€28,000	Just commissioned	N – ongoing	N/A - Ongoing
Round 1 2024 Monitoring Report for the former Avoca Mining area	CDM Smith	c.€15,000 (Part of larger annual fee for multiple reports)	2024	Yes online	N/A
An Assessment of the Impact of the Geological Survey Ireland Research funding programme.	RML Ltd.	Included in annual research management contract	17 April 2025	Yes, Online at ww.gsi.ie	



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		cost of c. €120k pa.			
Review of Proposed Amendments to Gas Safety Legislation	WSP UK Ltd.	€17,436.97	2023	N	28 September 2023
Land Use Review Phase 2, including: • The procurement of project management support and data analysis • Chairs of working groups • Landowners' behaviours & attitudes to incentives and interventions for multifunctional land use outcomes • Optimising land use outcomes: the role of private finance • Role of public lands in delivering on the Government's objective of improving socioeconomic, climate, biodiversity, water, and air quality outcomes	McKinsey and Company / Compass Informatics Ltd Geraldine Tallon / Mark Scott / Rory O'Donnell University of Galway, KPMG, and University College Cork through EPA Fast Track to Policy Research Mícheál Ó Fathartaigh	1,812,408.43	2025	N – under consideration by Ministers	2 nd May 2025



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Research on the history of Irish land ownership, land use, land use change, and farm structure					
Household Sustainability Tracker (quarterly)	Red C Research & Marketing Ltd.	€48,750 (ex VAT)	N/A – research not yet completed	N (research ongoing)	N (expected Q1 2026)
Consumer Sentiment and Reported Behaviour Research	Amárach Research	€27,885 (ex VAT)	2024	Y	N/A
Consumer Sentiment and Reported Behaviour Research	Amárach Research	€158,355 (ex VAT)	2023	Y	N/A
Consumer Sentiment and Reported Behaviour Research	Amárach Research	€55,935 (ex VAT)	2022	Y	N/A
Clean Technology Innovation Fund Strategic Assessment Report	frontier-economics	€80,000 *ex VAT	Ongoing	N	N/A
Reported Behaviour Research					