



Our Ref: PQ 55074/25

24th October 2025

Mr. Albert Dolan T.D.

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

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Dear Albert,

I refer to Parliamentary Question 55074/25 for answer on 14th October 2025:

To ask the Minister for Enterprise; Tourism and Employment if all contracting authorities under the aegis of his Department are in full compliance with Circular 05/2023, in particular the mandatory requirement to publish contract award notices for all contracts above €25,000; and if he will provide details of the monitoring or enforcement arrangements in place to ensure this requirement is met.

Identical Question(s): to all Depts.

In line with Circular 05/2023 all contracting authorities are required to publish contract award information for procurements valued over €25,000 (exclusive of VAT) following the completion of the award process. While my Department and offices under its aegis adheres to all the relevant guidelines in relation to procurement in full compliance with Circular 05/2023, the specific information sought in the question relates to the operational practices of each State body and is not required to be held centrally by the Department. Information relating to the Agencies of my Department, where applicable, is now provided in Appendix 1.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Burke', is located below the 'Yours sincerely,' text.

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Appendix 1: DETE Agency Responses

Competition and Consumer Protection Commission	The CCPC are aware of the requirements of Circular 05/2023 and will continue to comply with the requirements, in particular the mandatory requirement to publish contract award notices for all contracts above €25,000.’
Corporate Enforcement Authority	The CEA complies with circular 05/23 and in particular: (a) publishes award notices for contracts over €25000 and (b) facilitates the subdivision of contracts into lots in order to make provision for SME participation, for example in its recently published e Discovery PQQ (Pre-Qualification Questionnaire).
Injuries Resolution Board Response	The Injuries Resolution Board has policies and procedures in place to ensure compliance with current procurement rules and guidelines including compliance with Circular 05/2023. The Board publishes all contract award notices in respect of tenders above the relevant EU thresholds. For tenders between €25,000 (exclusive of VAT) and the EU thresholds, the Board publishes a separate notice on eTenders. The Board has an internal review procedure in place to ensure that award notices are published as appropriate. The Injuries Resolution Board endeavours to ensure full compliance with public procurement guidelines, and has a Corporate Procurement plan, Annual Procurement plan, and detailed policies and procedures in place. Measures that are in place to ensure full compliance include the continual review and updating of our procurement policies and procedures, as well as the provision of training to relevant personnel in this important area. Instances of non-compliance with such guidelines, where they occur are reported in the annual statement of internal control in line with the requirements of the Code of Practice for State Bodies.
Irish Audit and Accounting Supervisory Authority	IAASA is compliant, as verified in its Statement on Internal Controls (SIC). For IAASA, the SIC assertion of compliance is supported by a specific internal audit review, and also subject to the external C&AG audit.

National Standards Authority of Ireland	NSAI are in full compliance with mandatory requirements for award notices for all contracts above €25,000. This is monitored by the Procurement Officer.
IDA ~Ireland	IDA Ireland publishes information regarding all contracts awarded and purchase orders above €25,000. This information is published and updated quarterly on the IDA Ireland website under "Financial Information". All archived spend information, by Financial Quarter from Q1 2020, is also available on the IDA website.
Health and Safety Authority	The Authority is substantively in compliance with Circular 05/2023, including the mandatory requirement to publish contract award notices for all contracts above €25,000. However, a review undertaken in June 2025 identified a number of gaps where contract award notices had not yet been issued due to administrative error. Since that review, the Authority has taken corrective action. Internal procedures have been updated, staff training has been completed, and a process is now in place to retrospectively publish the identified anomalies. This process is expected to be completed by the end of October 2025. In the meantime, the Authority's procurement procedures have been strengthened to ensure the timely publication of contract award notices going forward.
Enterprise Ireland	Enterprise Ireland recognises the value and importance of effective public procurement policy and practice for SMEs. Enterprise Ireland engages regularly and proactively with the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) and has played an extensive role in raising awareness of procurement policy and opportunities both from the buyer and tenderer perspective. Circular 05/2023 outlines a number of measures to promote SME participation such as pre-liminary market consultation, lotting, prior information notices etc. which Enterprise Ireland has and continues to deploy as part of its procurement strategy.

	All relevant procurements €50,000 and above are advertised on eTenders and contract notices (including contract award notices) are created upon completion of contracts by Enterprise Ireland as part of the organisation's procurement policy and consistent with Circular 05/2023. For procurements valued between €25,000 and €49,999, and where the procurement competition was managed outside of eTenders, Enterprise Ireland is required to manually create a record of the award on eTenders and complete all relevant fields for contracts over €25,000 (exclusive of VAT). Enterprise Ireland estimates that approximately 20 such awards to-date in 2025 require the manual creation of a record on eTenders, and this work is in progress.
Fáilte Ireland	Fáilte Ireland is in full compliance with Circular 05/2023
Tourism Ireland	Tourism Ireland confirms that it advertises all significant contracts valued at between €25,000 and €221,000 on the Irish public procurement portal eTenders (https://www.etenders.gov.ie) and all procurements above €221,000 on the EU procurement portal https://ted.europa.eu) and on eTenders. Corresponding Contract Award Notices are published in line with mandatory requirements.