



Deputy Carol Nolan TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin
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Re: Parliamentary Question 57285/25 / Dail PQ ref 226

Dear Deputy Nolan,

I refer to the following Parliamentary Question submitted by you for written answer on 21 October 2025.

To ask the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment the details of all reports, including consultancy reports commissioned by his Department from 1 January 2024 to date in 2025, that could be categorised as not for external publication or marked for internal use only; the cost of each report; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

With my sincere apologies for the delay, the information requested is set out in the table below.

I trust that this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'D. O'Brien', written in a cursive style.

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



Name of Study /Research/Report	Name of company that study/research/report was outsourced to	Total cost of Study /research/report ex VAT	Year report /study/research completed	Report /study for Internal Use by Department Only Y/In-Part
Provision of consultancy services to support policy considerations relating to repowering and extension of life of existing onshore renewable electricity projects	KPMG	€325,300	2025 – to date	Y (DCEE & DHLGH use only)
Ireland's Textiles EPR Roadmap and Report	WRAP UK - The Waste and Resources Action Programme	€32,688	2025	Y
Circularity Roadmap for the Construction Sector, including proposals for a virgin aggregates levy	WSP Ireland	€51,020	2025	Y
Review of Climate Actions Work and Climate Change Engagement Activities in 2024	George Marshall	€49,950	2025	Y
Engagement Framework for Participatory Policymaking	RPS Consulting Engineers Ltd.	€27,459.00	2025	Y
Research and report on the existing landfill levy exemptions under the Waste	Equanimator Ltd	€35,000	2024	Y



Management (Landfill Levy) Regulations 2015 (SI 189/2015), as amended.				
Review of Code of Corporate Governance for Compliance Schemes	Byrne Wallace Shields LLP	€24,925	N/A	Y
Provision of technical and project management support services for the Carbon Capture, Utilisation, Storage and Unallocated Savings Taskforce	ERM	€279,542	2025	In part
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	N/A	In part
Regulatory Impact Assessment on proposed regulations	INDECON	€84,755	N/A	Y



for a levy on Single-Use cups				
Report addressing the latest legislative developments at EU level that affect the environmental assessments, with particular regard to energy related developments in the maritime areas.	Philip Lee LLP	Report not yet completed	N/A	TBC
Tonn Nua Transmission System Infrastructure Costs	GDG Venterra	€8,955	2025	Y
Review of Eirgrid Schedule for Tonn Nua Transmission Infrastructure	GDG Venterra	€14,525.00	2025	Y
Technical Note – Offshore Substation Locations	GDG Venterra	€11,520.00	2025	Y
Technical note – ORESS 1 Market Conditions	GDG Venterra	€15,000	2025	Y
Economic analysis relating to the development of an Offshore Data Surveying Programme	KPMG	€24,984	N/A	Y
Study to explore the potential for exporting hydrogen	ARUP	€136,016	Report not yet completed	TBC



from Ireland to Continental Europe				
Solid Fuel Policy Options Paper	Arup Consulting	€19,890	2025	Y
Source Apportionment Project of Black Carbon	University College Cork	€43,000	2023	Y (DCEE and Local Authority Sector)
Decision Making Framework for Intervening on Urban Transport Related Air Quality Issued	ARUP	€29,400	2024	Y
Create Evidence base on the Impact of AQ	UCD	€14,558.96	2024	Y
Research into AQ Modelling to support AQ Assessment and Planning	VITO	€133,100	Report not yet completed	Y
Development of AQ Communications Toolkit	Enviroguide	€9,100	2024	Y
Development of AQ Roadmap and Guidance Document	FTCO	€15,182	2024	Y
Comprehensive analysis of the legislative, regulatory, licensing and permitting frameworks in respect of geological	KPMG	€115,200	2025	TBC



storage of hydrogen in Ireland				
Provision of Agriculture and LULUCF Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2023-2028	University of Galway	€725,473.20 per annum	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	In part
Provision of Electricity Systems Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2023-2028	University College Dublin	€459,894 per annum	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	In part
Provision of Climate and Energy Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2022-2027	University College Cork	€573,625.40 per annum	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	In part
Provision of Development of Hydrogen and ORE Innovation Investment Plans Strategic Assessment Report	KPMG	€94,650	2025	Y – currently the report provided is for internal use only
Provision of Economic and Climate Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2023-2027	ESRI	€340,000 per annum	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	In part



Provision of Air Quality and Climate Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2022-2027	EnvEcon Decision Support	€559,000.00 per annum	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	In part
Provision of Air Quality and Climate Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2018-2022	EnvEcon Decision Support	€382,550 per annum	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	In part
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	In part
Provision of Climate and Energy Modelling Services to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2018-2022	University College Cork	€478,012 per annum	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	In part
Provision of Electricity Sysytem Modelling to the Climate Action Modelling Group 2019-2023	University College Dublin	€277,450.25 per annum	Yearly work programme agreed with research delivered at various stages	In part
Towards a New Geoscience Agency – Staff Consultation Findings and Change Recommendations	Think HR – Martin Kelly	€23,985	2025	Y



Towards a New Geoscience Agency – Reflections on Staff Presentation of the Final Report July 4th, 2025	Think HR – Martin Kelly	€5,535	2025	Y
Review of the structures of Energy responsibilities in DCEE	Maria Graham	€2,228	2025	Y
Assessing the Strategic Value of Oil Refining in Ireland	Frontier Economics	€229,300	2024	Y
Provision of Consultancy Support for the Accelerating Renewable Electricity Taskforce – Investment Report	EY	€55,000	2024	Y
Consultancy to provide an independent analysis of the proposed visible Environmental Costs under extension of the EPR Scheme for tyres	Amtivo (Ireland) Limited	€9,800	2025	Y
Review of Repak NNC Model	Equanimator Ltd	€28,000	Just commissioned	Y
Clean Technology Innovation Fund Strategic Assessment Report	frontier-economics	€80,000	Ongoing	Y