

Regulatory Impact Analysis

Summary

Tailte Éireann Bill 2014

Summary of Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA)	
Department/Office:	Title of Legislation:
Department of Justice & Equality	Tailte Éireann Bill 2014
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Related Publications	Registration of Title Act 1964 Registration of Deeds and Title Act 2006 Ordnance Survey Ireland Act 2001 Valuation Act 2001 Valuation (Amendment) Act 2014
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What are the policy objectives being pursued?

1.	In line with Government policy regarding the rationalisation of State Agencies and Bodies, to provide for the amalgamation of three organisations - the Property Registration Authority, the Office of the Commissioner for Valuation and Ordnance Survey Ireland.
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Consultation process

A Working Group on the possible merger established to conduct the critical review of one of the Agency rationalisation proposals set out in the Government's *Public Service Reform* plan consulted with the three organisations concerned and their parent Departments on the opportunities and challenges raised by the possible merger of the organisations.

What policy options have been considered?

Please summarise the costs, benefits and impacts relating to each below and indicate whether a preferred option has been identified.

Policy Options	
1.	Do nothing
2.	Collaborative model whereby OSi, PRA and VO would enter into a Spatial Data Infrastructure Agreement establishing a shared service and back office function to achieve cost saving opportunities and expertise.
3.	Full merger of the three organisations

Benefits/Impacts of options

Option	Description	Benefits	Impacts
1.	Do nothing	None.	A "do nothing" approach would not meet the requirements of Government policy.
2.	Collaborative model	Allows for achievement of costs savings and development of expertise in short to medium time frame; Would streamline Government funding through a Pan-Government on funding;	While the proposal has a number of benefits as outlined, it does not deliver on the Government's agenda to reduce number of agencies/bodies.

		Would eliminate the need for significant upfront expenditure to ensure the creation of a viable entity;	
3.	Full merger of the three organisations	<p>Reduces the number of State Agencies in line with Government policy;</p> <p>Provides for one single model of ownership of data;</p> <p>Potential to achieve back office savings in the medium term;</p> <p>Provides potential for savings in areas such as accommodation;</p> <p>Allows for more effective sharing of expertise;</p> <p>Would have more influence in development and implementation of national spatial data strategy;</p> <p>More likely to ensure a shared culture and ethos in one merged organisation than in three separate Agencies with divergent priorities and goals.</p>	<p>Reduces the number of State Agencies;</p> <p>One single model of data ownership;</p> <p>Achievement of savings in back office costs and accommodation costs;</p> <p>More influential body in relation to national spatial data information;</p> <p>Puts in place a strategic Spatial Data Infrastructure.</p> <p>Streamlines Government funding and focuses it into the appropriate areas through Pan-Government agreement on funding.</p>