



**An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt  
agus Comhionannais**  
Department of Justice  
and Equality

# **Resource Efficiency Action Plan**

## 51 Saint Stephen's Green

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## Introduction

The Government Decision S180/20/10/0434C of 3 January 2019, on the topic of Single Use Plastics, Prevention of Waste and Green Public Procurement, instructed that each public body must report to its respective Minister, by end-November 2019, on the measures it is taking to minimise waste generation and to maximise recycling. The Decision also instructed departments to eliminate single-use plastic beverage cups, cutlery and drinking straws from end January, 2019.

In addition, the Decision included an instruction to Government Departments to publish a Resource Efficiency Action Plan (REAP) for their headquarters buildings. A REAP is the output arising from an on-site assessment or audit of how an organisation uses its energy, water and waste resources. This exercise allows for the proper benchmarking of data relating to these three areas.

The Department of Justice and Equality has been actively engaged with the Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment on an ongoing basis on these issues.

Mr Doncha O'Sullivan, Assistant Secretary (Corporate) is the Energy Performance Officer (EPO) for the Department of Justice and Equality, and is the senior EPO for the wider Justice sector.

In 2019, an Energy Performance Officers' Forum was established across the Justice sector, bringing together senior managers with budgetary responsibility for energy and expenditure on projects to reduce energy use. It has met twice so far.

An Energy Managers' Forum was also established for Facilities and Accommodation Managers with day-to-day responsibility for energy use, recycling, waste disposal and other environmental considerations. Within the Department of Justice and Equality itself, a Green Team has been established, drawing its membership from across various grades and business units, with the aim of advancing the sustainability agenda through awareness campaigns, events, and actions.

The Department has completed its REAP for its Head Office at 51 Saint Stephen's Green, and plans to extend this to other buildings in its portfolio in 2020.

While public sector bodies are not currently required to complete a REAP, the benefits of benchmarking current energy, waste and water usage figures, with a view to identifying opportunities to maximise recycling and minimise waste, are clear. Of the seventeen Justice sector bodies who have reported to date on waste reduction on maximization of recycling, ten are planning to develop a REAP in 2020.

# R.E.A.P. for 51 Saint Stephen's Green

<b>Data for REAP environmental benchmark</b>		Year:	2018
Department name:	Justice and Equality		
<b>Site</b>			
Site address:	51 Saint Stephen's Green		
Green team contact person:	Name:	A. Sweeney	
	email:	<a href="mailto:asweeney@justice.ie">asweeney@justice.ie</a>	
	phone:	01-6028673	
Total number of staff at this site (FTE):	244.13		
Total area of the building (m2):	5945 m2		
<b>Energy data</b>			
Total electricity use for the year	465,566 kWh		
Total thermal fuel use for the year (as relevant):			
Natural gas, LPG, & biogas	762,536 kWh		
Heating oils	0 kWh		
Renewables	0 kWh		
<b>Total thermal fuel use:</b>	<b>762,536 kWh</b>		
<b>Energy indicator:</b>	<b>206.58 kWh per m2 per year</b>		
Total transport fuel use	7,300 kWh		
<b>Water data</b>			
Total water use for the year	2,093 m3		
<b>Water indicator:</b>	<b>9 m3 per employee per year</b>		
<b>Waste data</b>			
Total waste amounts for the year (fill in as relevant):			
Recyclables	13 tonnes		
Food waste	1 tonnes		
General waste	15 tonnes		
Other (e.g. confidential paper, WEEE, etc.)	1 tonnes		
<b>Total waste</b>	<b>30 tonnes</b>		
<b>Waste indicators:</b>	<b>121 kg per employee per year</b>		
	<b>50% - percentage sent for recycling</b>		
<b>A summary list of recent environmental actions already taken (waste, water, energy, resources):</b>			
Resources:			
2018: Doncha O'Sullivan, A/Sec, appointed as Energy Performance Officer for the Justice Sector.			
2019: Energy Performance Officers' Forum established for the Justice Sector.			
2019: Energy Managers' Forum established for the Justice sector.			
2019: Department established Green Teams, drawn from volunteers across all grades and functions.			

**Energy:**

2019: SEAI data indicates department has produced energy savings of 32.5%.

**Waste:**

2019: Single-use plastics eliminated from Department. Agencies advised of requirement to do so.

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# Appendix 1 – Government Decision S180/20/10/0434C



Uimhir Thagartha: S180/20/10/0434C

## CRUINIÚ RIALTAIS

**Dáta: 03/01/2019**

**Ábhar:** Actions by Departments and Agencies on Single Use Plastics, Prevention of Waste and Green Public Procurement

**An tAire a thionscain:** Oifig an Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil

**Dáta an Mheabhráin:** 28/12/2018

**Cinneadh an Rialtais:**

Agreed that

- (i) Government Departments will not purchase single-use plastic beverage cups, cutlery and drinking straws, directly or indirectly, after 1 January 2019;
- (ii) each Government Department adopts and publishes by end-June 2019 a Resource Efficiency Action Plan that sets out the measures it is taking to minimise waste generation and maximise recycling;
- (iii) all public bodies and commercial state agencies under the aegis of Ministers will not purchase single-use plastic beverage cups, cutlery and drinking straws after 31 March 2019, except where specific public health/hygiene issues arise;
- (iv) each public body reports to its respective Minister by end-November 2019 on the measures it is taking to minimise waste generation and maximise recycling;
- (v) the Office of Government Procurement and the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment bring forward proposals on implementing green public procurement as part of national public procurement policy and practice by end-March 2019; and
- (vi) the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform would issue a procurement circular to ensure that all Departments and public bodies implement this policy.