

# REFLECT REVIEW AND REFORM

The following statistics are very useful to both conversers and voters.

## The banks

- €60bn - The size of the black hole at Irish banks after their losses.
- €30bn - The amount the State paid through Nama for 11,000 property loans, face value €71bn.
- €100bn - What Anglo Irish Bank chairman Alan Dukes believes it could cost to clean up the banks in full.
- €29.3bn - The cost of bailing out Anglo Irish Bank, which is to be wound down. (This could rise by €5bn if property values haven't recovered in 10 years).
- €7.2bn - Amount the Government has pumped into Allied Irish Banks, taking almost outright ownership. AIB must raise €4.7bn more in the next bailout (postponed until after the election) by This is also likely to come from the State.
- €85bn - Cost of the financial-aid package agreed with the European Union and International Monetary Fund.

Sources: Department of Finance, Financial Regulator, Central Bank, memorandum of understanding with the EU-IMF and the National Asset Management Agency

## Health

- 569 - Number of patients on trolleys and chairs in emergency departments on January 5th.
- 47,587 - Number of patients waiting for elective procedures at the end of November.
- €1.4bn - Amount being slashed from the health budget between now and 2014.
- €322,000 - Salary paid to the HSE's chief executive Cathal Magee.
- 45 - Percentage hike in cost of some VHI premiums this year. Aviva is increasing the cost of its policies by 14 per cent.
- €0 - Amount fourth year student nurses will be paid for nine-month work placements by 2015.
- 17,354 - Numbers of staff in management/admin grades in the HSE at the end of November.
- 1,045 Number of hospital beds that were closed at the end of October.

- 536 Number of delayed discharge patients in acute hospital beds at the end of October.

Sources: HSE, Department of Health, Comptroller and Auditor General, Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation, the National Recovery Plan

### **Economy**

- 1 in 7 - Number of jobs lost since employment peaked in the Irish economy in 2007.
- 1 in 7 - Proportion of labour force unemployed at the beginning of 2011.
- €118bn - Value of Ireland's exports of goods and services in the first nine months of 2010 – an all-time record.
- €3.5bn - Amount spent on servicing the national debt last year, a 133 per cent increase on 2008.
- €21,000 - Amount of national debt for every man, woman and child in Ireland.
- €99.6bn - Amount to be repaid in all mortgages outstanding in December 2010, down from a peak of €127bn in May 2008.
- €94.6bn - Amount of households' deposits in Irish banks

Sources: CSO; Central Bank Of Ireland; NTMA

### **Education**

- 24 - Percentage of 15-year-olds who are effectively illiterate.
- 17 - Ireland's current ranking in international league tables on literacy.
- 5 - Ireland's ranking in the same table 10 years ago.
- 100,000 - Number of primary- school children in classes of over 30 pupils.
- 60 - Number earning more than €150,000 per year in the education sector.
- 48 - Percentage of maths teachers at second level who have no qualification in the subject.
- Number of teachers fired for underperformance by the Department of Education.
- 30 of 34 - Ireland's rank in international league tables on education spending.

Sources: OECD, Department of Education and Skills, the Higher Education Authority, The Irish Times Feeder School List 2010.

## **Social Policy**

- 439,200 - The number of people on the live register claiming unemployment benefits.
- 13.4 - Percentage of people unemployed – up from 3.7 per cent in 2000.
- 100,000 - Number of people forecast to emigrate between April 2010 and April 2012.
- €188 - Weekly jobseekers' allowance paid to those aged 25 years or over.
- €8 - Weekly cut in the disability allowance and blind pension in the budget. They are now worth €188.
- €120,000 - Value of Mary Harney's annual TD and ministerial pension. She also receives a pension lump sum of €160,000, a termination lump sum of about €17,000 and monthly Oireachtas termination payments over the next 12 months worth another €66,900.

Sources: Central Statistics Office, Dept of Social Protection, ESRI and The Irish Times