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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Fortieth Annual General Meeting of The Economic and Social Research Institute (Limited Company registered in Dublin, Registration No. 18269), will be held at the Registered Office at 4 Burlington Road, Dublin 4, on Tuesday, 28th September 1999 at 1.30 p.m.

Agenda

- 1. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT
- 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- 3. Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 December 1998
- 4. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO THE MEMBERS
- 5. ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL
- 6. FIXING THE AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

By order of the Council,

J. ROUGHAN Secretary

Registered Office, 4 Burlington Road, Dublin 4

7th September 1999



THE ECONOMIC & SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Economic and Social Research Institute is a non-profit organisation which was founded in 1960 as the Economic Research Institute with the help of a grant from the Ford Foundation of New York. In 1966, following a report by a United Nations special adviser, the Institute assumed responsibility for social research and extended its title to The Economic and Social Research Institute.

The Institute is a private company, limited by guarantee, incorporated under the Companies Acts 1908-1990, and enjoys full academic independence. It is governed by a Council consisting of 30 members, in addition to the President and the Director, appointed from the general members of the Institute and representative of business, trade unions, government departments, state agencies, universities and other research institutes. A committee of the Council, the Executive Committee, carries out the functions of the Institute's Board of Directors.

The Institute receives an annual grant-in-aid from the Irish Government which, in 1998, covered approximately 35 per cent of total expenditure. The remainder of its income is generated from commissioned research projects, sponsorship of Institute activities by Irish business, membership subscriptions and sales of publications. The most important resource of the Institute is the quality of its staff, whose high levels of expertise allow them to work to international standards of excellence. The total number of full-time research staff at the Institute is 39. The results of the Institute's research have been included in over 500 published reports, in addition to the volumes of the *Quarterly Economic Commentary* and the *Medium-term Review of the Irish Economy*, as well as in numerous books and articles in academic journals, published in Ireland and abroad.

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The Audited Final Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 1998 are published separately.

The Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 December 1998 is supplemented by the *Review of ESRI Research in 1998* and by the *List of ESRI Publications* which are published separately.

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I imes of success are good times to plan for the future. In the past, decisions often had to be made in an atmosphere of crisis or near-crisis – the over-riding of imperatives of the debt and employment problems encountered in the 1980s are cases in point. Today, the good performance of the economy offers a wider range of policy options for the future. ESRI research has a major role to play in elucidating these choices and exploring their implications.

FOREWORD



Professor Brendan J. Whelan, Director

The work completed during 1998, described in detail in the accompanying volume Review of Research 1998, clearly illustrates the value of an independent research organisation with the capacity to pursue in-depth investigations into these pressing issues. On the economic front, the Economic Commentary continued to analyse current Ouarterly developments and to highlight the key aspects of policy. For example, during the year it emphasised that employment creation should no longer be the single over-riding goal. While it will always remain of considerable significance, other issues such as the removal of bottlenecks in infrastructure or the labour market now need increased attention. A major project on National Investment Priorities 2000-2006 was commenced in 1998 and became the focus of intense public attention when it was published in early 1999. Based on a detailed and consistent macroeconomic forecast, this report examined the types of investment required to attain a set of desired national objectives.

Economic success should not be purchased at too high a price in terms of degradation of the physical environment, or unacceptable social developments. The Institute carried a range of studies related to the environment, such as projects on energy policy, environmental accounts and forestry. Significant new work on income distribution, fiscal policy and poverty was carried out, including analysis of low pay, the impact of the proposed minimum wage legislation and an important conference on perspectives for the Budget. Attention was devoted to providing detailed forecasts of the occupational structure and to assessing the growing skill shortages in the economy. The process of transition from school to working life was studied at national level and the ESRI was selected the lead team in an international study of this topic. In-depth research was also conducted in relation to education, health services and other aspects of social policy.

The range and depth of ESRI work could not be sustained without continued investment in what might be termed the intellectual infrastructure of research. For example, the ESRI's macro-economic model underpins all of our work on medium term forecasting and the assessment of investment priorities, as well as providing vital inputs to work such as occupational forecasting and evaluating the impact of the minimum wage. Similarly, databases developed from primary sources by the Survey Unit such as the Living in Ireland Survey and the surveys of school leavers provide detailed insights which could not be obtained by other means.

These resources must be kept continually up to date in terms of both method and content. This cannot always be financed by means of individual commissioned projects. The Institute is, therefore, particularly grateful for the donations by the business sponsors listed in Appendix A and to the Government for the grant-in-aid, both of which help to fund this aspect of our work. The quality of our research depends crucially on our capacity to keep these tools of the trade as effective and current as possible.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1998

INTRODUCTION

During 1998, twenty seven substantive reports by Institute staff, were published either by the Institute or by outside organisations, in addition to forty-two journal articles and ninety-five papers presented to conferences and seminars. A further thirty four commissioned reports were completed and 19 surveys were undertaken for outside organisations. Major research studies were completed during the year in the following areas:

- The Economy: short-term economic forecasting; economic and social changes; the Irish economic growth experience; the structural funds; industrial policy; industrial clusters in an Irish context; investment in roads; competition legislation;
- The Environment: impact of transport growth; impact of subsidies and agricultural schemes; fiscal reform; environmental accounts for Ireland; the reform of the green budget;
- Banking and Finance: exchange rate changes and inflation; banking system failures;
- Prices and Incomes: low pay and the impact of the minimum wage;
- Demography and Labour: occupational change; school leavers' experiences; job vacancies; skill needs; FÁS training schemes; incompany training; Irish emigration experience and returning migrants; European unemployment;
- Education: the Irish 'youth labour market; vocational training and labour market transitions;
- Health: the Irish Health System; health care reform in Central and Eastern Europe: health promotion;
- Social Policy: budgetary aspects of social welfare, long-term unemployment and child care; women and poverty; taxes, transfers and the labour market; household composition, living standards and

needs; poverty and work incentives; local authority housing; social mobility.

Four very successful conferences/ symposiums were organised by the Institute, some in association with other organisations as follows:

- In January 1998 a symposium was organised by the Historical National Accounts Group at the ESRI. Papers were presented on wages and prices in Belfast 1786-1860, growth in Manufacturing Output in pre-famine Ireland and the potato in Irish history 1770-1924.
- A workshop on "Fiscal Reform and Environmental Objectives" was organised by the ESRI Environment Policy Research Centre in association with the Foundation for Fiscal Studies and the Environmental Institute, UCD, in March 1998. The objective of the workshop was to stimulate discussion and exploration of the use of marketbased approaches to environmental policy in cohesion countries. Papers presented examined the issues from different perspectives, i.e., current European research policy, views from the UK, Denmark and Irish Business and the potential for eco-tax reform in Ireland.
- In October 1998 a pre-budget conference – 'Budget Perspectives' – was organised by the ESRI in association with the Foundation for Fiscal Studies focusing on the issues arising in the medium term. Papers presented at the conference were: the macroeconomic situation underlying the budget; how the budget for 1999 could achieve a more even-handed distribution of the increased national wealth; labour market initiatives to assist the unemployed; the need for the Government to respond to the child care issue; and tax measures to combat the problems of traffic congestion and pollution.
- A Conference in December 1998 on "Taxes, Transfers and Labour Market Responses: What can Microsimulation Tell Us?" benefited from papers presented by international experts in the area of the development and application of microsimulation models to taxes, transfers, labour supply and behavioural responses.

During 1998 twenty five new research projects were commenced by the staff of the Institute in the following areas:

- i. Economic Growth: evaluation of investment priorities post-1999; economic assessment of EU fisheries;
- ii. Energy: barriers to energy efficiency;
- iii. Prices and Incomes: impact of the minimum wage;
- iv. Demography & Labour: labour education demand, and the dynamics of social exclusion; occupational replacement demand; employment policy; human resource interventions; training in agriculture; industrial vacancies: and occupational classifications; flexible labour, earnings and poverty; impact of ageing on the labour market;
- v. Social Policy: monitoring trends in poverty; local dynamics of precarity and resistance to exclusion in urban contexts; analysis of European microdata on living standards; economics of child care; quality of life of older people;
- vi. Education: transitions from education to work; social rates of returns to educational interventions;
- vii. Health: private practice in public hospitals; financing and delivery of health care in Central and Eastern Europe;
- viii. Crime: crime victimisation;
- ix. Data & Methodology: distributions of econometric test criteria.

ESRI RESEARCH

From a position of relative underdevelopment just a decade ago, Ireland is emerging as a modern developed economy with a strong underlying growth potential. As shown in many studies completed at the Institute, the interaction of several factors, all operating in harmony, has nurtured the non-inflationary growth of the Irish economy. These include:

- improved educational facilities;
- labour force growth, particularly increased female participation and the return of highly educated and highly skilled migrants;
- demographic trends which have been unique in Europe and have caused a sharp reduction in dependency rates;
- the openness of the Irish economy in terms of trade, capital flows and labour force movements;
- the success of industrial policy in attracting high technology firms assisted by a low corporate taxation regime and a highly educated labour force;



- a stable economic environment achieved through a strategy of social partnership;
- the effects of membership of the European Union, particularly the single market and the assistance provided by the structural funds.

All these developments have been underpinned by comprehensive and strategic programmes of research carried out at the Institute, which have been undertaken on the basis of partnership with the Public Sector and the Irish business community assisted by the Commission of the European Communities.

As we move towards the new millennium, there are some note-worthy developments which are likely to have a profound effect on Irish society and will strongly influence the programmes of research at the Institute.

- The Good Friday Peace Agreement, which provides the potential for peace in the island of Ireland, could give an impetus to both parts of the island in terms of inward investment, development of indigenous industry and improvements in physical and social planning.
- The recent economic growth has given rise to some concerns about the exclusion of significant sections of the population from the benefits of economic success. The investigation of barriers to participation will, therefore, be of particular importance.
- The advent of EMU puts Ireland at the forefront of European integration but will impose new disciplines on the management of the economy.
- The recent work by ESRI staff and others investment on priorities advocate considerable changes in the disposition of public capital expenditure, with special emphasis on improving the physical infrastructure and reduced subsidisation of the commercial sectors. It further suggests targeted investment in continued education and substantially increased resources for research and Improved regional development. balance is also prioritised. The implementation of this investment programme will require a range of strategic research.
- In December 1998 the European Union approved the *Fifth Framework Programme of Research, Technological Development (RTD) and Demonstration 1998-2002.* The Programme, which has a total budget of •15 billion, aims to

promote scientific research which will help to realise the Community's vision of Europe as having "a thriving industrial sector, a healthy environment and greater well-being for all its citizens". Socio-economic research is seen as an important component of the initiative. The ESRI has had significant success, both as co-ordinator and participant, in a large number of ∆th projects under earlier the Framework Programme. We are, therefore, well placed to compete strongly in applications to the new Programme.

When account is taken of these developments, the priorities for the Institute in the years ahead are:

Macro-economic Policy

- current economic situation: short-term forecasting;
- evolution and modelling of the economy in the Medium Term;
- evolution of the economy in the longer term;
- economic policy under EMU: financial and banking aspects;
- public investment priorities;
- international and cross-border studies: Ireland North and South; Ireland and the EU;

Social Policy

- studies of demography, both medium and longer term;
- the evolution of the family and care provision;
- health needs and expenditure;
- effectiveness of social welfare provisions including pensions etc.
- income distribution and poverty levels;
- crime and criminology
- social housing;

Public Finance and Taxation

- work incentives including effects of the social welfare system;
- tax benefit modelling;

Labour Market Issues

- occupational forecasting;
- unemployment;
- education and training policy; school to work transitions; policies to reduce the level of educational 'failure'; school effectiveness;

Micro-economic Policy

- environment policies; use of economic instruments to achieve environmental goals;
- transport;
- energy policies and options;

- industrial policy: extent of current dependence on 'high tech' industries;
- competition, regulation and privatisation;
- development of natural resources.

COUNCIL CHANGES

During 1998 Mr P. Lynch and Mr J. Moran retired from the Council. Mr K. O'Hara and Professor W. Roche were elected to the Council.



FINAL ACCOUNTS 1998

The Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 December 1998 which are audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General are published separately.

> Member of Council: J.F. Harford

Member of Council: M.F. Doyle

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APPENDICES

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CONTRIBUTORS TO THE ESRI FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN 1995-2000

The Institute wishes to acknowledge the very generous support it has received from the following who contributed to our fund-raising campaign.



APPENDIX A

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Irish Dairy Board Irish Distillers Group plc Irish Intercontinental Bank Irish Life Irish National Petroleum Corporation Irish National Teachers' Organisation Irish Nurses Organisation Irish Pensions Trust Ltd Irish Permanent plc Irish Times Ltd London Life and General Reinsurance Company Ltd Merck Sharp & Dohme (Ireland) MSF (Manufacturing, Science & Finance) Murphy Brewery Ireland Ltd Nestle Distribution Ireland New Ireland Assurance Co plc Novartis Agribusiness Ireland Ltd Norwich Union Pfizer Pharmaceuticals Production Corporation An Post Power Supermarkets Ltd PricewaterhouseCoopers RTE - Radio Telefis Eireann Ryan Irish Hotels SIPTU Services Industrial Technical Union Smurfit Ireland Ltd Superquinn Ltd TSB Bank Teachers Union of Ireland Telecom Eireann Ulster Bank Trust Company Voluntary Health Insurance Board Yamanouchi (Ireland) Company Ltd

STAFFING

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STAFF AT 31 DECEMBER 1998

Director	B.J. Whelan
Assistant Director (Administration) & Secretary	J. Roughan
Research Staff	
Research Professors	J. Bradley, T.Callan, D. Conniffe, J. Fitz Gerald, D.F. Hannan (Head of Sociology and Social Policy), G. Hughes, C. Kearney, K.A. Kennedy, B. Nolan, J.J. Sexton, C.T. Whelan
Senior Research Officers	T.J. Baker, T. Fahey, P.J. O'Connell, E. O'Malley, S. Scott, M.M. Wiley, J. Williams (Head of Survey Unit)
Research Officers	A. Barrett, I. Kearney, R. Layte, E. Morgenroth, K. O'Higgins, H. Russell, E. Smyth, D. Watson
Assistant Research Officers	D. Duffy, M. Healy, S. McCoy
Research Assistants/Analysts	A. Doyle, V. Gash, B. McCormick, J. McBride, B. Maitre, R. Nestor, D. Smyth, F. Trace, J. Walsh
Technical Staff	
Survey Unit	S. Blackwell (Survey Processing), B. Gallagher (Surveys Executive), N. Hughes (Surveys Executive), P. Needham (Operations Manager), M. O'Connor (Surveys Executive), E. Power (Field Operations Executive), F. Rhatigan (Assistant to Field Operations Executive), B. Ryan (Data Validation) <i>Coding & Data Entry</i> : M. Clarke, I. Condron <i>Contract Staff</i> . B. Carr, F. Connaughton, A. Jorgensen, A. Kinch, A. Mulligan, R. Walpole
Hospital In-Patient Enquiry	A. Clifton (Systems Analyst), J. Curley (Coding & Data Control Officer), C. Doble (Data Management & Statistical Analysis), B. McCarthy (Analyst/Programmer), D. Murphy (Medical Coding Executive) <i>Medical Coding</i> : M. Glynn, N. Wall
Computer Services	R. MacCarthy (Data Processing), J. Ryan (Systems Administrator)

Administrative Services

Executives and Clerical	S. Burns (Acting Librarian), P. Byrne (Assistant Director's Secretary), B. Clancy (Accounts), M. Cleary (General Office), C. Forde (Administration), P. Hopkins (Printing), R. Moore (Desk-top Publishing), C. O'Regan (Accounts), F. O'Sullivan (Director's Secretary) <i>Clerical</i> : A. Curran, B. Forde, A. Hanlon, P. Hughes, A. O'Connell, D. Whitaker
General Services	<i>Services Officers</i> : G. Garbutt, T. Kelleher <i>Catering and Cleaning</i> : A. Dent, M. Duffy, B. Flynn, F. Godwin, M. Heeney (Cleaning Supervisor), P. Hiney (Catering Supervisor), D. Logan, M. O'Reilly
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Staff Members on Career Break/Leave of Absence	C. Collins, R. Costello, M. Galvin, P. Honohan
Visiting Scholar	F. O'Connor (Professor of Economics, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky).
Post-graduate Fellowships (abroad)	A. Canny, B. McCabe, S. McCoy, S.F. McGinnity, B. Merriman, F. Shortall

OTHER STAFF COMMITMENTS

A number of staff continued to perform a limited amount of teaching in the universities and in other forums of professional or adult education. The staff of the Institute also participated in a number of national and international conferences.

A. BARRETT	(i)	Research Affiliate, Centre for Economic Policy Research, London.
	(ii)	Member, The Royal Irish Academy National Committee for the Study of International Affairs.
	(iii)	Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA) University of Bonn.
J. BRADLEY	(i)	Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Economic Modelling.
T. CALLAN	(i)	Member, Working Group on Poverty and Welfare in Ireland.
	(ii)	Member, Steering Group, Long-term Unemployed Project, Northside Partnership.
D. CONNIFFE	(i)	Council, Economic and Social Studies.
	(ii)	Vice President, Irish Statistical Association.
D. DUFFY	(i)	Member, Groupeuro - EU panel of speakers on a single currency.
	(ii)	Member of Institute of European Affairs Forward Perspectives Steering
		Group.
T. FAHEY	(i)	Chairperson, Trócaire Research Advisory Group.
	(ii)	Associate Editor (Production), European Sociological Review.
	(iii)	Member, Irish Aid Advisory Committee.
	(iv)	Member, Women's Health Council.
	(v)	Member, International Steering Committee of the 1999 European Values Survey.
J. FITZ GERALD	(i)	Member of National Economic and Social Council.
	(ii)	Member, Working Group on Emissions Trading.
D.F. HANNAN	(i)	Council, Economic and Social Studies.
	(ii)	Member of R.I.A. Social Sciences Committee.
	(iii)	Member, Policy Advisory Committee on Educational Disadvantage,
		Combat Poverty Agency.
	(iv)	Member, Focus Ireland Research Fund Trust.
	(v)	Member of Steering Group on Education/Training Indicators (EU-DG XXII).
G. HUGHES	(i)	Associate Editor of International Contributions to Labour Studies.

	(ii) (iii)	Visiting Professor, University College Cork, Department of Economics. Member of CIRETOQ Network for Co-operation in Research on Trends in the Development of Occupations & Qualifications in
C. KEARNEY	(i) .	European Union. Member of Editorial Board of the International Review of Financial Analysis.
	(ii)	Member of Editorial Board of International Journal of Business Studies.
	(iii)	Member of the Australian Standing Committee of the Econometric Society.
K.A. KENNEDY	(i)	Council, Economic and Social Studies.
	(ii)	Vice-President, Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland.
	(iii)	Member, Humanities Research Committee of the Royal Irish Academy.
	(iv)	Visiting Professor, University College Cork.
	(v)	Member of the Advisory Committee on the Assessment of Candidates for Membership of the Royal Irish Academy.
	(vi)	Convenor, Historical National Accounts Group for Ireland.
	(vii)	Member, Committee of Management of the Northern Ireland Economic Research Centre.
B. NOLAN	(i)	Council, Economic and Social Studies.
	(ii)	Member, Working Group on Poverty & Welfare in Ireland.
	(iii)	Member, National Committee for Economics and Social Sciences –
	<i></i> 、	Royal Irish Academy.
K. O'HIGGINS	(iv)	Member, Social Science Research Council. Member, Council, Economic and Social Studies.
K. OTHGGINS	(i) (ii)	Member, Council, Economic and Social Studies. Member, Committee on Family Research, International Sociological
	(~)	Association.
	(iii)	Member, Council for Social Welfare.
P. O'CONNELL	(i)	Member, Technical Working Group, and Steering Group on Funding
	(ii)	of Second-Level Schools, Department of Education & Science. Member, Management Board, and Chair, Research Sub-Committee, the
	(11)	Bridge Project – the Probation and Welfare Service, the Irish Youth
		Foundation, and City of Dublin V.E.C.
	(iii)	Member of the editorial boards of Youth Studies and the Irish Journal
		of Sociology and Work, Employment and Society.
	(iv)	Member, Policy Advisory Group on Long-term Unemployment and Educational Disadvantage, The Combat Poverty Agency.
	(v)	Irish Delegate to the OECD INES Network B.
E. O'MALLEY	(i)	Member, Research Advisory Group, Trócaire.
	(ii)	Member, Board of Combat Poverty Agency.
	(iii)	Member, Steering Group of the Industry Evaluation Unit.
J. ROUGHAN S. SCOTT	(i) (i)	Member, Board of Cerebral Palsy Ireland. Member, Steering Committee of SEED (Sustainable Energy and
3. 50011	(1)	Environment Development) at the Institute for European Affairs.
	(ii)	Member, Central Statistics Office Group on National Accounting &
	(iii)	Environment (NAMEA) Member of the Economics Working Group on the State of the
	(III)	Environment Report of the Environmental Protection Agency
J.J. SEXTON	(i)	Vice-President, Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland.
	(ii)	Irish Correspondent, EU (DGV) Information System Employment (SYSDEM).
	(iii)	Irish Correspondent to SOPEMI, the OECD International Reporting
		System on Migration.
	(iv)	Member, Board of Management, St Vincent's Hospital, Fairview.
B.J. WHELAN	(i) (ii)	Member, Working Group on Poverty and Welfare in Ireland. Member, Research and Methodology Committee of the European
	(11)	Community Household Panel, Eurostat.
	(iii)	Council, Economic and Social Studies
	(iv)	Member of the Council of European Centre for Analysis in the Social Sciences (ECASS)
	(v)	Member, Council of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of
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- (vi) Member, Technical and Evaluation Committee of Central Fisheries Board Tourism Angling Measure (TAM).
- (vii) Member of the Social Science Research Council of the Royal Irish Academy.
- (viii) Member of the External Advisory Group to the European Commission on the sub-programme "Improving the Socio-Economic Knowledge Base" of the 5th Framework Programme.
- (ix) Member of the President's Research Evaluation Committee, University College Dublin.
- (i) Member, Working Group on Poverty and Welfare in Ireland.
- (ii) Member, Editorial Board of European Sociological Review
- (iii) Member of Council, Economic and Social Studies.
- (iv) Member, Combat Poverty Agency Working Group on Community Development
- (v) National Delegate on European Commission 5th Framework Programme Improving Human Potential Programme.
- (i) Member, Health Services Research Committee, Health Research Board.
- (ii) Member, Council of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland.
- (iii) Chairperson, Lilly Women's Health Advisory Committee.



M.M. WILEY

C.T. WHELAN

Research Projects in Progress at 31 December 1998

APPENDIX C

Researchers Projects Present Stage Next Stage

I ECONOMIC FORECASTING AND MODELLING

T.J. Baker, D. Duffy, D. Smyth	Study of current trends in the Irish economy.	Continuous.	Published as QEC. Next issue: February 1999
J. Bradley	Macroeconomics and structural change in transition economies: Common themes in CEE and EU periphery countries.	Phase 2 of research programme in progress.	Final report: end March 1999
J. Fitz Gerald, I. Kearney, D. Smyth	Co-operation with D/Finance on medium-term model: Data bank model updating and model use.	Continuous.	
J. Fitz Gerald, I. Kearney, D. Smyth	Medium-term economic review and outlook for Ireland.	Revision of MTR model and updating of databank.	Next issue: Summer 1999
II ECONOMIC GR	OWTH		
<i>Energy Policy Resea</i> D. Conniffe	rch Centre Projects: a) Econometric and statistical analyses of energy data.	Continuous.	
E. O'Malley, S. Scott, F. Shortall, F. Trace	b) Reducing barriers to energy efficiency in private and public organisations (EU JOULE, DG XII).	Research in progress.	Mid-term report: January 1999
S. Scott, J. Fitz Gerald F. Shortall	c) Development of an energy database.	Co-ordination with Department of Public Enterprise on their involvement in task.	Available to give advice.
S. Scott, J. Fitz Gerald	d) Energy conservation spin-offs.	Continuous.	

	Researchers	Pr	ojects	Present Stage	Next Stage
	<i>Environmental Po</i> A. Barrett, F. Trace		<i>Research Centre Projects:</i> The impact of forestry premia on land prices.	First draft report submitted to Department of Marine and Natural Resources, July 1998.	Publication: Spring 1999.
	S. Scott, A. Barrett, E.W. Henry, F. Shortall	b)	Compilation of satellite environmental accounts.	Preparation for publication by CSO.	Publication: Spring 1999.
**)	A. Barrett, S. Scott	c)	Environmental impact of continuing transport growth and the scope for ameliorative measures.	Draft reports on policies and fiscal measures submitted, September 1998.	Preparation of final report.
	S. Scott	d)	 (i) Agriculture schemes and premia payments: Are they targeted to households that need them? 	Publication of report by Heritage Chapter in book to be published	Council, February 1999. by Edward Elgar, Spring 1999.
	F. Trace S. Scott J. Frawley (Teagasc)		(ii) Review of farm income support policy (for Combat Poverty)	Research in progress.	Draft report: February 1999.
	S. Scott, H. Greer (NRL)	e)	Employment impacts of energy efficiency investment programmes (EU-DG XVII – SAVEII Programme)	Case studies revision.	Case studies: overall assessment.
	F. Trace, S. Scott	f)	Concerted action: economic assessment of EU fisheries: An assessment of the profitability of the offshore multipurpose fleet.	Research in progress.	Preparation of inputs to annual reports.
	J. Williams, S. Scott, F. Trace	g)	National study of preferences and attitudes concerning forest development in Ireland.	Research in progress.	First draft report: January 1999.
	J. Fitz Gerald, T. Baker, D. Duffy, D. Hannan, I. Kearney, P. O'Connell, J.J. Sexton, F. Shortall, <i>et al</i> .		Ex-ante evaluation of the investment priorities for post-1999 Structural and Cohesion Funds (Department of Finance).	Preparation of final report.	Final report: February 1999.
	E. O'Malley		European observatory for small and medium-size enterprises.	Sixth Report: research in progress.	Final report: end 1999.
	III The Interna	TION	nal Environment		
	No research in pro	gress	during quarter.		

IV REGIONAL ISSUES

J. Bradley, M. D'Arcy (DSA), M. Morrissey (UU), A. Smyth (UU)	1 1	Preparation for publication.
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V THE PUBLIC SECTOR						
T. Callan, J. McBride, J. Walsh	Microsimulation Forum.	Model revisions.	Next meeting Spring 1999.			
VI PRICES AND	Incomes					
J. Fitz Gerald, I. Kearney	Pricing and competitiveness in the Non-tradable sector.	Second draft completed.	Revision in light of comments received.			
VII DEMOGRAP	hy and Labour					
<i>Joint FÁS/ESRI M</i> D. Frost, G. Hughes, J.J. Sexton	 Implications of occupational forecasts for 2003 for educational qualifications, self-employment and part-time employment. 	Report published, December 1998 Forecasting Studies.	3 in FÁS/ESRI Manpower			
G. Hughes, J.J. Sexton, B. McCormick	 b) Forecast of occupational replacement demand up to 2003. 	Research in progress.	First draft: Summer 1999.			
A. Barrett, F. Trace	Labour demand, education and the dynamics of social exclusion.	Paper presented at Lisbon Conference, October 1998.	Paper to be presented in Nashville, Tenn., March 1999.			
D. Hannan, E. Smyth	Vocational training and labour market transitions (Leonardo project).	Final report submitted to EU- DG XXII, December 1998.	Publication of research papers.			
G. Hughes	Impact of ageing in the active population on the labour market.	Report submitted, December 1998, University of Warwick.	Publication by EC, 1999.			
G. Hughes, J. Williams	National survey of skill needs in Ireland (FÁS)	Fieldwork in progress.	Core report: January 1999.			
K.A. Kennedy, J. Williams	Study of the likely demand for training in agriculture up to 2010 (Teagasc).	Research in progress.	Completion: March 1999.			
B. Nolan, H. Russell	Flexible labour and its impact on earnings and poverty (EUROSTAT).	Interim report submitted to EUROSTAT, November 1998.	Final report to EUROSTAT: Spring 1999.			
 B. Nolan, G. Boyle, T. Callan, A. Dorris, I. Kearney, J. Fitz Gerald, S. Machin, D. O'Neill, J. Williams, B. McCormick 	Study on the impact of the minimum wage (Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment).	Interim report submitted, December 1998.	Final report: March 1999.			

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P. O'Connell, V. Gash	National employment policy review.	Final draft report submitted to ILO, December 1998.	Project completed.
P.J. O'Connell, A. Barrett	Survey of the impact of in-company training.	Final report submitted to FÁS and IBEC, August 1998.	Preparation of journal article.
P.J. O'Connell, V. Gash C. Harmon (UCD)	The labour market impact of in- company training.	Research in progress.	First draft report: January 1999.
P.J. O'Connell, F. McGinnity, V. Gash	Social integration by transitional labour markets: New pathways of labour market policy:		
	(a) Training and human capital investment.	Second interim report completed July 1998.	Final report: January 1999.
	(b) Households and working time flexibility.	Second interim report completed July 1998.	Final report: January 1999.
P.J. O'Connell, H. Russell	Youth unemployment in Northern Europe.	Preparation of interim draft report.	Interim report: January 1999.
J.J. Sexton	Revision of industrial and occupational classifications used in the annual HEA Survey of First Destinations of Third Level Award Recipients.	Research in progress.	Completion date: March 1999.
E. Smyth	School effectiveness and school improvement: A research study.	Gone for printing in General Res Publication: February 1999.	search Series.
D. Watson, T. Fahey, K.A. Kennedy	Study of employment needs in Gaeltacht areas (Údarás na Gaeltachta).	Final report with Údarás na Gaeltachta.	Preparation for publication.

Social Welfare Research Programme for Dept of Social, Community and Family Affairs and Combat Poverty Agency: T. Callan, a) Tax-benefit modelling. Final report submitted to Preparation for publication. B. Nolan, Department. B.J. Whelan, C.T. Whelan, b) Assessment of policy changes Final report submitted to Publication: Early 1999. D. Watson, 1987-1994. Department. J. Williams, J. Walsh Third draft report completed. Preparation for publication. c) Poverty and social exclusion: Analysing cumulative disadvantage. d) Women and poverty. Final report submitted to Publication by CPA. Combat Poverty. e) Child poverty in Ireland. Research in progress. First draft report: mid-1999. And D. O'Neill, f) Distribution of income and Comments on second draft Revision for publication. O. Sweetman earnings in Ireland. report received from Combat Poverty.

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T. Callan, R. Layte, B. Nolan, D. Watson, C.T. Whelan, J. Williams, B. Maitre	g) Monitoring trends in poverty for the National Anti-Poverty Strategy.	Interim report submitted, December.	Final report: Spring 1999.
<i>Health Policy Res</i> D. Conniffe	<i>eearch Centre Projects:</i> a) Updating of data and statistical analyses of relevance to Centre projects.	Continuous	
B. Nolan, M.M. Wiley	b) Study on private practice in public hospitals.	Interim report submitted to Department of Health and Children, November 1998.	Final report to Department of Health and Children: April 1999.
M.M. Wiley, A. Clifton, D. Murphy, B. McCarthy, J. Curley, M. Glynn, C. Doble, N. Wall	c) Hospital In-Patient Enquiry (HIPE).	Continuous	
M.M. Wiley, A. Clifton, D. Murphy	d) Audit of HIPE data quality.	Data analysis.	Report preparation.
M. M. Wiley	e) Economics of health promotion and disease prevention (EU-DGV).	Report submitted July 1998.	Final report: July 1999.
T. Callan, B. Nolan	Estimation and monitoring of replacement rates.	Awaiting comments of Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, on report.	Revision when comments received.
T. Callan, B. Nolan, D. Watson, C.T. Whelan, J. Williams	European Community household panel in Ireland (EUROSTAT).	Processing data from Wave 5.	Data checking for Wave 5; preparation of Wave 5 data for EUROSTAT; preparation for Wave 6.
D. Conniffe, B. Nolan, C.T. Whelan	Living standards and household composition.	Final report submitted to Inter-Departmental Working Group.	Consideration for publication.
T. Fahey, K. O'Higgins	Community dimension of drug abuse in Ireland (Combat Poverty).	Research in progress.	Interim report: March 1999.
T. Fahey, K. O'Higgins, <i>et al.</i>	Building better communities: strategies to improve quality of life in urban local authority housing estates (Howard Foundation and Combat Poverty).	Preparation of report for publication.	Publication of report: April 1999.

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	T. Fahey <i>et al</i> .	Between integration and exclusion: A comparative study in local dynamics of precarity and resistance to exclusion in urban contexts (EU-TSER BETWIXT).	Research in progress.	Interim report: end 2000.
	D. Hannan, E. Smyth, S. McCoy, B. McCabe	Comparative analysis of transitions from education to work in Europe (EU-CATEWE).	Research in progress.	Final report: December 2000.
	R. Layte, B. Nolan, C.T. Whelan, B. Maitre	European panel analysis: The PANEL project (EU-TSER).	Research in progress.	Completion of project: 2000.
	R. Layte, T. Fahey, C.T. Whelan	Living standards and quality of life among older people in Ireland (for National Council for Ageing and Older People).	Research in progress.	Completion of project:April 1999.
	E. Morgenroth	Estimated social rates of return to educational interventions to prevent early educational failure (Department of Education and Science).	Research in progress.	Completion of project: Summer 1999.
	B. Nolan, C.T. Whelan	Employment precarity, unemployment and social exclusion (EU-EPUSE).	Papers finalised.	Presentation of papers at Oxford, January 1999. Revision for publication.
	E. Smyth, B. McCabe	Educational policy for disadvantaged children (EU-SOCRATES).	Preparation of final report.	Final report: January 1999.
	D. Watson, D. Rottman, K. O'Dwyer	Crime victimisation in Ireland: Report on the 1996 Survey of Victims of Crime reported to the Gardai.	Research in progress.	Completion: March 1999.
	IX DATA & MET	HODOLOGY		
	D. Conniffe, I. Spencer, OUB	Approximating distributions of	Research in progress.	Publication of first paper and

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J. Spencer, QUB	econometric test criteria.		continuing development.

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