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# Minister Donohoe publishes the Public Sector Performance Report for 2022

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## Report examines how departments are performing against targets and the impact services are having on outcomes

The Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, Paschal Donohoe, has today (Wednesday) published the [Public Service Performance Report 2022](#). (<https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/61d3f-public-service-performance-reports/>). This report provides a comprehensive account of how each government department performed against targets for the delivery of services in 2022, and the impact these services had on the outcomes they are intended to improve.

This detailed departmental-level breakdown is supplemented by high level overviews of the growth in public sector staffing levels, and the whole-of-government response to the Ukraine crisis in 2022.

The report is a key output of the department's Performance Budgeting function, which is working to strengthen the management and oversight of public expenditure in an evidence-informed manner.

Commenting on the report, Minister Donohoe said:

“I welcome the publication of this report, which provides a comprehensive account of the delivery of public services across all government departments last year. Monitoring and oversight of the delivery of public services is a core part of our public expenditure framework, and this report fulfils a very important role in showing how public funding is being used to improve the lives of people right across the country, and make progress towards a more equitable society.”

Metrics contained in the report include:

- 1,568,379 people covered by a medical card
- 435,971 average weekly payments of illness, disability and carer’s benefit made
- 964,590 students provided with primary and post primary education, supported by 74,628 teachers and 19,159 Special Needs Assistants
- 107,000 children were enrolled in the Early Childhood Care and Education programme while 127,000 children were on the National Childcare Scheme
- 13.6 million visits to staffed heritage sites and government funded 926 arts organisations
- 37.9% electricity demand generated from renewable resources
- 13.6 million visitors at staffed heritage service sites

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## Notes

Performance budgeting aims to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of public expenditure by linking funding allocations of public sector organisations and the results they deliver, making systematic use of performance information.

Performance reporting was first introduced in 2012 as part of a suite of reforms to the public expenditure framework.

The Public Service Performance Report (PSPR) is a key output of the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform each year, which provides a comprehensive account of how each department performed against targets for delivery

of services, and the impact these services had on the outcomes they are intended to improve.

The Report is an important part of the overall Performance Budgeting framework developed by the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, which also includes a number of planned and ongoing strategic budgeting initiatives such as Green budgeting, Well-being budgeting, Equality Budgeting and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) budgeting. Updates on each of these are also provided within the Public Service Performance Report.

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