

Dublin Information Seminar on Public Private Partnerships

Mr Tom Parlon, T.D., Minister of State at the Department of Finance, addressed an information seminar on the **Framework for Public Private Partnerships (PPPs)** in Dublin today.

The Minister said that the seminar was part of a major communications and awareness-raising programme led by the **Central PPP Unit** of the Department of Finance, in co-operation with the Social Partners, to explain the PPP concept to stakeholders and to the general public.

“The Framework constitutes an important statement of the high-level principles for the conduct of PPPs at national, sectoral and project level that will help explain the role of PPPs in contributing to the delivery of priority public capital infrastructure and the provision of quality public services” The Minister said.

He added that “many of you will be familiar with pilot projects in the Dublin area including:

- The **M50** second west link toll bridge;
- Operation of the **Luas** line A;
- The **Dublin Waste to Energy** project; and
- Two major affordable housing schemes at **Cherry Orchard** and **Mulhuddart**

Through these and other projects, we are meeting the major milestones we set out for PPPs in the **National Development Plan**”.

This Framework provides the starting point for Government Departments and state agencies directly responsible for the programme areas for selecting and developing projects as potential PPPs in the light of overall economic and social priorities. Together with the recently launched national **PPP Communications Strategy** and the additional resource provided by the **National Development Finance Agency** established earlier this year, the Framework provides the optimum policy environment and content to facilitate the further development of PPPs in Ireland.

