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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the first report on Green Public Procurement activity by Government Departments, collating and analysing data for the year 2020. The report presents an overview of the process, monitoring and reporting requirements, data collected and a summary of the findings.



The Climate Action Plan 2019 assigned lead responsibility to the EPA for an action that Government Departments would measure and report on GPP on an annual basis, starting with calendar year 2020 (Action 148). This action was reiterated in the Climate Action Plan 2021, specifically Action 58, Step A (summarised below), which identified the EPA as the responsible body for delivery.

Climate Action Plan 2021 - Action 58	Mandate the inclusion of green criteria in all procurements using public funds, introducing requirements on a phased basis, and providing appropriate support to procurers
Step 58a	Report on Green Public Procurement activity during 2020

Government Departments reported a total spend of €53.765 million on contracts over €25,000, signed in 2020, that included green criteria. This represents an average of 17% of the total spend reported on contracts over €25,000. Of the total number of procurement contracts reported, 26% were found to have incorporated GPP. There was significant variation between Departments in the reported percentage spend on contracts that included green criteria (ranging from 0% to 100%).

It is clear that many Departments are working to include GPP in their procurement process and have included details of GPP in their published 2020 Annual Reports. The figures returned are not yet sufficiently complete to draw concrete conclusions about the use of green criteria in Government procurement. However, it is clear that there is a low level of implementation of GPP across Government Departments that needs to be addressed.

All 18 Government Departments returned the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s reporting template, which requested data for GPP at contract level, where the contract value was greater than €25,000 and the contract was signed in calendar year 2020.

2. INTRODUCTION

GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (GPP) IS DEFINED AS:

“A process whereby public authorities seek to procure goods, services and works with a reduced environmental impact throughout their life cycle when compared to goods, services and works with the same primary function that would otherwise be procured.”¹

The purchasing power of Ireland's government sector (€21 billion annually²) has significant potential to reduce emissions and protect our environment while saving money over the full lifecycle of goods and services. Government commitment to green purchasing sends a powerful signal to the market that the Government requires goods, services and works that make the most positive contribution to our environment and can save money over their full lifecycle. It promotes innovation in the marketplace for goods and services with a reduced environmental impact.

A wide range of international and EU policy instruments reference Sustainable or Green Public Procurement as an important tool in effecting environmental change. These include:

- the *UN Sustainable Development Goals 2019* (SDG 12.7);
- *Europe 2020*;
- *Roadmap to a Resource Efficient Europe*;
- *Energy 2020*;
- the *EU's 7th Environment Action Programme*;
- the *OECD's public governance programme*
- and more recently the *European Green Deal*.

Recent national policies, strategies, programmes, plans and Office of Government Procurement (OGP) documents referencing GPP and the role it can play in climate change and circular economy ambition include the following:

- *The Whole of Government Circular Economy Strategy* (2022-2023)
- *The EPA Circular Economy Programme* (2021-2017)
- *A Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy* (Ireland's National Waste Policy 2020-2025)
- *Climate Action Plan 2019 and Climate Action Plan 2021*
- *The Local Authority Climate Charter*
- *2020 Programme for Government*
- *OGP Information Note: Incorporating Social Considerations into Public Procurement*
- *D/PER Circular 20/2019: Use of Environmental and Social Considerations in Public Procurement*

The EPA's *Green Procurement Guidance for the Public Sector*, originally published in 2014, was substantially revised and the *second edition* was published online in September 2021. This guidance is accompanied by criteria for 10 priority sectors based on those developed by the European Commission with adjustments to reflect the Irish market and relevant national policies.

¹ Commission Communication (COM (2008) 400) “Public procurement for a better environment”

² Public Procurement Indicators 2017, DG GROW (2019)

3. OBLIGATIONS TO MONITOR AND REPORT ON GPP

The Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (D/PER) Circular 20/2019 states that:

- i. each Department should state in their next Corporate Procurement Plan where it intends to use green criteria in upcoming procurement processes.³
- ii. starting with the 2020 Annual Report (the report that will be published in 2021, covering the activities of 2020), each Department must report annually on its green public procurement. The Annual Report must include information relating to the value of contracts agreed that included green criteria

This monitoring & reporting requirement only applies to

- i. central Government Departments and
- ii. contracts valued at €25,000 and above.

In addition, the Climate Action Plan 2019 assigned lead responsibility to the EPA for an action that Government Departments would measure and

report on GPP on an annual basis, starting with calendar year 2020 (Action 148). This action was reiterated in the Climate Action Plan 2021, specifically Action 58, Step A (summarised below), which identified the EPA as the responsible body for delivery of a report on Government Department's GPP activities.

Climate Action Plan 2021 - Action 58

Mandate the inclusion of green criteria in all procurements using public funds, introducing requirements on a phased basis, and providing appropriate support to procurers

Step 58a

Report on Green Public Procurement activity during 2020

The monitoring and reporting by central Government Departments is to support the commitment under the Programme for Government that by 2023, all procurement using public funds will need to include green criteria.

4. SCOPE OF REPORTING

Monitoring and evaluation of GPP is under consideration at EU level and most recently referenced in the EU Green Deal. While at present there is no standardised reporting system in place at EU level, best practice examples from exemplar GPP regions show that any monitoring system should include a record of the number and value of tenders and/or awarded contracts which included GPP criteria.

To enable monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of GPP in Ireland, the EPA, in co-operation with the Department of the

Environment, Climate and Communications and the Office of Government Procurement, developed a reporting template for 2020 data which is set out in **Appendix 1**. This sought information from Government Departments under the eight sectors listed in the EPA's 2014 Green Public Procurement - Guidance for the Public Sector (which was the current guidance at the time of reporting). **In September 2021 a revised guidance document⁴ was published by the EPA which includes criteria sets for new priority sectors. These will be applied in future reporting cycles.**

³ The OGP has developed an Information Note on developing a Corporate Procurement Plan and it is available at this link ogp.gov.ie/information-notes/. Please contact support@ogp.gov.ie if you require support with this plan.

⁴ Green Public Procurement, Guidance for the Public Sector, 2021

5. GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING A GREEN PROCUREMENT



To determine if a contract was to be included in reporting, the following guidelines, which were developed in consultation with DECC and the OGP, were provided to the Departments:







- i. A contract can be included as a green procurement if criteria are included which are designed to ensure that the product or service procured will have a reduced impact on the environment.
- ii. Green criteria can be included in the procurement process:
 - When defining the subject matter of the contract
 - In the use of legislative/statutory requirements which have an environmental dimension
 - In the requirements for technical/professional ability of the tenderer
 - In the technical specifications
 - In the selection criteria
 - In the award criteria
 - In the application of Life Cycle Costing and
 - In contract performance or management clauses.

The guidance to Government Departments noted that examples of green criteria for each of the priority sectors could be found in the EPA Green Procurement Guidance Document or on the *EU GPP website*. However, these were noted as non-exhaustive lists and additional criteria could be considered green as long as they were included in the tender process and they aimed to ensure the subject of the tender would have a reduced environmental impact.

The priority sectors for reporting and their scope (in terms of GPP) are set out in the table below:

TABLE 1. THE EIGHT PRIORITY SECTORS IN THE EPA'S 2014 GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

	PRIORITY SECTOR	SCOPE
	TRANSPORT (focusing on road transport vehicles and services)	Purchase or lease of road transport vehicles including passenger cars and vans, buses, and waste collection trucks and services.
	CONSTRUCTION (focusing on materials and site management)	Applicable to construction works including buildings and civil engineering works. GPP criteria relate to control of the working environment and address environmental impacts which arise during demolition and construction, including impacts with respect to local ecology, materials and transport, water, noise, waste management and emissions to air.

	PRIORITY SECTOR	SCOPE
	ENERGY (focusing on electricity, combined heat and power and lighting)	Supply of energy, energy using products and equipment, energy services; combined heat and power generation (CHP) and lighting and appliances covered by the Energy Labelling Regulations 2011.
	FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	Purchase of food and catering services covering fruit and vegetables; aquaculture, marine, meat and dairy products; and drinks and beverages. GPP criteria may be applied when purchasing directly from producers or processors as well as by catering service providers to ensure compliance of their suppliers with the criteria.
	CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	Purchase of cleaning products and services. GPP criteria may be used by authorities purchasing cleaning products directly or where a service contract is being awarded. They may also be included in larger contracts for services such as facilities management or building maintenance.
	TEXTILES	Purchase of textile clothing and accessories, interior textiles, fibres, yarn and fabric. GPP criteria may be used for the purchase of uniforms.
	IT EQUIPMENT (focusing on desktops, laptops and displays)	Purchase or lease of computers (desktops, laptops, integrated desktops, and thin client), monitors, keyboards and power supply units.
	PAPER	Purchase of copying and graphic paper. GPP criteria contain options for paper from 100% or 75% recycled fibres, as well as for new paper from sustainably managed forests.

6. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The reporting template in *Appendix 1* was sent to all Government Departments in mid- December 2020 with a request that the completed form be returned to the EPA by 31st March 2021 for 2020 reference year data, and information also be included in the published Annual Report of each Department.

The EPA requested that information be reported at **contract** level, where the contract value was greater than €25,000 and the contract

was signed in calendar year 2020. To avoid duplication of reporting across years, the EPA asked for information at signed contract stage only. It should be noted that 2020 reporting to the EPA was for Government Department contracts only and not for agencies affiliated to those Government Departments. With regard to contracts procured by OGP on behalf of a Government Department, some of this data was included. This was collated by individual Departments, rather than centrally by the OGP.

7. FINDINGS

All 18 Government Departments replied to the request for these data. The figures returned to the EPA are summarised in Table 2. A copy of the data provided by each Government Department is presented in *Appendix 3*.

Some Departments returned no data (in that they reported no relevant contracts with GPP elements), while others reported comprehensive data. For 4 Departments, there was no spend reported on GPP for contracts over €25k and for 4 Departments, there was no spend reported on any contracts over €25,000 at all.

There was wide variation between Departments in the percentage spend that included GPP (ranging from 0% to 100%). This is likely to reflect the wide variation in reported ease of data collection: some Departments found the data collation straightforward, while for others, it was a significant challenge.

For example, one Department ‘has reporting systems and processes in place to collate required information’ and in 2021 was planning to ‘incorporate GPP into its existing procurement policy and procedures during 2021. Furthermore, specific guidance on GPP requirements will be incorporated into the Department’s procurement templates and training programmes during 2021’. In contrast, another Department ‘does not have a central contract management facility that would allow for this data to be readily extracted’.

Government Departments reported a total spend of **€53.8 million**, on contracts over €25,000, that were procured using green criteria in 2020. This represents an average of **17% of the total spend** reported on contracts over €25,000 (this ranges between individual Departments from 0% to 100% of total spend reported). This also represents **26% of the total number of contracts** over €25,000.

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on contracts over €25,000, that were procured using green criteria in 2020

Table 2 includes figures for the 8 priority sectors as requested in the reporting template. In terms of the number and value of contracts over €25k that included GPP, the highest spend is on IT equipment, whereas the spend on Textiles is lowest.









An ‘Other’ category was also provided in the template and figures were provided here for a further 26 sectors ranging from Veterinary and Farming (€1,717,665 total spend, 22% included GPP), Provision of Cash Payment Services (€101,072,000 total spend, 0% included GPP), Media (€1,530,000 total spend, 0% of this included GPP), Laboratory Diagnostics and Equipment (€10,383,406 total spend, 7.5% included GPP) and Facilities Management (€4,988,635 total spend, 9.5% included GPP).

In summary, the GPP dataset is incomplete and is likely to under-represent the true number of contracts that included green criteria. It is difficult to draw any solid conclusions from the dataset which is mixed quality and does not provide any information on the environmental impact of the green criteria used in the procurement processes. It is clear that there is currently a low level of implementation of GPP across Government Departments that needs to be addressed to integrate green criteria consistently into all procurement contracts.

The data set presented in this report has significant limitations and further engagement is needed with the Departments and other stakeholders to explore and agree changes to the data collection process to ensure that:

- it is efficient for collating data
- the data is representative of the true spend that includes GPP for each Department
- a consistent approach is applied across Government Departments

TABLE 2. 2020 DATA PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector (€)**	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP (% of total)	D. Total value (€) of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP (percentage of total)**
 TRANSPORT	10	€888,293***	7 (70%)	€888,293 (100%)***
 CONSTRUCTION	34	€11,263,204	8 (24%)	€6,652,586 (59%)
 ENERGY	12	€2,714,522	4 (33%)	€1,930,520 (71%)
 FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	4	€1,199,531	4 (100%)	€1,199,531 (100%)
 CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	18	€6,605,464	9 (50%)	€5,940,345 (89%)
 TEXTILES	1	€60,000	1 (100%)	€60,000 (100%)
 IT EQUIPMENT	90	€29,017,567	47 (52%)	€25,153,370 (87%)
 PAPER	1	€366,000	1 (100%)	€366,000 (100%)
OTHER****	341	€270,195,916	50	€11,575,091
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	511	€322,310,497	131 (26%)	€53,765,737 (17%)

* As set out in the 2014 EPA GPP Guidance

** Figures are exclusive of VAT

*** The reason for the apparent contradiction between 70% and 100% reported is that value of 3 contracts were not recorded

**** The 'Other' category included a further 26 sectors, some of which were specific such as furniture removal and printing and design. Others were less specific, such as consultancy, services and research.

8. LEARNINGS

The data in Table 2 show that there are clear opportunities to increasing GPP implementation by Government Departments. Challenges in terms of the collation and reporting of data exist and need to be overcome to form a complete picture of GPP activities. The percentage of contracts that include GPP are low with an overall average of 17% by value and 26% by number of contracts (it should be noted that these figures refer to **all data** reported for **all sectors**, not only the data in Table 2). However, it is likely that the true figure is higher and that the reporting of GPP spend has been underestimated. This assumption is based on:

- the fact that some Departments returned no data;
- the huge variation between Departments in the percentage spend that included GPP (ranging from 0% to 100%);
- the fact that some Department returns included a limited number of categories (as procurement details are not retained for all sizes of contracts or are not retained in a format that allowed for completion of the template).

The data collected as part of this reporting cycle indicates it will be a challenge for Government Departments to meet the requirement that by 2023, all procurement using public funds will need to include green criteria. However, this also represents a significant opportunity to increase the public spend on products and services that minimise the environmental impact of public procurement.

In addition to the eight priority sectors requested (as per the 2014 guidance), there were many additional sectors for which GPP was reported. Sectoral guidance that has been developed by the EPA focuses on the ten priority sectors set out in the 2021 GPP Guidance. There is an opportunity to provide further guidance for some of the additional sectors identified during this process.

Appendix 4 sets out the reporting of GPP in Government Department Annual Reports for 2020 (publicly available online). Of the 18 Departments, 8 report GPP data for 2020, a further 2 refer to GPP but don't report figures and the annual reports for 3 Departments are not yet available. The fact that 55% of Government Departments are including GPP in their Annual Report is a positive indication of awareness of the requirement and engagement with the topic.

9.

CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

A first positive step has been taken by Government Departments to collate annual data on GPP implementation. Many Departments are working to include GPP in their procurement process and have included details of GPP in their published 2020 Annual Reports. The figures returned are not yet sufficiently complete to draw concrete conclusions about the use of the use of green criteria in Government procurement. However, it is clear from the data in Table 2 that there is a low level of implementation of GPP across Government Departments. Further engagement with all stakeholders is required to support the efficient and effective collection of data annually.

To this end, it is recommended that all Government Departments:

- 1 Assign appropriate resources at a senior level with responsibility to ensure GPP is incorporated into their procurement processes
- 2 Update their procurement procedures to include GPP
- 3 Ensure that the relevant staff receive training in GPP
- 4 Include information on GPP implementation in contract registers

These recommendations will be necessary to ensure that inclusion of green criteria becomes an intrinsic part of the public procurement process to facilitate the *Programme for Government* policy requirement that by 2023, all procurement using public funds will need to include green criteria.

It is recommended that support for this work be provided by:

- Those Departments with well-developed GPP procedures and reporting systems sharing these systems with other Departments, to avoid duplication of effort. For example, the Department of Finance 'has reporting systems and processes in place to collate required 'information' and was planning to 'incorporate GPP into its existing procurement policy and procedures during 2021. Furthermore, specific guidance on GPP requirements will be incorporated into the Department's procurement templates and training programmes during 2021'.
- Other key stakeholders in this process as set out in Action 148 of the Climate Action Plan 2019 and Action 58 of Climate Action Plan 2021 i.e., the SEAI, DECC, and the OGP.

Future consultation with the Strategic Procurement Advisory Group and key stakeholders on the findings of this reporting process is needed and will input to the development of a revised template and guidelines for the collation of the 2021 data. This template will also take account of the EPA's updated 2021 guidance.

Consultation with key stakeholders is also needed to agree the allocation of roles and responsibilities regarding GPP training, guidance, monitoring and reporting into the future.



10.

APPENDIX 1 – REPORTING TEMPLATE

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT				
CONSTRUCTION				
ENERGY				
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES				
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES				
TEXTILES				
IT EQUIPMENT				
PAPER				
OTHER				
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)				

11.**APPENDIX 2 – GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS**

- Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth
- Department of Defence
- Department of Education
- Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment
- Department of Environment, Climate and Communications
- Department of Finance
- Department of Foreign Affairs
- Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science*
- Department of Health
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- Department of Justice
- Department of Public Expenditure and Reform
- Department of Rural and Community Development
- Department of Social Protection
- Department of the Taoiseach
- Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media
- Department of Transport

*This Department formed was formed in August 2020 and so is included in this list, however the data for this Department was included with the Department of Education's data.

12.

**APPENDIX 3 – GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
REPORTING 2020**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	3	196,000	3	196,000
CONSTRUCTION	34	11,263,204	8	6,652,586
ENERGY	6	849,437	1	749,437
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	1	500,000	1	500,000
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	2	130,000	1	100,000
TEXTILES	0	0	0	0
IT EQUIPMENT	4	5,384,000	3	5,350,000
PAPER	0	0	0	0
LAB DIAGNOSTICS & EQUIPMENT	80	10,383,406	6	781,508
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT	9	4,988,635	5	475,000
IT & OFFICE EQUIPMENT	27	16,143,913	19	13,037,813
MARKETING, PRINT, PACKAGING & STATIONERY	7	927,341	1	125,000
VETERINARY & FARMING	8	1,717,665	3	382,560
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	93	102,969,081	23	2,669,134
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	274	155,452,682	74	31,019,038

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, EQUALITY, DISABILITY, INTEGRATION AND YOUTH

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CONSTRUCTION	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ENERGY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TEXTILES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
IT EQUIPMENT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PAPER	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
CONSTRUCTION	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
ENERGY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TEXTILES	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
IT EQUIPMENT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
PAPER	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CONSTRUCTION	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
ENERGY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TEXTILES	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
IT EQUIPMENT	3	€674,262.14	3	€674,262.14
PAPER	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	3	€674,262.14	3	€674,262.14

DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE, TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
CONSTRUCTION	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
ENERGY	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	1	€88,000	1	€88,000
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	1	€35,261	1	€35,261
TEXTILES	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
IT EQUIPMENT	3	€164,130.50	Nil	Nil
PAPER	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
FURNITURE REMOVAL	1	€65,000	1	€65,000
CONSULTANCY	4	€353,350	Nil	Nil
RESEARCH STUDY	1	€107,561	1	€107,561
IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY	1	€199,500	Nil	Nil
LEGAL SERVICES	1	€132,612	Nil	Nil
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	13	€1,145,414.50	4	€295,822

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND COMMUNICATIONS

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	2	€212,959	2	€212,959
CONSTRUCTION	—	—	—	—
ENERGY	1	€180,000	—	—
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	—	—	—	—
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	—	—	—	—
TEXTILES	—	—	—	—
IT EQUIPMENT	1	€500,000	1	€500,000
PAPER	—	—	—	—
OTHER CONSULTANCY SERVICES FRAMEWORK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS	1	€300,000	1	€300,000
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	5	€1,192,959	4	€1,012,959

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	Nil	N/A	Nil	N/A
CONSTRUCTION	Nil	N/A	Nil	N/A
ENERGY	Nil	N/A	Nil	N/A
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	Nil	N/A	Nil	N/A
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	1 *Contract is on a shared service basis between D/Finance and D/Public Expenditure & Reform	€ 31,902 (VAT exclusive) Contract was procured via an Office of Government Procurement [OGP] Framework.	There was 1 contract in this priority sector and it incorporated GPP. Contract was for the provision of 'Window Cleaning' services and it specified sustainability requirements for all its cleaning products, materials and detergents.	€0 There was nil expenditure on window cleaning services during 2020.
TEXTILES	Nil	N/A	Nil	N/A
IT EQUIPMENT	Nil	N/A	Nil	N/A
PAPER	Nil	N/A	Nil	N/A
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	Nil	N/A	Nil	N/A
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	1	€31,902 (VAT exclusive)	1	€0

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	0	€0	0	€0
CONSTRUCTION	0	€0	0	€0
ENERGY	1	€350,000	0	€0
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	0	€0	0	€0
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	0	€0	0	€0
TEXTILES	0	€0	0	€0
IT EQUIPMENT	0	€0	0	€0
PAPER	0	€0	0	€0
CONSULTANCY/ ADVISORY	9	€836,957	0	€0
GENERAL SERVICES	11	€13,930,100	0	€0
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	20	€14,767,057	0	€0

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	—	—	—	—
CONSTRUCTION	—	—	—	—
ENERGY	1	€81,000	—	—
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	2	€611,531	2	€611,531
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	2	€3,536,084	2	€3,536,084
TEXTILES	—	—	—	—
IT EQUIPMENT	4	€178,900	1	€85,000
PAPER	—	—	—	—
CONSULTANCY	9	€1,046,819	—	—
EQUIPMENT	2	€251,712.00	—	—
FURNITURE	1	€90,805	—	—
MOBILE PHONES	2	€238,694	1	€150,000
PRINTING / DESIGN	5	€755,384	—	—
RESEARCH	6	€1,064,797	1	€40,000
SERVICES	15	€3,089,059	—	—
IT SOFTWARE	3	€211,760	—	—
MISCELLANEOUS	1	€313,611	—	—
STATIONERY	1	€50,000	—	—
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	54	€11,520,156	7	€4,422,615

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT & HERITAGE

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	None	None	None	None
CONSTRUCTION	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ENERGY	<p>2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UEL005 Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for the Provision of Electricity Supply to Public Service Bodies in Ireland. • Mini Competition for Supply of Natural Gas to Central Government, Local Authority and Security Services Sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity in 2020: €225,530.92 VAT inclusive (€198,705.67 VAT exclusive). Direct drawdown. • Gas in 2020: €82,851.25 VAT inclusive (€73,001.49 VAT exclusive). Direct drawdown. 	<p>1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UEL005 Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for the Provision of Electricity Supply to Public Service Bodies in Ireland (all such contracts must meet annual percentage of renewable electricity targets set by the National Renewable Energy Action Plan. These require the procurement of Public Sector electricity from a renewable source of up to 37.3% (2019) & 42.5% (2020)). 	<p>€225,530.92 VAT inclusive (€198,705.67 VAT exclusive).</p>
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	None	—	None	—

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	<p>2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of General Cleaning Services in the Custom House Provision of General Cleaning Services in Glasnevin, Wexford and Ballina 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Custom House in 2020: €124,474.63 VAT inclusive (€109,669.24 VAT exclusive) Wexford and Ballina in 2020 (excluding Glasnevin which is under FMU MÉ's remit): €90,276.42 VAT inclusive (€79,538.65 VAT exclusive) 	<p>2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of General Cleaning Services in the Custom House (as per the contractor's response to the SRFT, the contractor 'will carry out regular tool box talks with the onsite cleaning team to enhance awareness and promote best practice with regards to efficient and environmentally friendly cleaning practices. [The contractor] delivers on-site training on COSHH and the correct and environmental use of cleaning products.' The contractor also has the ISO 14001 accreditation). Provision of General Cleaning Services in Glasnevin, Wexford and Ballina (p. 25 of the services contract has a section devoted to environmental management). 	<p>€214,751.05 VAT inclusive (€189,252.84 VAT exclusive)</p>
TEXTILES	None	—	None	—

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
IT EQUIPMENT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PAPER	None	—	None	—
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	None	—	None	—
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	4	€523,133.22 VAT inclusive (€460,915.05 VAT exclusive).	3	€440,281.97 VAT inclusive (€387,913.56 VAT exclusive).

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	3	Not recorded	0	0
OFFICE PREMISES EXPS	2	Not recorded	0	0
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	2	Not recorded	0	0
LAB EQUIPMENT	19	Not recorded	0	0
IT	19	Not recorded	0	0
ACCOMMODATION	2	Not recorded	0	0
ASYLUM SEEKER ACCOMMODATION	2	Not recorded	0	0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	9	Not recorded	0	0
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	58	Not recorded	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE AND REFORM

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	—	—	—	—
CONSTRUCTION	—	—	—	—
ENERGY	—	—	—	—
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	—	—	—	—
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	—	—	—	—
TEXTILES	—	—	—	—
IT EQUIPMENT	—	—	—	—
PAPER	—	—	—	—
OTHER (CONSULTANCY, ADVISORY AND TRAINING)	6	1,220,000	0	0
OTHER (SOFTWARE LICENCES)	1	127,000	0	0
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	7	1,347,000	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CONSTRUCTION	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ENERGY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TEXTILES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
IT EQUIPMENT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PAPER	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL PROTECTION

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	0	0		
CONSTRUCTION	0	0		
ENERGY	1	€982,378	1 (drawdown from OGP Framework)	€982,378
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	0	0		
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	8 5 (PPE Equipment)	€2,904,119	3	€2,269,000
TEXTILES	1	€60,000	1 (drawdown from OGP Framework)	€60,000
IT EQUIPMENT	15	€5,200,381	15	€5,200,381
PAPER	1	€366,000	1	€366,000
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	1	€2,200,000	1	€2,200,000
IT CONSUMABLES	4	€252,202		
MEDIA	2	€1,530,000		
IT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	9	€8,145,037		
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	21	€21,143,464		
WHITE GOODS	2	€175,000	1	€130,000
STATIONERY/ FACILITIES	3	€927,000	3	€927,000

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
PROVISION OF CASH PAYMENT SERVICES	1	€101,072,000		
LICENSING	3	€359,338	Not Applicable	
SOFTWARE	2	€299, 911	Not Applicable	
eGOV PROJECTS – VARIOUS PROJECTS TO DEVELOP AND SUPPORT ONLINE SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S CUSTOMERS.	6	€3,983,800	5	€3,766,000
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	80	€149,300,719		€15,900,759

DEPARTMENT OF THE TAOISEACH

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	—	—	—	—
CONSTRUCTION	—	—	—	—
ENERGY	—	—	—	—
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	—	—	—	—
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	—	—	—	—
TEXTILES	—	—	—	—
IT EQUIPMENT	—	—	—	—
PAPER	—	—	—	—
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1	€135,500	Nil	Nil
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	1	€135,500	Nil	Nil

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, CULTURE, ARTS, GAELTACHT, SPORT AND MEDIA

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	—	—	—	—
CONSTRUCTION	—	—	—	—
ENERGY	—	—	—	—
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	—	—	—	—
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	—	—	—	—
TEXTILES	—	—	—	—
IT EQUIPMENT	10	€636,769.46 (€519,778.69 ex-VAT)	5	€373,716.69 (€305,914.65 ex-VAT)
PAPER	—	—	—	—
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	10	€636,769.46	5	€373,716.69

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

REFERENCE YEAR 2020	A. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	B. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector	C. Total number of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP	D. Total value of contracts issued over €25,000 by priority sector which have incorporated GPP
PRIORITY SECTOR				
TRANSPORT	2	€479,334 (ex-VAT)	2	€479,334 (ex-VAT)
CONSTRUCTION	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ENERGY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FOOD & CATERING SERVICES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CLEANING PRODUCTS & SERVICES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TEXTILES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
IT EQUIPMENT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PAPER	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL (ALL SECTORS)	2	€479,334 (ex-VAT)	2	€479,334 (ex-VAT)

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APPENDIX 4 – GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT GPP REPORTING IN 2020 ANNUAL REPORTS

Department	GPP Data Included in Annual Report	GPP Referenced but No Data Included in Annual Report*	GPP Not Referenced & No Data included in Annual Report	Link to Annual Report
AGRICULTURE, FOOD & THE MARINE	✓			Annual Report 2020
CHILDREN, EQUALITY, DISABILITY, INTEGRATION & YOUTH			✓	Annual Report 2020
DEFENCE			✓	Annual Report 2020
EDUCATION		✓		Annual Report 2020
ENTERPRISE, TRADE & EMPLOYMENT	✓			Annual Report 2020
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE & COMMUNICATIONS	✓			Annual Report 2020
FINANCE	✓			Annual Report 2020
FOREIGN AFFAIRS			✓	Annual Report 2020
HEALTH				Not yet published
HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT & HERITAGE	✓			Annual Report 2020
JUSTICE				Not yet published
PUBLIC EXPENDITURE & REFORM	✓			Annual Report 2020
RURAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		✓		Annual Report 2020
SOCIAL PROTECTION	✓			Annual Report 2020
THE TAOISEACH	✓			Annual Report 2020
TOURISM, CULTURE, ARTS, GAELTACHT, SPORT & MEDIA			✓	Annual Report 2020
TRANSPORT				Not yet published
**FURTHER & HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE				Not yet published

*References to GPP include, for example, the existence of policies to include green criteria in future procurement

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