

Schedule of Records, based on request for Government memorandum/decisions on direct provision 2007 to 2010 (no Government documentation in 2008 and 2009 on direct provision system)

Item	Description	Date	Release Y/N	Basis of Redaction
1	Memorandum for Govt - Findings and Recommendations of Value for Money and Policy Review on Asylum Seeker Accommodation	02/07/2010	Yes	
2	Attachment to above Memorandum		No	in Public Domain
3	Government Decision re Findings and Recommendations of Value for Money and Policy Review on Asylum Seeker Accommodation	06/07/2010	Yes	
4	Informal Government Decision re Accommodation at Mosney Camp	06/07/2010	Yes	

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Ref:

Oifig an Aire Dlí agus Cirt agus Athchóirithe Dlí
Memorandum for the Information of the Government
Findings and Recommendations of Value for Money and Policy Review on
Asylum Seeker Accommodation

1. Matter/Issue for Information

Findings and Recommendations of Value for Money and Policy Review on Asylum Seeker Accommodation

2. Background/Reason for Memorandum

The new guidelines on publishing Value for Money Reports states that before publication of final reports the relevant Minister should bring findings and recommendations of Value for Money and Policy Reviews to Government in form of Memorandum to Government. The Memorandum should also outline the proposed response to address issues arising.

3. Findings and Recommendations

The average per annum cost of providing asylum accommodation over the past five years has been €84.7m pa, with a high of €91m in 2008. It would now appear that costs have peaked and are beginning to decline with an €86.5m outturn in 2009 and a projected outturn in 2010 of €77.5m as many of the recommendations of the report are being implemented. The roll out of all the review recommendations should put further, significant downwards pressure on overall costs in the future.

The **key findings** of the Value for Money on Asylum Seeker Accommodation are:

- The current system of Direct Provision provides the best solution to providing asylum accommodation when compared to other alternatives such as social welfare based options.
- The programme objectives are being delivered effectively but there is potential to improve efficiency and reduce costs.
- The Reception and Integration Agency has succeeded in maintaining average daily rates below the CPI.
- There is a significant variation in daily rates, location being the best indicator of rates.
- There is insufficient capacity being offered to the market. Contract renewal being the norm.
- There is no clear case for opening new State owned properties.
- New ongoing Performance Indicators are to be added to those being already used to measure performance e.g. “effective rates”

The **key recommendations** of the Value for Money on Asylum Seeker Accommodation are:

- Operational spare capacity should be reduced from 15% to less than 10%
- A mixture of “contracts for capacity” and “contracts for availability and occupancy” should be introduced
- It is recommended that RIA issue regular invitations to tender. The minimum practical interval between invitations would have to be worked out but the maximum interval should not be more than 18 months.

4. Implementation

The Department plans to establish an implementation group to set about implementing these recommendations.

5. Observations Returned

No observations supplied

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Uimhir Thagartha: S180/20/10/0122F

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Dáta: 06/07/2010

Ábhar: 13. Findings and Recommendations of Value for Money and Policy Review on Asylum Seeker Accommodation

An tAire a thionscain: Oifig an Aire Dlí agus Cirt agus Athchóirithe Dlí

Dáta an Mheabhráin: 02/07/2010

Cinneadh an Rialtais:

Noted the contents of the memorandum for information concerning the findings and recommendations of the Value for Money and Policy Review on Asylum Seeker Accommodation.

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Ard-Rúnaí an Rialtais

Cóip curtha chuig: Oifig an Aire Airgeadais, Oifig an Taoisigh, Oifig an Aire Sláinte, Oifig an Aire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais, Oifig an Aire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil., Oifig an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, Oifig an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil, Oifig an Aire Sláinte agus Leanaí, Oifig an Aire Oideachais agus Scileanna



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Date of Government Meeting: 06-07-2010

Matter Raised

Accommodation at Mosney Camp

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1 . Matter Raised

The Minister for Justice and Law Reform briefed on the arrangements being made to relocate a number of the current residents at Mosney to alternative accommodation operated by the Reception and Integration Agency, and the background to the relocation.

Private Secretary to the Minister for Justice and Law Reform being advised.

Disseminated By: Ard-Rúnaí an Rialtais