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Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, launches 'Ireland – A Directory 2022'

IPA Diary marks 56th year of continuous publication

Wednesday, December 1, 2021: The Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD, has today launched the Institute of Public Administration's (IPA) 'Ireland – A Directory 2022', now in its 56th year and Ireland's most comprehensive directory and database on public and private organisations.

Minister O'Brien was presented with a copy of the IPA diary today at the Custom House in Dublin. The diary is Ireland's most venerable and comprehensive directory of the workings of the State. Initially published the same year that RTÉ broadcasted the Irish general election on television for the first time, it is amongst the longest-surviving annual publications in the country. The directory lists approximately 9,000 organisations in the latest edition, including government departments, local authorities, voluntary agencies, trade and professional organisations, merchant banks, advertising agencies, third-level institutions, independent radio stations, the media and EU institutions.

Speaking at this year's launch, Minister Darragh O'Brien said: "The launch of 'Ireland – A Directory 2022' is always a hugely significant day in the Irish public affairs calendar. I applaud the IPA in drafting and publishing such an important asset, and I congratulate them on doing so for over half a century. The changes in the directory reflect the changing times, particularly with digitalisation. Now coupled with an app, the directory is *the* reference for anyone involved in business, the public sector or the media that need to know who, where, and how to contact people across our economic and political system."

Dr Marian O'Sullivan, Director General of the IPA, said the directory is invaluable to those working in the public and private sectors, no matter what stage they are in their careers.

"The directory and app provide an exhaustive directory of contact details including the functions of everyone you need to know in the Irish public, private, voluntary and community sectors. Whether you are in business, the media, the public sector, academia or a curious member of the public that wants to be informed, 'Ireland – A

Directory 2022’ is a critical resource which continues to support the work of those in public service, business or the media. Today’s launch by the Minister is another significant milestone for the IPA and highlights the ongoing value of the Directory year on year.”

‘Ireland – A Directory 2022’ retails at €70 and is available in all good bookshops and to order at sales@ipa.ie, with free delivery within Ireland.