

Change in Public Service Numbers to Q1 2011

	2008	2009	2010		2011	
	Qtr4	Qtr4	Qtr1	Qtr4	Qtr1	Change from Q4 2010 to Q1 2011
Total	319,891	310,277	308,717	305,402	303,457	-1,945
TAOISEACH GROUP	1695	1600	1,546	1,544	1,529	-15
FINANCE GROUP	10142	9291	9,237	9,107	9,059	-48
JUSTICE GROUP(1)	25915	24901	24,761	23,956	24,061	106
ENVIRONMENT (2)	37230	34093	33,810	32,729	32,443	-286
<i>- of which Local Authorities</i>	<i>35008</i>	<i>32043</i>	<i>31,724</i>	<i>30,703</i>	<i>30,416</i>	<i>-287</i>
EDUCATION GROUP(3)	97215	95473	94,963	97,682	97,471	-211
COMMUNITY, EQUALITY & GAELTACHT AFFAIRS	810	797	786	1,023	1,011	-12
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	1544	1565	1,563	1,522	1,498	-24
COMMUNICATIONS ENERGY & NAT. RESOURCES	1069	1043	1,329	1,267	1,249	-18
AGRICULTURE	6402	5780	5,668	5,478	5,438	-40
TRANSPORT	1139	1092	1,086	1,055	1,025	-30
HEALTH GROUP(4)	113218	111952	111,345	109,898	107,593	-2,305
ENTERPRISE GROUP	5551	5094	5,061	2,982	2,900	-81
TOURISM, CULTURE & SPORT	1480	1393	1,389	1,364	1,277	-87
DEFENCE(5)	11667	11111	11,033	10,665	10,792	128
SOCIAL PROTECTION(4)	4816	5091	5,142	5,130	6,109	979

Footnotes

Some of the reductions reflect transfer of functions between vote groups

(1) The increase relates to a group of staff not previously included. The associated costs were included in the pay bill

(2) While Local Authorities numbers fell by 287 Department of Environment numbers increased by 1 which resulted in a net reduction of 286

(3) Academic Researchers funded from various private and public funding programmes are not included in numbers shown.

(4) The full impact of 957 Welfare Officers moving from the HSE to the Department of Social Protection has been factored in during 2011 Qtr 1.

(5) Increase relates to an intake of recruits in 2011.

Information shown reflects data as currently recorded. In some cases this differs marginally from figures previously released. It is intended in future reports to revise historical information to allow for more direct comparisons.