

## Annual Report 2016

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## 1. Foreword of Minister of State

I am pleased to present this Annual Report for 2016 on the activities and achievements of the Office of Public Works (OPW).

2016 was a year of celebrations, not just of the centenary of the 1916 Rising but also, for the OPW, marking the 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its own foundation.

The OPW focuses on the functional areas of Flood Risk Management and Estate Portfolio Management, including Heritage Services. Its principal areas of activity in relation to flood risk management include major capital flood relief schemes costing, in 2016, approximately €43.3m. Construction work took place on major schemes including Claregalway, Dunkellin River, Bandon, Skibbereen, Northlands, Foynes and Limerick City. Cumulatively, major flood relief schemes provided by the State have now benefitted almost 14,000 properties and saved the State over €1.4 billion in terms of damages and losses avoided. In 2016, the OPW worked with inter-agency groups to co-ordinate flood policies, including the Shannon Flood Risk group, which explored innovative approaches to managing flood risks such as lowering water levels and removing “pinch points” on the River Shannon. The OPW has engaged extensively with the public in relation to Flood Risk Management Plans, which were published for public consultation during 2016.

The OPW holds and manages a large property portfolio including 577 offices and 763 Garda premises, paying annual rents of around €94m and managing owned properties valued at €3.2bn. Strategic portfolio management resulted in the disposal of 19 properties in 2016, which netted the State €3.4m.

Heritage is an important component of the OPW's Estate Portfolio Management function, and the OPW played a major role in the success of signature public events during Easter Week 2016 and in the Ireland 2016: Centenary Programme. The OPW cares for almost 800 national monuments and historic properties, and 6.6 million visitors were welcomed to its heritage sites in 2016. Apart from the cultural value of presenting heritage properties to the public, these visitor attractions represent an important tourism resource contributing to local and regional economies.

**Seán Canney, TD**

**Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform, with Special Responsibility for the OPW and Flood Relief**



## Foreword of Chairman

I welcome this opportunity to submit the 2016 Annual Report to the Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform with special responsibility for the Office of Public Works and Flood Relief, Mr. Seán Canney, T.D. This report reflects the progress of the OPW in year two of the period covered by our Statement of Strategy (2015 – 2017).

Given that I began my tenure as Chairman at the end of 2016, this report reflects the achievements of my predecessor, Ms. Clare McGrath, and of the OPW under her leadership. On behalf of the OPW, I wish to thank Clare for dedicated leadership and service to this organisation throughout her term as Chairman.

The OPW engages in a wide range of activities under our two main programmes of Flood Risk Management and Estate Portfolio Management. We can report significant achievements in 2016, both strategic and operational, that have advanced the accomplishment of our public service mission in both these areas. In Flood Risk Management these included policies emanating from the Flood Policy Co-ordination Group for non-structural solutions to flood risks; the Shannon Flood Risk State Agency Group's collaborative proposals for flood risk management; and the establishment of an inter-agency steering group, chaired by the OPW, to develop a National Flood Forecasting and Warning Service. The OPW's Flood Studies Update (FSU) Web Portal was shortlisted for the 2016 Civil Service Excellence & Innovation Awards. In Estate Portfolio Management, 2016 saw continued business transformation processes aimed at enhancing our client services and communication, planning and oversight, competency development and data management. Uniquely, 2016 marked a year of centenary celebrations involving all sectors nationwide. The OPW played a significant role in the success of the celebration events, and the Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme won the Citizen Impact Award at the Civil Service Excellence & Innovation Award ceremony in December 2016. In addition, the OPW celebrated the 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its own establishment by hosting an exhibition in Rathfarnham Castle, to showcase the breadth of public works the Office has been involved in over the years.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the OPW's workforce for their diligent and dedicated service in 2016, and to thank our many stakeholders for their collaboration in our activities.

**Maurice Buckley**  
**Chairman**



## 2. Our Mission

### *Mission Statement*

*The mission of the Office of Public Works is to use our experience and expertise to provide effective, sustainable and innovative services to the public and to our clients with dedication, professionalism and integrity, as directed by Government.*

### *Functions*

The core functions of the Office of Public Works (OPW) in 2016 related to Estate Portfolio Management and Flood Risk Management. These operational areas were supported by Corporate Services. The OPW is primarily concerned with the delivery of services to customers. Our customers are the public, Government, other Departments, Offices, Agencies and the wider public service.

Estate Portfolio Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Vision:</b> To set the standard for the management, maintenance, design, sourcing and conservation of the State Property and Heritage Portfolio and to lead the development of a national strategy, protocols and standards for maximising shared and efficient usage of high quality accommodation across the Public Service at a reduced cost</li></ul>
Flood Risk Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Vision:</b> To minimise the impacts of river and coastal flooding on society, households, businesses and the environment through the provision of flood risk guidance and advice in the area of sustainable planning, assisting the development of resilient communities and implementation of effective mitigation measures for areas at risk</li></ul>
Corporate Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Vision:</b> To minimise the capability and capacity of our staff to deliver the core functions and objectives of this Office. To apply the dedication, professionalism and integrity that has been the hallmark of the OPW for over 185 years to all our activities.</li></ul>

### 3. Key Achievements 2016

#### Estate Portfolio Management

##### Property

- Works to the Historic Wings of the National Gallery were completed in Dec 2016.
- A policy on the acquisition and disposal of State Property was completed and circulated by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform as Circular 17/2016.
- New classification and pipeline approaches were developed to inform property management and project activities.
- Guidelines and standards were developed for office accommodation.

##### Heritage

- The OPW participated in the 1916 Centenary Commemorations and had a central role in relation to the celebrations, with an involvement in 264 events and a budget outlay of €4.1m.
- The OPW recorded visitor numbers to guided sites in 2016 of approx. 6.6 million, up from 4.9 million in 2015.
- The major conservation project undertaken over the past 5 years at Cormac's Chapel on the Rock of Cashel site was successfully completed.

#### Flood Risk Management

- Capital expenditure on major flood relief schemes and minor works projects was approximately €47m.
- The Draft Flood Risk Management Plans, informed by the flood mapping of potential future climate change scenarios as well as of current conditions, were published for consultation on a rolling basis from July 2016.
- 2,100km of OPW arterial drainage channel was maintained in 2016.
- The OPW continued to provide an advisory service to the planning authorities on the implementation of the Guidelines on the Planning System and Flood Risk Management.
- The OPW operated surface water gauging stations at 395 river, lake and tidal locations nationwide, and water level data from the majority of these stations are now available in real time (at 15 minute intervals) on [www.waterlevel.ie](http://www.waterlevel.ie).

#### Corporate Services

- The OPW Corporate Governance Framework was published in April 2016 and will be continuously updated.
- A Business Transformation process for the Estate Portfolio Management function was advanced in respect of organisational restructuring, the development of an Estate Management System and a Competency Assessment project was completed and commenced implementation.
- The OPW's Customer Action Plan was revised and published for the period 2017-2019.

## 4. Review: Year 2, Statement of Strategy 2015 – 2017, Strategy Objectives and Progress during 2016

### 4.1 Estate Portfolio Management

The services in Property and Heritage are currently delivered under the unified heading of Estate Portfolio Management (EPM). The OPW holds and manages a large property portfolio.

#### 4.1.1 Property

In managing this portfolio, the OPW provides a shared service in the areas of property management and property maintenance incorporating architectural, engineering, valuation, quantity surveying, project management and facilities management services to central Government Departments and Agencies.

*Objective: Develop a comprehensive Property Asset Management strategy, comprising: rationalisation, re-investment and maintenance options for the property portfolio; an asset management strategy in place to manage State property disposal; the establishment of a 20-year strategy for all OPW owned property.*

- In 2016, a classification study was undertaken for leased and owned office accommodation in the Dublin area. The purpose of the exercise was to categorise and prioritise the Dublin property portfolio based on the location and condition of the property. The exercise will inform the ongoing strategic planning and financial management of the Dublin portfolio for the short, medium and long-term, by identifying strategic investment, disposal and optimisation programmes.
- A draft OPW Office Accommodation Guidelines and Standards document was developed and circulated to the Sub- Group on Accommodation. Feedback was incorporated into the finalised draft and it is ready for publication.
- The Estate Management System (Integrated Workplace Management), when implemented, will support the development of a comprehensive Property Asset Management Strategy.
- As part of the strategic management of the estate portfolio the OPW disposed of 19 properties in 2016 for €3.4m.
- The First Registration programme has identified 100 state-owned properties that are required by law to be registered in the Property Registration Authority (PRA). To date, 15 properties have been registered and the programme has targeted the registration of 15 properties as a minimum per quarter. The speed of registration is dependent on the availability of documentation and the accuracy of maps and on the ground conditions. A number of registrations are currently the matter of complex queries, which are being dealt with on our behalf by the Chief State Solicitors Office.

*Objective: Enhance the strategic capacity and capability in property asset management across the public service and streamline property asset management administration*

- To facilitate the efficient transfer of buildings and property between public bodies, the Protocols on Asset Sharing and Transfer were finalised by the Steering Group on Property Asset Management and circulated by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to Departments/Offices in September 2015 (Circular 11/2015). The OPW supported the use of the Protocols in 2016 by:
  - Advising other State bodies on practical questions arising from the implementation of the Protocols
  - Hosting the Intra-State Property Register. Non-commercial State bodies, including the OPW, Local Authorities and the Health Service Executive (HSE) have uploaded summary details of over 24,000 properties to the Register, which remains a work-in-progress.
  - Using the Protocols themselves to transfer and share properties with other State bodies.
- The policy on the Acquisition and Disposal of State property was approved by the Steering Group on Property Asset Management, and circulated by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in June 2016 as Circular 17/2016.
- A foundation-level 7-day property management course was developed during 2016 and will be delivered by the Society of Chartered Surveyors of Ireland in early 2017. This course will provide a practical baseline knowledge of the key elements in Property Management and meets one of actions under the Property Asset Management Delivery Plan.

- The OPW hosted a Property Managers Network Workshop in Dublin Castle in October 2016. The topics covered included lease breaks, the Property Registration Authority and the VAT implications of property transactions.

**Objective:** *Reactive building maintenance service replaced by planned & preventative maintenance programmes, informed by building condition assessments*

- Following the introduction of revised funding arrangements under Circular 1/13, the model for building maintenance is being replaced to increase the proportion of planned and preventative maintenance vis-à-vis reactive maintenance, informed by building condition assessments. In support of a strategic approach to maintaining older State-owned buildings, a Building Fabric Upgrade Programme has been developed, comprising primarily roof and window replacements. Expenditure on planned maintenance works in 2016 exceeded expenditure on reactive works as per previous years.
- A Property Retrofit Programme commenced in 2016, focusing on the existing stock of Government accommodation and aiming to maintain building fabric as well as to optimise the capacity of State owned office buildings in line with the Property Asset Management Delivery Plan.
- The Nearly Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB) Programme was launched in OPW Head Office in Trim, on Friday 11th of November 2016. The event was co-ordinated and addressed by the State and Principal Architect Ciaran O'Connor, FRIAI. The occasion also launched the Annual NZEB Open Doors Event spanning a whole range of building visits across the country co-ordinated by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) and Electric Ireland. Also included, for the first time, was a tour for the Public and guests of our OPW Headquarters building. From January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 every new public building will have to be designed to a nearly zero energy building standard. Under the EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD-2002/91/EC) and subsequently S.I. 243 OF 2012, obligations have been introduced with regard to minimum energy performance standards for new buildings and for existing buildings that undergo major renovation with a useful floor area of over 1000m<sup>2</sup>.
- Projects completed during 2016 include:
  - A new headquarters for Special Olympics Ireland at the National Sports Campus in Abbotstown;
  - The refurbishment of the former Whitehall Garda Station in Dublin 9 to facilitate the relocation of the Dublin City Mortuary and State Pathologist to the building;
  - Refurbishment of Lansdowne House to accommodate the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC);
  - Fit-out of Knockmaun House, Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2 to facilitate the relocation of the Passport Office from Molesworth Street;
  - Refurbishment of Nurses Home, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2 as office accommodation;
  - Works to the Historic Wings of the National Gallery, completed in Dec 2016.
  - Works on Kilmainham Gaol and National Concert Hall in association with the 1916 Commemoration Programme.

The proposed Estate Management System was scoped in a way that will support planned maintenance programmes through the provision of condition assessment functionality.

Other projects advanced during 2016 included:

- Major Garda projects under construction - Kevin Street, Galway and Wexford - due for completion in 2017. Major improvements at the Garda Training College in Templemore, County Tipperary, Phase 1 substantial completion Dec 2016, phase 2 under construction.
- Conservation Works to Leinster House have commenced with an expanded programme of enabling works to be undertaken.
- The construction of seven new Court projects included in the Department of Justice & Equality Stimulus Package and procured under Smart Public-Private Procurement.
- Upgrade works to provide a Virology Laboratory at Backweston to enable Category 4 capability for the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine, due for substantial completion in 2017.

**Objective:** *Rolling out the optimising Power @Work Programme across the public service*

- There are currently over 40 public sector organisations participating (15 Large Hospitals, 9 Higher Education Campuses, 13 Local Authorities, 2 Prisons and various Health Service Executive Estates buildings). The total energy spend in these buildings is approximately €30 million per annum. The OPW is working closely with



the HSE National Sustainability Office to coordinate the roll out of the campaign into additional large acute care hospitals

- In relation to its own property portfolio, the OPW is currently achieving savings of approximately 21% through its "Optimising Power @ Work - Central Government Campaign". The total energy spend for these buildings is in the order of €22million net of the savings. Regular updates on the savings achieved in the applicable central Government buildings (as per the Energy Efficiency Directive - Article 5) are reported to the Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment.
- In 2016, the OPW had a Total Primary Energy Requirement (TPER) of 54.7 GWh across electrical and thermal building energy and transport fuels. In OPW occupied buildings, the total energy usage across all buildings has decreased by 17% since 2009.

**Objectives:** *Provide technical advice to Government and agencies, promote quality in the built environment, sustainability, public awareness, education and research. Provide design and management services for the Government and State clients building and property needs in support of the property asset management strategy*

The State Architect is the adviser to the President and the Government on architectural matters. Activities in 2016 included the following:

- Participation on the Government Construction Contracts Committee in relation to developing procurement and contracting policies in support of architectural quality in State-funded projects;
- Consultation regarding legislation and regulations affecting quality in architecture and the built environment;
  - Consultation on the design quality of all infrastructural programmes;
  - Advising the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht on the significance of historic buildings under Section 482 of the Finance Act;
  - Advising relevant Departments on the care of monuments and the conservation, restoration and re-use of historic buildings;
  - Making recommendations on the implementation of Building Information Modelling (BIM) software for Government property.
  - Advising on the Government Policy on Architecture. The Government Policy on Architecture Annual Reports 2013-2015 Review Document was launched at the National Library of Ireland in December 2016. It was co-ordinated with input and updates provided by the State Architect regarding current status of items featured on the *Actions* list.

#### 4.1.2 Heritage

The OPW is a lead agency in areas of conservation, preservation and presentation of cultural and heritage properties and is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance, operation and presentation to visitors of all National Monuments and Historic Properties in State care.

The OPW's responsibility for the built heritage in State care (i.e. in State ownership and guardianship) involves:

- Managing, maintaining, preserving and presentation of approx. 780 national monument sites including two UNESCO World Heritage sites, Skellig Michael and Brú na Bóinne.
- Managing, conserving, and presenting a total of 32 National Historic Properties such as Dublin Castle, the Phoenix Park, National Botanic Gardens, Blasket Islands and including such properties as Heywood Gardens, St. Enda's Park, Emo Court and Castletown House and Gardens.
- Providing a guided visitor experience at 70 sites – both fulltime and seasonal – with a mixture of paid and free admissions.
- Managing and cultivating approx. 5000 acres of parkland and gardens with plant collections and designs of international and national importance.
- Preserving and sustaining our natural heritage; many OPW heritage sites contain important biodiversity habitats and are home to protected wildlife, flora and fauna.

**Objectives:** *Achieve world class outcomes in conservation and uphold excellent heritage site management standards. Increase visitor footfall at heritage sites, resulting in greater resources for reinvestment. Ensure the*

necessary professional, technical and craft skills available to meet the Government commitment to heritage conservation.

### 1916 Centenary Celebrations

- The OPW played a key role in the planning and delivery of the official *Ireland 2016: Centenary Programme* which involved 97 events. A further 167 events were completed; 24 of which were either State events or events of national importance. The OPW played a key role in the operational and logistical issues associated with the signature public events during Easter Week 2016 and managed expenditure of €4.1million relating to the official *Ireland 2016: Centenary Programme*, and €335,000 relating to all other events.
- The Centenary Programme received the “Citizen Impact Award” at the **2016 Civil Service Excellence & Innovation Awards**. In addition, the OPW and its partner Department/Offices received the “Procurement Collaboration Award – Public Sector” in the **National Procurement & Supply Chain Awards 2016** for the State Commemoration Events of the 1916 Rising.
- The former Kilmainham Courthouse building was opened to the public. Works included Architectural interventions based on best conservation practice, the provision of a number of new key elements to facilitate the visiting public and making it suitable for use in conjunction with the rest of the buildings at Kilmainham. It was adopted as one of the Government’s signature *Permanent Reminder* capital development projects, which was opened just before Easter as part of the keynote official events;
- The OPW participated as part of the Project Team in the creation of a new Visitor Centre building at Pearse Cottage, Rosmuc;
- A series of projects in different media was undertaken including the book/art collaboration “1916 – Portraits & Lives” with the Royal Irish Academy; the Kilmainham *Autographs* Project website and the series of special exhibitions and events at the Pearse Museum in Rathfarnham;
- OPW Dublin Castle collaborated with the Crawford Gallery for the Crawford’s first-ever exhibition in Dublin. *The Crawford at the Castle* provided a unique insight into the cultural life and heritage of Ireland over three hundred years. Within the context of 1916, the Crawford’s holdings of artworks by John Lavery, Seán Keating and Séamus Murphy provided particularly relevant insights into the turbulent politics of the early twentieth century.
- The OPW launched the IAWATST Exhibition at The Printworks, Dublin Castle on 16 November 2016, which opened until mid-December before travelling to the Alley Theatre and Gallery, Strabane. It was on view in The LAB Gallery in February 2017. **IAWATST** is the abbreviation for ‘*Interesting And Weird At The Same Time*’. The exhibition is a joint project between the OPW, the Department of Finance (DoF, Stormont Executive), Dublin City Council, the LAB Gallery and the Central Model Senior School, Dublin 1. The children of 4<sup>th</sup> class from the Central Model Senior School selected the 20 artworks for the exhibition and the title reflects their fresh and open responses.

### Other achievements

- The major conservation project undertaken over the past 5 years at Cormac’s Chapel on the Rock of Cashel site was successfully completed;
- An urgent structural repair project was carried out on Skellig Michael, where a winter rockfall had extensively damaged the Lighthouse road and wall;
- Work continued on a number of ongoing conservation, fabric consolidation & repair and Health & Safety projects at sites including Ormonde Castle, Barryscourt Castle, Cahir Castle, Medieval House at Kilmallock, Charlesfort, Buttevant Abbey, Ardammullivan Castle, Aughnacore Castle, Askeaton Castle, Croom Church & Round Tower, Ballymalis Castle, Drumlane Church, Taghadoo Church and Kilmainham Gaol.
- Active engagement continued with OPW’s Strategic Partners, Fáilte Ireland and Department of Arts Heritage Rural Regional and Gaeltacht Affairs, in relation to the Tourism Investment Programme 2016 – 2021 which is designed to support the various Tourism Brand propositions i.e.: “*Wild Atlantic Way*”, “*Ireland’s Ancient East*” and *Dublin, A Breath of Fresh Air*. Other collaborations with various Cultural Institution Partners included the development of the Creative Ireland initiative with the intention of achieving positive capital development outcomes for the Institutions in the future.
- The Museum Standards Programme is a training and standards accreditation programme run by the Heritage Council. In 2016, Rathfarnham Castle and Dublin Castle applied for full accreditation, while the Pearse Museum and Castletown maintained full accreditation.
- The OPW worked with a range of stakeholders throughout 2016 to host a broad range of cultural and sporting events. OPW-managed heritage sites also featured significantly in the Heritage Week programme in August

2016, celebrating Ireland's heritage and facilitating open access for citizens to all venues.

## 4.2 Flood Risk Management

The OPW is the lead agency for flood risk management in Ireland. It is, therefore, responsible for developing, implementing and co-ordinating comprehensive policies and strategies for flood risk management. The primary functions of this programme are:

- To advise the Government on flood risk management and flood risk management policy;
- To develop and deliver on flood risk management work programmes and measures; and
- To maintain an effective programme of maintenance of river courses drained under the provisions of the Arterial Drainage Acts.

**Objective:** *Deliver appropriate flood risk policy advice, proposals, strategy and plans.*

### Interim Report of the Flood Policy Co-ordination Group

The Whole of Government Group has considered policy initiatives by Government to support households and businesses affected by flooding. The purpose of the Co-ordination Group is to have regard to the extent of non-structural solutions that will inform the implementation strategy of the Flood Risk Management Plans and to ensure that policies that can benefit communities and individuals directly - to be prepared for and respond to or live with flood risk - are carefully considered. The Government agreed to the Group's recommendation for a once off voluntary home relocation scheme, targeted at those primary homeowners that were worst affected by the floods in Winter 2015/2016. The Group's interim report was presented and adopted by Government in December 2016. The final report of the Group is being aligned to the preparation of the final Flood Risk Management Plans.

### Shannon Flood Risk State Agency Co-ordination Working Group

This group was established to enhance on-going co-operation across all of the State Agencies involved with the River Shannon. In 2016 the group:

- carried out an audit of the roles and responsibilities of State Agency organisations involved in flood management on the Shannon and produced and reviewed a 2016 Work Programme which sets out the extensive range of actions and activities that are helping to manage flood risk on the Shannon catchment;
- discussed the Flood Risk Management Plans for the Shannon Catchment (developed through the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme);
- held three Open Days on its work programme to discuss the role and work of the Group with the public and met with the Irish Farmers Association to discuss and explore the approach being adopted to address their issues of concern; and
- worked with the State's legal advisers to develop guidance for riparian owners on their rights and responsibilities.

The Group has discussed and taken innovative decisions on the benefits of other possible collaborative measures to managing flood risk for Winter 2016/2017 and future years, including the lowering of the water levels on Lough Allen, piloting the removal of "pinch points" and consideration of the development of a strategic maintenance programme for the River Shannon.

**Objective:** *Define long-term strategies for flood risk management, taking account of the potential aspects of climate change*

The Draft Flood Risk Management Plans, informed by the flood mapping of potential future climate change scenarios as well as of current conditions, were published for consultation on a rolling basis from July 2016, with all public consultation periods closed by the end of 2016. In parallel with the formal consultation process, presentations on the Draft Plans were given to Councils, and a further round of Public Consultation Days (PCDs) was also run in communities around the country.

**Objective:** *Support sustainable planning and development*

The OPW continued to provide an advisory service to the planning authorities on the implementation of the Guidelines on the Planning System and Flood Risk Management. This advice is supported by the development of the flood maps under the CFRAM Programme.

**Objective:** *Flood Relief Schemes (at varying stages of design, planning, implementation & completion), effective drainage channels and embankments and local solutions for local flood problems*

- Capital expenditure on major flood relief schemes and minor works projects was approximately €47m.
- Construction work commenced on seven major schemes including Claregalway, Dunkellin River, Bandon, Skibbereen, Northlands, Foynes and Limerick City while works continued on a number of others, including Bray, South Campshires, Ennis and the River Dodder in Dublin. Substantial completion was also achieved on phases 2, 3 and 4 of the Waterford City Scheme.
- Design work was advanced significantly on a number of other major schemes which has led to another seven schemes due to be commenced in 2017.
- 2,114km of OPW arterial drainage channel were maintained in 2016, representing approximately 18.4% of the total length of OPW arterial drainage channels in the State.
- 179km of OPW embankments were maintained in 2016, representing approximately 22.5% of the total length of OPW embankments in the State.
- In co-operation with the Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht (National Parks and Wildlife Services), the OPW continued the development of a pilot conservation management plan on a fen drained by one of the channels under our care. This pilot, proposed by the OPW, is listed as an action in the National Peatlands Strategy. A baseline eco-hydrological study has been completed.

Since 1995 the OPW, in co-operation with the relevant Local Authorities, has constructed 38 major flood relief schemes and, since 2009, has approved funding for 597 minor works projects. The total investment in flood risk management since 1995 has amounted to €511m. Almost 14,000 properties have benefited from this investment and the overall economic benefit to the State is estimated to be over €1.4 billion in terms of damages and losses avoided.

**Objective:** *Support local resilience initiatives and develop public flood risk data and information services*

**National Flood Forecasting and Warning Service**

A Government decision was taken in January 2016 to establish a National Flood Forecasting and Warning Service. When fully operational, this will be of significant benefit to communities and individuals to prepare for and lessen the impact of flooding. The Government decision has provided the opportunity to proceed with a first stage implementation of the service and will involve the following elements:

- the establishment of a National Flood Forecasting Service as a new operational unit within Met Éireann; and
- the establishment of an independent Oversight Unit within the OPW.

A Steering Group, including representatives from the OPW, the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Met Éireann and the Local Authorities has been established to steer, support and oversee the establishment of the new service. The Steering Group, chaired by the OPW, met on seven occasions during the year, agreed a Terms of Reference and prepared and agreed an implementation plan.

Given the complexities involved in establishing, designing, developing and testing this new service, it is anticipated that the first stage of the service will take at least 5 years before it is fully operational. In the interim period, existing flood forecasting and warning systems and arrangements will continue to be maintained.

**Other activities in 2016**

- Through the National Severe Weather Co-ordination Group, established as part of the National Emergency Management Framework, the OPW contributed to the Government's response to flooding events during January 2016. This included daily updates on water levels in main rivers from data available from OPW's [waterlevel.ie](http://www.waterlevel.ie) portal (see below) and also advice to local authorities and others on flood forecast notifications from the European Flood Awareness System (EFAS).
- The OPW operates surface water gauging stations at 395 river, lake and tidal locations nationwide, and water level data from the majority of these stations are now available in real time (at 15 minute intervals) on [www.waterlevel.ie](http://www.waterlevel.ie). The popularity of the web portal continues to grow since its launch in 2013, with 400,004 visits recorded in 2016, up from 359,271 visits recorded in 2015. The web portal proved critical for monitoring water levels and for aiding the response to, and management of, the severe flooding that occurred over the winter of 2015/2016 (including January 2016). The website was widely used by the OPW, Local Authorities, Waterways Ireland, Electricity Supply Board, Environmental Protection Agency, the public and the media as a source of information on the severity of flooding nationwide.
- A customer survey, with a view to improving service and to enhance the functionality of the [www.waterlevel.ie](http://www.waterlevel.ie) web portal, was undertaken in late 2016 and received almost 300 detailed responses. The response overall was very enthusiastic and positive, and a number of desired improvements were identified by customers. These are being considered with a view to addressing users' needs where possible.
- In the **2016 Civil Service Excellence and Innovation Awards**, the Flood Studies Update Web Portal was nominated under the "Excellence in Innovation" category and was among 30 other finalists who were shortlisted in ten different categories such as excellence in policy, in innovation, in customer service and in skills development.

### 4.3 Corporate Services

Corporate Services includes functions such as Human Resource Management, Financial Management, Information & Communications Technology and other services necessary for the day to day operations of the Office.

**Objective:** *Deliver an efficient and effective support service to facilitate the implementation of OPW's key objectives.*

- Gross Expenditure on the OPW Vote in 2016 was €391.487m representing 100% of the available Vote allocation in the Revised Estimates.
- The OPW's accounts branch processed 78,524 payments to suppliers in 2016 relating to 56,102 invoices with 71% of payments being made within 15 days. A total of 85,321 payroll payments and 9,775 travel and subsistence claims to 2,150 staff were processed in 2016.
- Total receipts under Appropriations in Aid were €32.685m, a surplus of €5.707m over the annual receipts requirement. A further €114.3m was received from client Departments for Agency Services provided by the OPW on a repayment basis. Payments amounting to €101.375m were processed on projects and services managed on an agency basis on behalf of other Government Departments.
- Legal Services issued reports on a quarterly basis to senior management in relation to active claims in their sections.
- The OPW continued to monitor compliance with our Official Irish Language Scheme during 2016 and in accordance with the Official Languages Act 2003, the drafting of our third language scheme commenced with a call for submissions.
- An updated Customer Action Plan 2017- 2019 was completed.
- In relation to Information and Communications Technology (ICT):
  - Major ICT infrastructure upgrades took place to provide a modern platform to deliver ICT services.
  - A new email system was deployed to improve calendaring and collaboration.
  - Ongoing improvements were made to the OPW Intranet to enhance internal communications.
  - The financial management system was upgraded to a new version to improve usability with new feature sets.
  - The ICT Helpdesk dealt with 8,770 calls in 2016.
- The OPW has cooperated with the Office of Government Chief Information Officer (OGCIO) and the National Archives in relation to the eDocs system that is under development in the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

- The OPW submitted its business case to the OGCIO in respect of the Estate Management System, which was approved in December 2016.
- The OPW continued the craft apprenticeship programme that started in 2014 in conjunction with Further Education and Training Authority (SOLAS). Five apprentice carpenters/joiners commenced during 2016. This brings to twenty nine the total number of stonecutters/stonemasons and carpenters/joiners undertaking their apprenticeships under the OPW/SOLAS programme at end 2016.
- Strategy formation was initiated in 2016 in respect of Human Resource Management, Learning and Development and Internal Communications, and a policy drafted in relation to Continuing Personal and Professional Development.
- Internal Audit Unit presented 8 completed audits to the Audit Committee.
- A Competency Assessment project was undertaken in the Estate Portfolio Management function, with the actions arising from this being mainstreamed into the Learning & Development function.

## 5. Expenditure Programme

The Office of Public Works (OPW) is charged with the administration and execution of a number of separate and diverse areas of Government services. These are accounted for under two main programmes with administrative support by Corporate Services.

### OPW Expenditure Summary

Programme Expenditure*	2015 €000	2016 €000
Programme A – Flood Risk Management	75,324	80,127
Programme B – Estate Portfolio Management	<u>425,165</u>	<u>412,735</u>
<b>Gross Total</b>	<b>500,489</b>	<b>492,862</b>
<b>D- Appropriations in Aid</b>	<u>30,408</u>	<u>32,685</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b><u>470,081</u></b>	<b><u>460,177</u></b>

### Funding of Programmes

Vote 13 Office of Public Works (Gross)	390,076	391,487
Departmental Vote Accounts managed by the OPW	<u>110,413</u>	<u>101,375</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>500,489</u></b>	<b><u>492,862</u></b>

\* Programme expenditure includes direct expenditure on the OPW Vote, OPW Corporate Services and works and services managed on a repayment basis by the OPW for other Government Departments and State Agencies.

### Management Structure

The management structure is updated on the following link: [www.whodoeswhat.gov.ie/root/opw/](http://www.whodoeswhat.gov.ie/root/opw/)

## 6. OPW Statistics

OPW Staff	Established Staff	Industrial Staff
1604	636	968

Financial Information	Number	%
<b>Number of Payments:</b>	78,524	
<b>Within 15 days</b>	56,102	71.45
<b>Within 16 to 30 days</b>	21,947	27.95
<b>In excess of 30 days</b>	475	0.60

Supporting the Parliamentary Process	Number
Parliamentary Questions	472
Information provided for other Parliamentary Questions	51
Dáil Topical Issue Debates	Submitted (Total) 4 Selected (1 Transferred to other Dept.)
Seanad Commencement Matters	Submitted (Total) 4 Selected (1 Transferred to other Dept.)
Adjournment Debate	1
Ministerial Representations	896

General Information	Number
Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests Processed	119
Media Events Organised	54
Press Releases Issued	82
Queries dealt with by Press Office	3,159
National Monuments under the care of the OPW	780
National Monuments with guided service	70
Recorded Visitors to Heritage sites in 2016	5.5 million

OPW Sector	Energy Use - Total Primary Energy (TPER, GWh)
Optimising Power @ Work buildings	34.57
Historical Sites	9.29
Parks	1.00
Pumping Stations	1.41
Transport	6.72
Other Buildings	1.71
Total	54.7



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## 1. Réamhrá an Aire Stáit

Tá áthas orm an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil seo don bhliain 2016 a chur i láthair maidir le gníomhaíochtaí agus éachtaí Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí (OOP).

Bliain chomóraidh a bhí sa bhliain 2016, ní amháin ar chuimhneachán céad bliain Éirí Amach 1916 ach chomh maith leis sin, bhí OOP ag comóradh bhunú OOP féin, 185 bliain ó shin.

Díríonn OOP ar na réimsí feidhme a bhaineann le Bainistíocht Riosca Tuile agus le Bainistíocht na Punainne Eastáit, Seirbhísí Oidhreachta, san áireamh. Tá siad seo a leanas ar na príomhréimsí gníomhaíochta atá ar bun ag OOP, maidir le bainistíocht riosca tuile: scéimeanna mórchaipitil um fhaoiseamh tuile, a chosain suas le €43,3m, in 2016. Rinneadh obair thógála ar mhórscéimeanna, ina measc Baile Chláir na Gaillimhe, Abhainn Dhún Coillín, Droichead na Bandan, An Sciobairín, An Fearann Thuaidh, Faing agus Cathair Luimnigh. Tá mórscéimeanna um fhaoisimh tuile tar eis dul chun sochair do, nach mór, 14,000 gabháltas agus shábháil an stát €1.4 billiún de bharr damáiste agus cailteanas a seachnaíodh. In 2016 d'oibrigh OOP i gcomhar le grúpaí idirghníomhaireachta, grúpa um Riosca Tuile na Sionainne, san áireamh, chun polasaithe i leith tuile, a chomhordú. Rinneadh cur chuige nuálach maidir le bainistíocht riosca tuile a iniúchadh, mar shampla, leibhéil uisce a íslíú agus fáil réidh le “pointí fáiscthe” ar Abhainn na Sionainne. Chuaigh OOP i gcomhairle ar bhonn fhorleathan leis an bpobal, i dtaca le Pleananna um Bhainistíocht Riosca Tuile, a foilsíodh i gcomhair chomhairliúcháin phoiblí i rith 2016.

Tá punann réadmhaoine mór faoi chúram agus á bhainistiú ag OOP, 577 oifig agus 763 áitreabh de chuid an Gharda Síochána, ina measc. Íoctar cíós de luach €94m sa bhliain agus tá réadmhaoín faoina gcúram ar fiú €3.2bln é. De thoradh ar bhainistíocht straitéiseach punainne, rinneadh 19 diúscairt ar réadmhaoín in 2016, a thuill 3.4m don stát.

Gné tábhachtach d'fheidhm Bhainistíochta Phunainn Eastáit OOP is ea an oidhreacht. Bhí ról suntasach ag OOP i rathúlacht ócáidí poiblí aitheantais i rith Sheachtain na Cásca 2016 agus in Éirinn 2016: Clár Comórtha. Tá 800 séadchomhartha náisiúnta agus réadmhaoín stairiúil faoi chúram OOP, agus thug 6.6 milliún duine cuairt ar ár láithreáin oidhreachta in 2016. Ní amháin go gcuireann OOP ár réadmhaoín oidhreachta os comhair an phobail, ach is acmhainn thábhachtach turasóireachta iad na láithreáin seo, a chuireann go mór leis an eacnamaíocht áitiúil agus reigiúnach.

**Seán Canney, TD**

**An tAire Stáit ag an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe, le Freagracht Speisialta as OOP agus Faoisimh Tuile.**



Fáiltím roimh an deis seo Tuarascáil Bhliantúil OOP 1916 a chur faoi bhráid an Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe le freagracht speisialta as Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí agus Faoisimh Tuile, an tUasal Seán Canney, T.D. Leiríonn an tuarascáil seo an dul chun cinn atá déanta ag OOP i mbliain a dó den tréimhse a chlúdaítear faoinár Ráiteas Stráitéise (2015-2017).

Leiríonn an Tuarascáil seo éachtaí mo réamtheachtaí, Ms. Clare McGrath le linn a tréimhse i gceannas ar OOP, os rud é nár thosaigh mise mo thréimhse mar chathaoirleach go dtí deireadh 2106. Thar ceann OOP, ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le Clare as a seirbhís agus a ceannaireacht thiomanta i dtaca leis an eagraíocht seo, le linn a tréimhse mar Chathaoirleach.

Tá OOP gafa le réimse leathan gníomhaíochtaí faoinár dhá phríomhchlár um Bhainistíocht Riosca Tuile agus Bainistíocht Punann Eastáit. Rinne muid dul chun cinn suntasach in 2016 ó thaobh straitéise agus oibríochta, agus tá ár misean i dtaca leis an dá réimse seo curtha chun cinn ago suntasach againn. Bhí polasaithe a d’eascair ón nGrúpa Comhordaithe Polasaí Tuile um réitithe neamhstruchtúrach i gcomhair riosca tuile san áireamh inár mBainistíocht um Riosca Tuile; comh-mholtaí i leith riosca tuile ó Ghrúpa Gníomhaireachta Stáit um Riosca Tuile na Sionanne; agus bunaíodh grúpa stiúrtha idirghníomhaireachta, faoi chathaoirleacht OOP chun Seirbhís Náisiúnta Rabhaidh agus Réamhaisnéise a fhorbairt. Bhí Tairseach Ghréasáin um Nuashonrú Staidéir Tuile OOP (FSU) ar an ngearrliosta do Ghradaim um SárFheabhas agus Nuálaíochta sa Stáit Seirbhís 2016. In 2016, leanadh le próisis bhunathraithe gnó i mBainistíocht Punainne Eastáit agus tá sé dírithe ar fheabhas a chur ar sheirbhísí agus cumarsáid lenár gcliain, pleanáil agus maoirseacht, inniúlachtaí a fhorbairt agus bainistíocht sonraí. Ba bhliain speisialta chomórtha céad bliain a bhí ann í 2016, ina raibh earnálacha ar fud na tíre páirteach. Bhí ról suntasach ag OOP i rathúlacht ócáidí comórtha agus bhuaigh Clár Comórtha Céad Bliain 2016 an Duais um Thionchar ar Shaoránaigh ag searmanas na nGradam um SárFheabhas agus Nuálaíochta sa Stáitseirbhís i mí na Nollag 2016. Chomh maith leis sin, rinne OOP cuimhneachán 185 bliain a mbunaithe a chomóradh, trí thaispeántas i gCaisleán Rath Fearnáin, a chuir an réimse leathan oibreacha poiblí atá ar bun ag OOP leis na blianta fada, i láthair.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a chur in iúl do lucht oibre Oifig na nOibreacha poiblí agus aitheantas a thabhairt dóibh as a seirbhís thiomanta, dhíograiseach in 2016, agus buíochas a ghabháil lenár bpáirtithe leasmhara as ucht a gcomhoibríthe lenár ngníomhaíochtaí.

**Maurice Buckley**  
**Cathaoirleach**



## 2. Ár Misean

### Ráiteas Misin

Is é an misean atá ag Oifig na nOibreacha poiblí ná leas a bhaint as an taithí agus an saineolas atá againn faoi na réimsí sainordaithe atá faoinár gcúram ar mhaithe le seirbhísí éifeachtacha, inbhuanaithe, nuálacha a chur ar fáil don phobal agus dár gcliaint, le tiomantas, gairmiúlacht agus le hionracas, faoi threoir an Rialtais.

### Feidhmeanna

In 2016 ba iad Bainistíocht na Punainne Eastáit agus Bainistíocht maidir le Riosca Tuitte croífheidhmeanna Oifig na nOibreacha poiblí. Fuair na réimsí oibríochta sin tacaíocht ó na seirbhísí corparáideacha. Dírionn OOP, go príomha, ar sheirbhísí a sholáthar do chustaiméirí. Is iad seo a leanas ár gcustaiméirí: an pobal, an Rialtas, Rannóga eile, Oifigí, Gníomhaireachtaí, maraon leis an tseirbhís phoiblí i gcotinne.

<b>Portfoilió Eastát a Bhainistiú</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Fís:</b> An caighdeán a leagan síos do bhainistiú, do chothabháil, do dhearadh, d'fhoinsiú agus do chaomhnú Phortfoilió Oidhreachta agus Maoine an Stáit agus forbairt straitéisí, prótacail agus caighdeáin náisiúnta a stiúradh chun úsáid roinnte agus éifeachtúil cóiríochta d'ardchaighdeán a uasmhéadú feadh na Seirbhíse Poiblí ar chostas laghdaithe.</li></ul>
<b>Bainistiú Riosca I gCás Tuitte</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Fís:</b> Na tionchair a bhíonn ag tuitte abhann agus cósta ar an tsochaí, ar theaghlaigh, ar ghnólachtaí agus ar an gcomhshaol a íoslaghdú, trí threoir agus comhairle maidir le baol ó thuitte a sholáthar sa réimse pleanála inbhuanaithe, cuidiú le forbairt pobail chun go mbeidh teacht aniar iontu agus bearta maolaithe éifeachtacha a fheidhmiú do cheantair a bhíonn i mbaol.</li></ul>
<b>Seirbhísí Corparáideacha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Fís:</b> Acmhainn agus cumas ár bhfoirne a uasmhéadú chun príomhfheidhmeanna agus príomhchuspóirí na hOifige seo a chomhlíonadh. An tiomantas, an ghairmiúlacht agus an t-ionracas atá ar shaintréith OOP le breis agus 185 bliain anuas a chur i bhfeibhm maidir lenár ngníomhaíochtaí go léir</li></ul>

### 3. Buaicphointí 2016

#### Bainistíocht Punainne Eastáit

##### Réadmhaoin

- Críochnaíodh an obair ar Sciatháin Stairiúla an Ghailearaí Náisiunta i mí na Nollag 2016.
- Críochnaíodh an polasaí i leith fháltas agus diúscairt réadmhaoine an stáit agus rinne an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe é a scaipeadh i gCiorclán 17/2016.
- Ullmhaíodh cur chuige nua i dtaca le rangachán agus bearta a fhorbairt chun bonn eolais a chur faoi bhainistíocht réadmhaoine agus bearta tionscadail.
- Ullmhaíodh treoirlínte agus caighdeáin do chóiríocht oifige.

##### Oidhreacht

- Ghlac OOP páirt in ócáidí Comórtha Céad Bliain 1916, agus bhí ról lárnach ag an oifig sa cheiliúradh, mar a raibh sí páirteach i 264 ócáid agus chaith an oifig buiséad de €4.1m.
- Taifeadadh 6.6 milliún cuairteoir ag láithreáin threoraithe OOP in 1916, ardú ó 4.9 milliún in 2015.
- Cuireadh tionscadal ollmhór caomhnaithe shéipéal Chormaic ag láithreán Charraig Phádraig, a bhí ar siúl le 5 bliana, i gcrích.

#### Bainistíocht Riosca Tuile

- Bhí caiteachas caipitil de €47m i gceist le mórscéimeanna faoisimh tuile agus mionoibreacha tionscadail eile.
- Foilsíodh an Dréahtphlean Bainistíochta Riosca Tuile, i gcomhair comhairliúcháin ar bhonn atrátha ó mhí Iúil 2016. Tá an Plean bunaithe ar an eolas a fuarthas trí léarscáileanna a rinneadh i dtaca le hathrú aeráide a d'fhéadfadh tarlú sa todhchaí, maraon le cúinsí reatha.
- Rinneadh cothabháil ar 2,100km de chainéal draenála artaireach OOP in 2016.
- Lean OOP ag cur seirbhís chomhairliúcháin ar fáil do na húdaráis phleanála, i dtaca le feidhmiú na dTreoirlínte um Chóras Pleanála agus Bainistíocht Riosca Tuile.
- Bhí OOP i mbun stáisiún tomhsaireachta uisce dromchla ag 395 ionad, idir aibhneacha, locha agus ag láithreacha taoide ar fud na tíre. Tá sonraí maidir le leibhéal uisce ó fhormhór na stáisiún sin ar fáil anois ar bhonn fíor-ama (gach 15 noiméad) ag [www.waterlevel.ie](http://www.waterlevel.ie).

#### Seirbhísí Corparáideacha

- Foilsíodh an Creat um Rialachais Chorparáideach OOP i mí Aibreán 2016 agus déanfar é a uasdátú ar bhonn leanúnach.
- Cuireadh próiseas um Bhunathrú Gnó d'fheidhm um Bhainistíocht Punainne Eastáit chun cinn i dtaca le hathstruchtúrú eagraíochtúil a chur i gcrích. Cuireadh Córas Bainistíochta Eastáit agus tionscadal um Mheasúnú Inniúlachtaí i gcrích, agus tosaíodh á chur i bhfeidhm.
- Foilsíodh Plean Gníomhaíochta Custaiméirí OOP leasaithe don tréimhse 2017-2019.

## 4. Athbhreithniú: Bliain 2, Ráiteas Straitéise 2015 – 2017, Cuspóirí Straitéise agus Dul chun Cinn in 2016

### 4.1 Bainistíocht Punainne Eastáit

Is faoin gceannteideal aontaithe Bainistíocht na Punainne Eastáit (BPE) a sholáthraítear seirbhísí Réadmhaoine agus Oidhreachta san am i láthair. Tá mórphunann réadmhaoine faoi úinéireacht agus faoi bhainistíocht OOP.

#### 4.1.1 Réadmhaoin

I mbainistiú na punainne seo, déanann OOP seirbhís chomhroinnte a chur ar fáil do Ranna agus do Ghníomhaireachtaí an Rialtais Láir, sna réimsí a bhaineann le bainistíocht réadmhaoine agus cothabháil réadmhaoine, ina measc seirbhísí bainistíochta ailtireachta, innealtóireachta, luachála, suirbhéireachta cainníochta, seirbhísí bainistíochta tionscadal agus seirbhísí bainistíochta saoráidí.

**Cuspóir:** *Straitéis chuimsitheach um Bhainistíocht Sóchmhainní Réadmhaoine a ullmhú, ina mbeidh: roghanna cuíchóiriithe, athinfheistíochta agus cothabhála i dtaca leis an bpunann réadmhaoine; straitéis bainistíochta sóchmhainní a ullmhú chun diúscairt réadmhaoin an stáit a bhainistiú; straitéis 20 bliain a ullmhú i dtaca le réadmhaoin uile OOP.*

- In 2016, rinneadh staidéar rangaithe ar chóiríocht oifigí a bhí ar léas nó faoi úinéireacht an OOP i gceantar Bhaile Átha Cliath. Is é an chuspóir a bhí leis seo ná tosaíocht agus catagóiriú a dhéanamh ar phunann réadmhaoine Bhaile Átha Cliath, bunaithe ar riocht agus ar shuíomh na réadmhaoine. Bunófar straitéis pleanála agus bainistíochta airgeadais i dtaca le punann Bhaile Átha Cliath ar an staidéar seo, don ghearrthearma, meántearma agus an fadtearma, trí chlár straitéiseacha infheistíochta, diúscairt agus barrfheabhsaithe a aithint.
- Ullmhaíodh dréacht do Threoirlínte agus cáipéis Chaighdeán um Chóiríocht Oifige OOP agus scaipeadh an dréacht ar an bhFoghrúpa um Chóiríochta. Cuireadh an t-aiseolas a fuarthas san áireamh sa dréacht deiridh agus tá sé réidh le foilsiú anois.
- Nuair a fheidhmeofar é, tabharfaidh an Córas Bainistíochta Eastáit (Bainistíocht Chomhtháite sa Láthair Oibre) tacaíocht d'fhorbairt Straitéis Bainistíochta um Shóchmhainní Réadmhaoine cuimsitheach.
- Mar pháirt de bhainistíocht straitéiseach um phunann eastáit, rinne an OOP 19 réadmhaoin a dhiúscairt in 2016 ar luach de €3.4m.

Sa Chéad chlár um Chlárúcháin, aithníodh 100 áitreabh faoi úinéireacht an stáit a bhfuil ceangal dlí orthu i dtaca le bheith cláraithe leis an Údarás Clárúcháin Maoine (ÚCM). Go dtí seo, cláraíodh 15 réadmhaoin agus is í aidhm an chlár ná go gclárófaí 15 réadmhaoin gach ráithe. Braitheann rathúlacht maidir le ráta cláraithe ar cháipéisíocht a bheith ar fáil, agus cruinneas léarscáileanna, maraon le staid na talún. Táthar ag déanamh fiosrúcháin chasta i leith roinnt clárúcháin, i lathair na huair, agus tá Oifig an Phríomh-Aturnae Stáit ag plé leo sin, thar ceann OOP.

**Cuspóir:** *Acmhainn agus cumas straitéiseach maidir le bainistiú sóchmhainní maoine a fheabhsú ar fud na seirbhíse poiblí agus riarachán um bhainistiú sóchmhainní maoine a chuíchóiriú.*

- Chun aistriú foirgnimh agus réadmhaoine idir eagraíochtaí poiblí a éascú, chuir an Grúpa Stiúrtha um Bhainistíocht Sóchmhainní Réadmhaoine na Prótacail um Shóchmhainní Réadmhaoine a Chomhroinnt agus a Aistriú i gcrích, agus scaip an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe iad ar na Ranna/Oifigí i Mí Meán Fómhair 2015 (Ciorclán 11/2015). Thacaigh OOP le húsáid na bprótacal in 2016 trí:
  - Comhairle a thabhairt d'eagraíochtaí Stáit eile maidir le ceistanna praiticiúla faoi fheidhmiú na bprótacal.
  - Clár Réadmhaoine an Stáit a chur i láthair. Tá sonraí achomair 24,000 réadmhaoin cláraithe ag eagraíochtaí neamhthráchtála leis an gClár, ina measc, an OOP, Údarás Áitiúla agus Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte (HSE), agus tá an obair seo idir lámha faoi láthair.
  - Na Prótacail féin a úsáid chun réadmhaoin a aistriú agus a chomhroinnt le heagraíochtaí stáit eile.
- Cheadaigh an Grúpa Stiúrtha um Bhainistíocht Sóchmhainní Réadmhaoine an polasaí maidir le Fáltas agus Diúscairt Réadmhaoine an Stáit, agus scaip an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe é seo i Mí an Mheithimh 2016 i gCiorclán 17/16.

- Ullmhaíodh cúrsa bunleibhéal 7 lá, i leith bainistíochta réadmhaoine i rith 2016, agus cuirfidh Cumann na Suirbhéirí Cairte an cúrsa i láthair, ag tús 2017. Cuirfidh an cúrsa seo eolas bunúsach ar fáil maidir le príomhghnéithe na Bainistíochta Réadmhaoine agus comhlíonann sé ceann de na haidhmeanna faoin bPlean Seachadta um Bhainistíocht Sóchmhainní Réadmhaoine.

Chuir OOP Ceardlann Ghréasáin na mBainisteoirí Réadmhaoine i láthair i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath i Mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2016. Clúdaíodh ábhair ar nós, briseadh léasa, an tÚdaráis Clárúcháin Réadmhaoine agus impleachtaí CBL i dtaca le hidirbhearta réadmhaoine.

**Cuspóir:** *Clár chothabhála atá pleanáilte agus coiscteach, bunaithe ar mheasúnú ar staid na bhfoirgneamh, a chur in ionad na seirbhíse frithghníomhaí um chothabháil foirgnimh.*

- Ó chur chun feidhme Chiorclán 1/13, athraíodh socruithe maoinithe, agus tá an tsamhail maidir le cothabháil réadmhaoine athraithe, agus ina ionad sin tá an bhéim á chur ar chothabháil pleanáilte, coiscteach atá bunaithe ar mheasúnú ar staid na bhfoirgneamh, seachas cothabháil fhrithghníomhach. Ullmhaíodh Clár um Uasghrádú ar Chreatlach Foirgneamh ina ndéanfar obair fheabhsúcháin ar fhuinneoga agus díonta, go príomha, chun tacú le cur chuige straitéiseach i dtaca le seanfhoirgnimh atá faoi úineireacht an Stáit. Caitheadh níos mó airgid ar obair chothabhála pleanáilte i rith 2016 ná an méid a caitheadh ar an gcineál seo oibre sna blianta atá caite.
- Thosaigh Clár Iarfheistithe Réadmhaoine in 2016, ag díriú ar stoc cóiríochta an Rialtais agus tá sé d'aidhm ag an gclár, cothabháil a dhéanamh ar chreatlach foirgneamh maraon le barrfeabhas a chur ar acmhainneacht foirgnimh oifige an Stáit, de réir Phlean Sheachadta um Bhainistíocht Sóchmhainní Réadmhaoine.
- Seoladh an Clár um Fhoirgnimh atá Neodrach nach mór ó thaobh Fuinnimh de (NZEB), i gCeannoifig OOP i mBaile Átha Troim, ar an Aoine, an 11 de Shamhain 2016. Rinne an Príomh-Ailtire Stáit Ciaran O' Connor, FRIAI an ócáid a chomhordú agus thug sé aitheasc ag an ócáid. Seoladh an Ócáid Bhliantúil Doirse Oscailte NZEB inar tugadh cuairt ar líon ard foirgneamh ar fud na tíre agus a bhí comhordaithe ag Údaráis Fuinnimh Inmharthana na hÉireann (SEIA) agus ag Leictreachas Éireann. San áireamh, chomh maith, den chéad uair, tugadh deis don phobal agus d'aíonna cuairt a thabhairt ar Cheanncheathrú OOP. Ón 1 Eanáir 2019, caithfear gach foirgneamh poiblí a dhearadh de réir chaighdeán tógála um fhuinneamh neodrach nach mór ó thaobh fuinnimh de. Faoi Threoir Feidhmíochta Fuinnimh Foirgneamh an AE (EPBD-2002/91/EC) agus I.R. 243 de 2012, tá dualgais i bhfeidhm maidir le híoschaighdeáin um fheidhmíocht fuinnimh d'fhoirgnimh nua agus foirgnimh eile a ndéantar mór-athchóirithe orthu agus ina bhfuil achar urláir de bhreis agus 1000m<sup>2</sup>.
- Cuireadh na tionscadail seo a leanas i gcrích in 2016:
  - Ceancheathrú nua d'Oilimpicí Speisialta Éireann ag an gCampas Náisiúnta Spóirt i mBaile an Aba;
  - Athchóiríodh iar-Stáisiún na nGardaí i bhFionnbhrú, i gCeantar Bhaile Átha Cliath 9, chun athlonnú Mharbhlann Bhaile Átha Cliath agus Oifig an Phaiteolaí Stáit, a éascú;
  - Athchóiríodh Teach Lansdúin chun an Coimisiún um Chaidreamh san Áit Oibre (WRC) a lonnú ann;
  - Rinneadh feistiú ar Áras Chnoc Muáin, Sráid an Mhóta Íochtarach, Baile Átha Cliath 2, chun é a ullmhú d'athlonnú Oifig na bPasanna ó Shráid Theach Laighean;
  - Athchóiríodh Teach na nAltraí, Lána Líosain, Baile Átha Cliath 2 mar spás oifige;
  - Críochnaíodh oibreacha ar Sciatháin Stairiúla an Ghailearaí Náisiúnta i Mí na Nollag 2016.
  - Críochnaíodh oibreacha ar Phríosún Chill Mhaighneann agus ar an gCeoláras Náisiúnta i gcomhar le Clár Comórtha 1916.

Ullmhaíodh an Córas Bainistíochta Eastáit ar bhealach a thabharfaidh tacaíocht do chlár chothabhála atá pleanáilte trí fheidhmiúlacht an mheasúnú stáide.

Tionscadail eile a cuireadh chun cinn i rith 2016:

- Mórthionscadail tógála de chuid na nGardaí – Sráid Chaoimhín, Gaillimh agus Loch Garman – le bheith críochnaithe i 2017. Móroibreacha feabhsúcháin déanta ar choláiste Oilíúna na nGardaí sa Teampall Mór, i gCo. Thiobraid Árann, Céim 1-críochnaithe den chuid is mó, i Mí na Nollag 2016, céim 2- tá tógáil ag leanacht ar aghaidh. .
- Tús curtha le hobair chaomhantais ar Theach Laighean, le clár leathnaithe oibreacha cumais le cur i gcrích.
- Seacht dtionscadal cúirteanna nua san áireamh i bPacáiste Spreagthaí na Roinne Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais, agus á soláthar faoin scéim Soláthair Poiblí-Príobháideach Cliste.
- Oibreacha uasghrádaithe chun Saotharlann Víreolaíochta a chur ar fáil i mBacastúin chun acmhainn Chatagóir 4 a chumasú don Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara, le bheith críochnaithe den chuid is mó, in 2017.



**Cuspóir:** *Feidhmiú an Chláir um Chumhacht á barrfheabhsú @ an Obair ar fud na Seirbhíse Poiblí.*

- Faoi láthair, tá 40 eagraíocht poiblí (15 Ospidéal Mhóra, 9 gCampas Oideachais, 13 Údarás Áitiúil, 2 Phríosún agus foirgnimh éagsúla de chuid Fheidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte), páirteach ann. Caitear timpeall €30m sa bhliain ar fhuinneamh sna foirgnimh seo. Tá OOP ag obair go dlúth le hOifig Inbhuanaitheachta FSS chun an feachtas a chur i bhfeidhm in ospidéal mhóra ghéarchúraim.
- Maidir lena phunann réadmhaoine féin, tá OOP ag coigilt 21% tríd an “an Chumhacht á Barrfheabhsú @ an Obair – Feachtas an Rialtais Láir”. Caitear €22m, san iomlán, ar fhuinneamh sna foirgnimh seo. Cuirtear tuairisc ar fáil go rialta don Roinn Chumarsáide, Gníomhú ar Son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil (de réir Threoir Éifeachtúlachta Fuinnimh – Airteagal 5), maidir leis na coigiltis a dhéantar i bhfoirgnimh an Rialtais Láir.
- In 2016, ba é riachtanas Fuinneamh Príomhúil Iomlán (TPER) OOP ná 54.7 GWh, i dtaca le fuinneamh leictreach agus teirmeach foirgnimh agus breosla iompair. Tháinig laghdú de 17% ar an méid fuinnimh a úsáidtear i bhfoirgnimh iomlána OOP ó 2009.

**Cuspóirí:** *Comhairle theicniúil a sholáthar don Rialtas agus do ghníomhaireachtaí, sárchaighdeán a chur chun cinn sa timpeallacht thógtha, inbhuanaitheacht, feasacht phoiblí, oideachas agus taighde. Seirbhísí bainistíochta agus deartha a chur ar fáil do riachtanais thógála agus maoin an rialtais agus cliant an stáit chun tacú leis an straitéis um bhainistiú sócmhainní réadmhaoine.*

Is é an tAiltire Stáit a thugann comhairle don Uachtarán agus don Rialtas maidir le gnóthaí ailtireachta. I measc na gníomhaíochtaí in 2016, bhí siad seo a leanas:

- Rannpháirtíocht sa Choiste um Chonarthaí Tógála an Rialtais, ag forbairt polasaithe soláthair agus conartha, ag tacú le caighdeán ailtireachta i dtionscadail atá á maoiniú ag an Stát;
- Comhairliúchán i dtaca le reachtaíocht agus rialacháin a bhaineann le caighdeán ailtireachta agus an timpeallacht thógtha;
  - Comhairliúchán maidir le caighdeán dheartha na gclár infreastuchtúir ar fad;
  - Comhairle don Aire Ealaíon, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta maidir le tábhacht na bhfoirgneamh stairiúil faoi Alt 482, den Acht Airgeadais;
  - Comhairle do Ranna ábhartha maidir le cúram séadchomharthaí agus cúram, caomhnú, athchóiriú agus athúsáid na bhfoirgneamh stairiúil;
  - Ag déanamh moltaí maidir le feidhmiú bogearraí Samhaltaithe Faisnéise Foirgníochta (BIM), i dtaca le réadmhaoin Rialtais.
  - Comhairle i dtaca le Polasáí Ailtireachta an Rialtais. Seoladh Cáipéis Athbhreithnithe um Thuarascáil Bhliantúil ar Pholasáí Ailtireachta an Rialtais sa Leabharlann Náisiúnta, i Mí na Nollag 2016. Comhordaíodh é le hionchur agus uasdátú a sholáthar an tAiltire Stáit maidir le stádas reatha na ngnéithe a bhí ar an liosta Gníomhartha.

#### **4.1.2 Oidhreacht**

Is í OOP an Phríomhghníomhaireacht maidir le réadmhaoin chultúrtha agus oidhreachta a chaomhnú, a chothabháil agus a chur i láthair, agus tá sí freagrach as cothabháil, oibríocht agus cur i láthair na Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta agus Maoin Stairiúil atá faoi chúram an Stáit, ó lá go lá.

Is í freagracht OOP i leith na hoidhreachta tógtha atá faoi chúram an Stáit (i.e. Faoi úinéireacht nó chaomhantais an Stáit) ná:

- Breis agus 780 séadchomhartha náisiúnta a bhainistiú, a chothabháil, a chaomhnú agus a chur i láthair, ina measc tá dhá shuíomh Oidhreachta Domhanda UNESCO, is iad sin Sceilg Mhichíl agus Brú na Bóinne.
- 32 Maoin Náisiúnta Stairiúil a bhainistiú, a chaomhnú agus a chur i láthair, ina measc, Caisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath, Páirc an Fhionnuisce, Garraithe na Lus, Oileáin an Bhlascaoid, agus suíomhanna mar Ghairdíní Heywood, Páirc Naomh Éanna, Cúirt Ioma agus Teach agus Gairdíní Bhaile an Chaisleáin.
- Seirbhís treorach do chuairteoirí ar fáil ag 70 láthair – ar bhonn lán-aimseartha agus séasúrach - agus bhí cead isteach saor in aisce i roinnt láithreán agus bhí táille ar chead isteach i roinnt láithreán eile.

- Breis agus 5000 acra, idir pháirceanna agus ghairdíní a bhainistiú agus a shaothrú le bailiúchán plandaí agus dearáí a bhfuil tábhacht náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta leo.
- Caomhnú agus cothabháil ár n-oidhreacht nádúrtha; tá gnáthóga bithéagsúlachta in a lán de láithreáin oidhreachta OOP agus tá fiadhúlra, flóra agus fána faoi chosaint iontu.

Cuspóirí: Torthaí den scoth a bhaint amach agus sárchaighdeáin a chothú maidir le caomhantás agus cothabháil láithreán oidhreachta. Ardú a chur ar an líon cuairteoirí chuig láithreáin oidhreachta, ionas go mbeidh breis acmhainní ar fáil i gcomhair infheistíochta. A chinntiú go mbeidh na scileanna riachtanacha gairmiúla, teicniúla agus ceardaíochta ar fáil, chun freastal ar thiomantas an Rialtais i leith chaomhantás oidhreachta.

### Comóradh Cuimhneachán Céad Bliain 1916

- Bhí ról tábhachtach ag OOP i bpleanáil agus i gcur i láthair Éire 2016: Clár Comórtha, mar a raibh 97 ócaid i gceist. Bhí 167 ócaid eile ar siúl; agus b'ócáidí Stáit nó ócaidí a raibh tábhacht leo ar bhonn náisiúnta, a bhí i 24 de na hócáidí sin. Bhí príomhról ag OOP i ngnéithe oibríochta agus lóistíochta a bhain le hócáidí poiblí, i rith Sheachtain na Cásca 2016 agus rinne an oifig bainistiú ar chaiteachas de €4.1 milliún, a bhain le *Éire 2016: Clár Comórtha*, maraon le €335,000 a bhain le hócáidí eile.
- Bhuaigh Clár Comórtha Céad Bliain 2016 "Duais um Thionchar ar Shaoránaigh" ag searmanas na **nGradam um Sárfeabhais agus Nuálaíochta sa Stáitseirbhís i 2016**. Chomh maith leis sin bhuaigh OOP agus a bpáirtithe Roinne/Oifigí "Duais don Chomhoibriú Soláthair – Earnáil Phoiblí" – sna **Gradaim Náisiúnta do Sheachadadh agus Slabhra Soláthair 2016**, d'Ócaidí Stáit um Chomórtha an Stáit Eirí Amach 1916.
- Osclaíodh iar-Theach Cúirte Chill Mhaighneann don phobal. Rinneadh oibreacha ailtireachta ar an bhfoirgneamh bunaithe ar shárchleachtas caomhantais, feistíodh gnéithe suntasacha chun éascaíocht a dhéanamh do chuairoteoirí, agus chun é a chur in oiriúint don phobal, i bpáirt leis an gcuid eile de na foirgnimh i gCill Mhaighneann. Glacadh leis mar cheann de thionscadal forbraíochta caipitil um Mheabhrúchán Buan an Rialtais, agus osclaíodh é díreach roimh an gCáisc, mar cheann de na príomhócáidí oifigiúla;
- Bhí OOP páirteach san fhoireann tionscadail a réitigh Ionad Cuairteoirí ag Teach an Phiarsaigh i Ros Muc;
- Tosaíodh ar thionscadail éagsúla, "1916 – Portraits & Lives", san áireamh, i gcomhar le hAcadamh Ríoga na hÉireann; Tionscadal suíomh gréasáin *Shíniúcháin* Chill Mhaighneann agus sraith de thaispeántais agus ócaidí speisialta i Músaem an Phiarsaigh i Rath Fearnáin;
- Chomhoibrigh OOP, Chaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath le Gailearaí Crawford don chéad taispeántas i mBaile Átha Cliath. Thug *Crawford at the Castle* léargas ar leith ar shaol agus oidhreacht chultúrtha na hÉireann le trí chéad bliain. I gcomhthéacs 1916, thug oibreacha ealaíne John Lavery, Seán Keating agus Séamus Murphy léargas fíor-ábhartha ar pholaitíocht achrannach thús na fichiú haoise.
- Sheol OOP Taispeántas IAWATST (SAAAAC) sna Printworks, i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath ar an 16 Samhain 2016. Bhí sé ar taispeántas ansin go dtí lár mhí na Nollag, tráth ar aistrigh sé chuig Amharclann agus Gailearaí Alley, An Srath Bán. Bhí an taispeántas i nGailearaí LAB i Mí Feabhra 2017. Is giorrúchán é IAWATST ar "'Interesting And Weird At The Same Time'. Is comhthionscadal a bhí sa taispeántas idir OOP, An Roinn Airgeadais (Feidhmeannas Stormont), Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath, Gailearaí LAB agus Príomh-Mhodhscoil Sinsearach, Baile Átha Cliath 1. Roghnaigh daltaí 4ú rang ón bPríomh-Mhodhscoil Sinsearach 20 obair ealaíne don taispeántas agus léiríonn an teideal, oscailteacht agus úire a gcuid roghanna.

### Éachtaí eile

- Cuireadh críoch rathúil leis an mórthionscadal caomhnaithe a bhí ar siúl le 5 bliana ag Séipéal Chormaic ar Charraig Phádraig;
- Rinneadh oibreacha práinneacha cóirithe struchtúrach ar Sceilg Mhichíl, mar a ndearna maidhm charraige damáiste mór do bhóthar an Tí Solais agus don bhalla;
- Lean oibreacha caomhnaithe, daingniú agus cóiriú creatlagh agus tionscadail Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta ar aghaidh ag láithreáin éagsúla, ina measc, Caisleán Urumhan, Caisleán Chúirt an Bharraigh, Caisleán na Cathrach, Teach Meánaoiseach ag Cill Meallóg, Daingean Rinn Chorráin, Mainistir Chill na Mallach, Caisleán Ard Mhaolabháin, Caisleán Achadh na nLú, Caisleán Eas Géitinne, Eaglais agus Cloigtheach Chromadh, Caisleán Bhéal Átha Málais, Eaglais Droim Leathan, Eaglais Tigh Tua agus Príosún Chill Mhaighneann.
- Lean páirtíocht ghníomhach idir OOP agus Páirtithe Straitéiseacha, Fáilte Éireann agus an Roinn Ealaíon Oidhreachta agus Gnóthaí Tuaithe, Réigiúnacha agus Gaeltachta, i dtaca leis an gClár um Infheistíocht Turasoíreachta 2016 – 2021 a thacaíonn le gnóthaí éagsúla na Brandála Turasoíreachta éagsúla i.e. "Slí an Atlantaigh Fhiáin", "an tOirthear Ársa" agus *Dublin, A Breath of Fresh Air*. I measc oibreacha eile i gcomhar le

Páirtithe Cultúrtha Institúide, rinneadh tionscnamh um Éire Chruthaitheach a fhorbairt, leis an gcuispóir torthaí forbartha caipitil, a bheadh dearfach, a bhaint amach do na hinstitúidí sa todhchaí. *Ancient East* and *Dublin, A Breath of Fresh Air*.

- Is clár oiliúna agus creidiúnaithe caighdeán é an Clár um Chaighdeán Músaem a reáchtáil an Chomhairle Oidhreachta. In 2016, rinne Caisleán Rath Fearnáin agus Caisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath iarratas ar lánchreidiúnú, agus choimeád Músaem an Phiarsaigh agus Baile an Chaisleáin lánchreidiúnú.
- D'oibrigh OOP le réimse páirtithe leasmhara i rith 2016, chun réimse leathan ócáidí cultúrtha agus spóirt a láithriú. Bhí láithreáin oidhreachta atá faoi chúram OOP lánach sa chlár Seachtaine Oidhreachta i Mí Lúnasa 2016, ag ceiliúradh oidhreachta na hÉireann agus ag éascú rochtain oscailte, i dtaca leis na hionaid ar fad do shaoránaigh.

## 4.2 Bainistíocht Riosca Tuile

Is í OOP an príomhghníomhaireacht in Éirinn i dtaca le bainistíocht riosca tuile. Tá freagracht uirthi, dá bhrí sin, as beartais agus straitéisí cuimsitheacha maidir le bainistíocht riosca tuile a fhorbairt, a chomhordú agus a chur chun feidhme. Is iad seo príomhfheidhmeanna an chlár seo:

- Comhairle a chur ar an Rialtas faoi bhainistíocht riosca tuile agus faoi bheartais maidir le bainistíocht riosca tuile;
- Clár oibre agus bearta maidir le bainistíocht riosca tuile a fhorbairt agus a sholáthar; agus
- Clár éifeachtach um chúrsaí abhann a draenáladh faoi fhorálacha na nAchtanna um Dhraenáil Artaireach a choimeád ar bun.

**Cuspóir:** *Comhairle, moltaí, straitéis agus pleananna cuí um pholasaí riosca tuile a sholáthar.*

### Tuarascáil Eatramhach an Ghrúpa Comhordaithe um Pholasáí Tuile

Rinne an Grúpa um Rialtais Iomlán beartais an Rialtais a mheas, chun tacú le teaghlaigh agus gnónna ar chuir na tuilte isteach orthu. Is í aidhm an Ghrúpa Comhordaithe cúram a dhéanamh maidir le réitigh neamhstruchtúracha le bonn eolais a chur faoi straitéisí feidhmithe na bPleananna Bainistíochta Riosca Tuile agus a chinntiú go gcuirfear san áireamh bearta a rachadh chun leasa go díreach don phobal agus do dhaoine aonair – le bheith ullmhaithe agus déileáil le tuilte, nó maireachtáil le riosca tuile. D'aontaigh an Rialtas le moladh an Ghrúpa i leith scéim athlonnaithe deonach aonuaire, a bheadh dírithe ar na teaghlaigh sin ba mheasa a bhí buailte de bharr na dtuilte a tharla i nGeimhreadh 2015/2016. Cuireadh tuarascáil eatramhach an Ghrúpa faoi bhráid an Rialtais i Mí na Nollag 2016 agus ghlac an Rialtas leis. Tá tuarascáil dheiridh an Ghrúpa á ailíniú d'ullmhúchán na bPleananna Bainistíochta Riosca Tuile.

### Grúpa Comhordaithe Beartais Tuile Idir-rannach i dtaca le Bainistiú Riosca Abhainn na Sionainne

Bunaíodh an grúpa seo chun comhoibriú idir na Gníomhaireachtaí Stáit ar fad a bhfuil baint acu le hAbhainn na Sionainne a chur chun cinn. Rinne an Grúpa na nithe seo in 2016:

- Rinneadh iniúchadh ar ról agus freagrachtaí na nGníomhaireachtaí Stáit atá páirteach i mbainistiú riosca tuile in abhantrach na Sionainne. Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar Chlár Oibre 2016 ina bhfuil réimse beartas agus gníomhaíochtaí leagtha amach, chun cuidiú le riosca tuile a bhainistiú in abhantrach na Sionainne;
- Pléadh na Pleananna um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile d'abhantrach na Sionainne (a ullmhaíodh faoin gClár Measúnaithe agus Bainistíochta Riosca Tuile san Abhantrach (CFRAM));
- Reachtladh 3 Lá Oscailte chun ról agus obair an Ghrúpa a chur os comhair an phobail agus tionóladh cruinniú le Cumann Feirmeoirí na hÉireann chun ábhair imní a phlé agus a scrúdú; agus
- Oibríodh le comhairleoirí dlí an Stáit chun treoir a ullmhú do bhruachúinéirí, maidir lena gcearta agus freagrachtaí.

Phléigh an grúpa agus rinneadar cinntí maidir leis an tairbhe a bheadh le beartais chomhoibrithe i leith riosca tuile a bhainistiú i rith Gheimhridh 2016/2017 agus sna blianta amach romhainn. Ina measc, pléadh íslíú na leibhéil uisce i Loch Aillionn, na "pointí fáiscithe" a bhaint amach agus plé maidir le clár straitéiseach cothabhála a ullmhú d'Abhainn na Sionainne.

**Cuspóir:** *Straitéisí fadtéarmacha a leagan amach chun riosca tuile a bhainistiú, ag cur san áireamh na ngnéithe a d'fhéadfadh tarlú de bharr athrú aeráide*

Foilsíodh na Dréachtphleananna um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile atá bunaithe ar léarscáileanna tuilte i dtéarmaí athrú aeráide a d'fhéadfadh tarlú sa todhchaí, maraon leis an staid reatha. Foilsíodh na dréachtphleananna seo i gconhair comhairliúcháin, ar bhonn atrátha ó mhí Iúil 2016. Tháinig deireadh leis an gcomhairliúchán poiblí ag deireadh 2016. Ag an am céanna cuireadh na Dréachtphleananna os comhair na gComhairlí agus reáchtáladh Laethanta Comhairliúcháin Poiblí breise (PCD) do Phobail ar fud na tíre.

**Cuspóir:** *Tacú le pleanáil agus forbairt inbhuanaithe*

Lean OOP ag soláthar seirbhísí comhairleoireachta do na húdaráis phleanála maidir le feidhmiú na dTreoirínte um Chóras Pleanála agus Bainistiú Riosca Tuile. Tacaíonn ullmhúchán na léarscáileanna tuilte faoin gclár CFRAM leis an gcomhairle seo.

**Cuspóir:** *Scéimeanna Faoisimh Tuile (ag céimeanna éagsúla maidir le dearadh, pleanáil, feidhmiú agus tabhairt chun críche), cainéil draenála éifeachtúla agus claífoirt agus réitigh áitiúla d'fhadhbanna áitiúla tuile*

- Caitheadh €47m de chaiteachas caipitil ar mhórscéimeanna faoisimh tuile agus mionobreacha eile.
- Thosaigh obair thógála ar sheacht mhórscéim, ina measc, Baile Chláir na Gailimhe, Abhainn Dhún Choillín, Droichead na Bandan, an Sciobairín, An Fearann Thuaidh, Faing agus Cathair Luimnigh agus lean obair ar aghaidh ar roinnt scéimeanna eile, ina measc, Bré, South Campshires, Inis, agus Abhainn na Dothra i mBaile Átha Cliath. Tugadh cuid mhor den obair chun críche ar chéim 2, 3, agus 4 de scéim Chathair Phort Láirge.
- Rinneadh dul chun cinn ar obair dheartha roinnt mhórscéimeanna eile agus cuirfear tús le seacht scéim eile in 2017.
- Rinneadh cothabháil ar 2114km de chainéal draenála artaireach OOP, is ionann sin agus thart ar 18.4% d'iomlán an chainéil draenála artaraigh de chuid OOP sa Stát.
- Cothabháladh 179km de chlaífoirt OOP in 2016, is ionann sin agus 22.5% d'iomlán claífoirt OOP sa Stát.
- Lean an OOP i gcomhar leis an Roinn Éalaíon, Oidhreacht agus Gaeltachta (an tSeirbhís Páirceanna agus Fiadhúlra), le hullmhú plean píolótach um bhainistíocht caomhnaithe eanach agus rinneadh ceann de na cainéil faoinár gcúram a dhraenáil. Tá an plean píolótach seo, a mhol OOP, liostaithe mar ghníomh sa Straitéis Náisiúnta Tailte Portaigh. Tá staidéar bonnlíne éicea-hídreolaíoch curtha i gcrích.

Ó 1995, i gcomhar leis na húdaráis Áitiúla ábhartha, tá 38 mórscéim faoisimh tuile curtha i gcrích ag OOP agus ó 2009 tá maoiniú ceadaithe ag an Oifig do 597 mhionionscadal oibre. Rinneadh infheistíocht iomlán de €511m i mbainistíocht riosca tuile ó 1995. Chuaigh an infheistíocht seo chun tairbhe do 14,000 áitreabh agus meastar go bhfuil sochar de €1.4 billiún bainte amach ag an Stát de bharr damáiste agus cailleanais a sheachaint.

**Cuspóir:** *Tacú le beartais athléimneachta agus seirbhísí eolais agus sonraí riosca tuile a fhorbairt*

### **Seirbhís Náisiúnta Rabhaidh agus Réamhaisnéise Tuile**

Chinn an Rialtas i mí Eanáir 2016 go mbunófaí Seirbhís Náisiúnta Rabhaidh agus Réamhaisnéise Tuile. Nuair a bheidh sé curtha i bhfeidhm go hiomlán, beidh seo mar bhuntáiste mór do phobail agus do dhaoine aonair agus iad ag ullmhú agus ag maolú bagairtí ó thuilte. De bharr cinneadh an Rialtais tugadh deis dul chun cinn a dhéanamh maidir le feidhmiú na céad chéime den tseirbhís ina mbeidh na gnéithe seo a leanas san áireamh:

- Bunú Seirbhís Náisiúnta Réamhaisnéise Tuile mar aonad oibríochta laistigh de Met Éireann: agus
- Bunú Aonad Maoirseachta Neamhspleách laistigh d'OOP.

Bunaíodh grúpa stiúrtha, ar a bhfuil ionadaithe ón OOP, an Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Údaráis Áitiúil, Met Éireann agus ó na húdaráis Áitiúla chun an tseirbhís nua a stiúradh, agus chun tacaíocht a thabhairt di agus

mairseacht a dhéanamh. Bhí seacht gcruinniú ag an nGrúpa Stiúrtha, faoi chathaoirleacht OOP i rith na bliana. Aontaíodh Téarmaí Tagartha agus ullmhaíodh agus aontaíodh plean feidhmithe. De bharr chomh casta is atá sé seirbhís den chineál seo a bhunú, a dhearadh, a fhorbairt agus a thástáil, ceaptar go nglacfaidh sé 5 bliana sula mbeidh an chéad chéim ag feidhmiú go hiomlán. Idir an dá linn, leanfaidh an córas rabhaidh agus réamhaisnéise agus na socruithe atá ann i láthair na huaire.

### Gníomhaíochtaí eile in 2016

- Chuidigh OOP le bearta an Rialtais i leith na dtuile a tharla i mí Eanáir 2016, tríd an nGrúpa Náisiúnta um Chomhordú Drochaimsire a bunaíodh mar chuid den chreat Náisiúnta um Bhainistíocht Éigeandála. San áireamh, cuireadh nuashonraí laethúla ar fáil maidir le leibhéil uisce na bpríomhaibhneacha a fuarthas ó shonraí a sholáthar OOP ar thairseach leibhéal uisce OOP (féach thíos). Cuireadh comhairle ar fáil freisin d'údaráis áitiúla agus do dhreamanna eile maidir le fógraí faoi réamhaisnéis tuile ón gCóras Feasachta Tuile Eorpach (EFAS).
- Feidhmíonn OOP stáisiúin tomhaiseoireachta uisce dromchla ag 395 ionad, idir aibhneacha, lochanna agus ag láithreacha taoide ar fud na tíre, agus tá sonraí faoi leibhéal uisce ó fhormhór na stáisiún seo ar fáil anois i bhfíor-am (gach 15 noiméad) ar [www.waterlevel.ie](http://www.waterlevel.ie). Tá an tóir atá ar an tairseach gréasáin seo ag méadú an t-am ar fad ó seoladh é in 2013, agus taifeadadh 400,004 cuairt in 2016, ardaithe ó 359,271 a taifeadadh in 2015. Chruthaigh an tairseach gréasáin seo fíorluachmhar i monatóireacht leibhéal uisce, agus le cuidiú le bainistiú agus dul i ngleic leis na drochthuile a tharla le linn Gheimhridh 2015/2016 (Mí Eanáir 2016, san áireamh). Bhain OOP, Údaráis Áitiúla, Uiscebhealaí Éireann, Bord Soláthair Leictreachais, an Ghníomhaireacht um Chaomhnú Comhshaoil, an pobal agus na meáin úsáid fhorleathan as, mar fhoinsé eolais i dtaobh déine na dtuile ar fud na tíre.
- Rinneadh suirbhé custaiméirí i ndeireadh 2016, chun an tseirbhís agus feidhmiúlacht na tairsí gréasáin [www.waterlevel.ie](http://www.waterlevel.ie) a fheabhsú agus fuarthas 300 freagra. Bhí an chuid is mó de na freagraí an-dearfach agus mhol roinnt custaiméirí feabhsúcháin áirithe ar mhian leo a fheiceáil. Tá na moltaí seo á meas agus tabharfar aird ar riachtanais úsáideoirí na seirbhíse, chomh fada agus is féidir.
- Sna Gradaim um Sárfheabhais agus Nuálaíochta sa Stáitseirbhís i 2016, ainmníodh an Tairseach gréasáin um Uasghrádú Staidéir Tuilte sa chatagóir “Barrfheabhas sa Réimse Nuála” agus bhí sé ar an ngearrliosta sa mbabhta deiridh, i measc 30 iomaitheoir eile a bhí ainmnithe i ndeich gcatagóir éagsúla ar nós, barrfheabhais maidir le polasaí, nuáil, seirbhís do chustaiméirí agus i bhforbairt scileanna.

### 4.3 Seirbhísí Corparáideacha

Áirítear i Seirbhísí Corparáideacha feidhmeanna mar Acmhainní Daonna, Bainistíocht Airgeadais, Teicneolaíocht an Eolais agus na Cumarsáide, agus seirbhísí eile atá riachtanach d'oibríochtaí na hOifige ó lá go lá.

**Cuspóir:** *Seirbhís thacaíochta éifeachtúil agus éifeachtach a sheachadadh le cur i bhfeidhm príomhchuspóirí OOP a éascú.*

- Ba é ollchaiteachas OOP ar Vóta OOP in 2016 ná €391.487m arb ionann é agus 100% den dáileadh Vóta a bhí ar fáil sna Meastacháin Athbhreithnithe.
- Phróiseáil brainse cuntas OOP 78,524 íocaíocht chuig soláthraithe in 2016 bainteach le 56,102 sonrasc agus rinneadh 71% de na híocaíochtaí laisitigh de 15 lá. Próiseáladh 85,321 íocaíocht thuarastail agus 9,775 éileamh taistil agus cothaithe do 2,150 ball foirne in 2016.
- B'ionann na fáltais iomlána Leithreasaí i gCabhair agus €32.685m, barrachas de €5.707m thar an gceanglas fáltais bliantúil. Fuarthas €114.3m breise ó Chliant-ranna ar son Seirbhísí Gníomhaireachta a chuireann OOP ar fáil ar bhonn aisíocaíochta. Próiseáladh íocaíochtaí arbh ionann agus €101.375m ar son tionscadail agus seirbhísí a bainistíodh ar bhonn gníomhaireachta thar ceann Ranna Rialtais eile.
- D'eisigh Seirbhísí Dlí tuarascálacha ar bhonn ráithiúil do bhainistíocht shinsearach maidir le héilimh ghníomhacha ina rannáin.
- Lean monatóireacht maidir le comhlíonadh ár ndualgas faoi Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla, 2003, tosaíodh ar

ár dtríú scéim teanga a dhréachtadh, trí aighneachtaí a a iarraidh.

- Cuireadh Plean Gníomhaíochta Custaiméirí 2017 – 2019 uasdátaithe i gcrích.
- Maidir le Teicneolaíocht an Eolais agus na Cumarsáide (TEC):
  - Rinneadh mórbair uasghrádaithe ar infreastruchtúr TEC chun léibheann a chur ar fáil le seirbhísí TEC a sheachadadh.
  - Cuireadh córas nua ríomphoist i bhfeidhm chun cúrsaí féilire agus comhoibriú a fheabhsú.
  - Rinneadh obair fheabhsúcháin ar inlíon OOP chun feabhas a chur ar chumarsáid inmheánach.
  - Rinneadh uasghrádú ar an gcóras bainistíochta airgeadais agus cuireadh leagan nua le gnéithe nua feistithe air, ar fáil, chun inúsáidteacht a fheabhsú.
  - Dhéileáil Deasc Chabhrach TEC le 8,770 glao in 2016.
- Chomhoibrigh OOP le hOifig Phríomh-Oifigigh Faisnéise an Rialtais (OGCIO) agus leis an gCartlann Náisiúnta maidir le córas ríomhghoiciméad atá á ullmhú sa Roinn Caiteachas Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe.
- Chuir OOP a gcás gnó faoi bhráid an OGCIO maidir le Córas Bainistíochta Eastáit, agus ceadáíodh é, i Mí na Nollag 2016.
- Lean OOP leis an gclár printíseachta ceirde a thosaigh in 2014 i gcomhar leis an Údarás Breisoideachais agus Oiliúna (SOLAS). Thosaigh cúigear printísigh siúinéireachta/saor adhmaid i rith 2016. Mar sin bhí naonúr agus fiche ag gabháil de chlár printíseachta OOP/SOLAS ag deireadh 2016, nuair a áirítear an líon sníodóir cloiche/saor cloiche agus na printísigh siúinéireachta/saor adhmaid.
- Cuireadh tús le foirmiú straitéise in 2016 i dtaca le Bainistíocht Acmhainní Daonna, Foghlaim agus Forbairt agus Cumarsáid Inmheánach, agus rinneadh polasaí a dhréachtadh i dtaca le Forbairt Phearsanta agus Ghairmiúil Buan.
- Chuir an tAonad Iniúchta Inmheánach 8 n-iniúchadh críochnaithe faoi bhráid an Choiste Iniúchta.
- Cuireadh tionscadal um Mheasúnú inniúlachtaí i gcrích maidir le réimse na Bainistíochta Punainne Eastáit, agus táthar ag cur gníomhartha a d'eascair as seo i bhfeidhm, i réimse na Foghlama agus Forbartha.

## 5. Clár Caiteachais

Leagtar riaradh agus cur chun feidhme roinnt réimsí éagsúla agus leithleacha maidir le seirbhísí Rialtais ar Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí (OOP). Tá cuntas orthu seo faoi dhá phríomhchlár le tacaíocht riaracháin ó Sheirbhísí Corparáideacha.

### Achoimre ar chaiteachas OOP

<b>Caiteachas Cláir*</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
	€000	€000
Clár A – Bainistíocht Riosca Tuile	75,324	80,127
Clár B – Bainistíocht na Punainne Eastáit	<u>425,165</u>	<u>412,735</u>
	<b>Iomlán Comhlán 500,489</b>	<b>492,862</b>
<b>D- Leithreasáí i gCabhair</b>	<u>30,408</u>	<u>32,685</u>
	<b>Iomlán Glan 470,081</b>	<b>460,177</b>
<b>Maoiniú Clár</b>		
Vóta 13 Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí (Comhlán)	390,076	391,487
Cuntais Vóta Rannach á mbainistiú ag OOP	<u>110,413</u>	<u>101,375</u>
	<b>IOMLÁN 500,489</b>	<b>492,862</b>

\* Áirítear i gcaiteachas clár caiteachas díreach ar Vóta OOP, Seirbhísí Corparáideacha OOP agus oibreacha agus seirbhísí a bhainistíonn OOP ar bhonn aisíocaíochta do Ranna Rialtais agus do Ghníomhaireachtaí Stáit eile.

### Struchtúr Bainistíochta

Tá an struchtúr bainistíochta nuashonraithe ar fáil ar an nasc seo: [www.whodoeswhat.gov.ie/root/opw/](http://www.whodoeswhat.gov.ie/root/opw/)

## 6. Staitisticí OOP

Foireann OOP	Foireann Bhunaithe	Foireann Thionsclaíoch
1604	636	968

Eolas Airgeadais	Líon	%
Líon na nÍocaíochtaí:	78,524	
Laistigh de 15 lá	56,102	71.45
Laistigh de 16 go 30 lá	21,947	27.95
Breis agus 30 lá	475	0.60

Tacú leis an bPróiseas Parlaiminteach	Líon
Ceisteanna Parlaiminteacha	472
Eolas curtha ar fáil do Cheisteanna Parlaiminteacha eile	51
Díospóireachtaí Dála ar Shaincheisteanna Tráthúla	Curtha isteach (Iomlán) 4 Roghnaithe (1 Aistrithe chuig Roinn eile.)
Cúrsaí Tosach feidhme an tSeanaid	Curtha isteach (Iomlán) 4 Roghnaithe (1 Aistrithe chuig Roinn eile.)
Díospóireacht Atrátha	1
Uiríll Aireachta	896
Eolas ginearálta	Líon
Iarratais ar Shaoráil Faisnéise (FOI) Próiseáilte	119
Imeachtaí a Eagraíodh do na Meáin	54
Preasráitis a Eisíodh	82
Ceisteanna ar dheileáil an Phreasoifig leo	3,159
Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta faoi chúram OOP	780
Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta le Seirbhís Threorach	70
Cuairteoirí Taifeadta ag Láithreáin Oidhreachta in 2016	5.5 milliún

Earnáil OOP	Úsáid Fuinnimh - Iomlán Fuinnimh Phríomhúil (TPER, GWh)
Foirgnimh an Chumhacht á Barrfheabhsú@an Obair	34.57
Láithreáin Stairiúla	9.29
Páirceanna	1.00
Stáisiúin Chaidéalúcháin	1.41
Iompar	6.72
Foirgnimh Eile	1.71
Iomlán	54.7