

Public spending 2009: *Achieving accountability and value for money*

A CPD event for Professional Accountants

October 8th 2008, at the Mount Herbert Hotel, Dublin 4.

The last three months have seen a significant deterioration in our public finances. This coupled with a slowdown across many business sectors, has led to the unprecedented decision by the Minister for Finance to bring forward the presentation of the 2009 estimates to the 14th of October, 2008. Today's event takes a look at some of the strategies and initiatives that are underway in Central Government to support accountability and value for money for the 2009 budget.

The Institute of Public Administration (IPA), in partnership with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) presents today's seminar on accountability and value for money in the 2009 budget

TODAY'S SPEAKERS

"Current analysis and future projections for the Irish economy": Jim Power

Jim Power, chief economist with Friends First will open our seminar giving us an up to date assessment on the current economic situation facing both the Irish Public and Private sectors.

"Ireland: Towards an Integrated Public Service": John Cullen

The working group formed to develop an action plan with recommendations arising from the OECD *Towards an Integrated Public Service* report are due to report back to the Minister by late September. *John Cullen, the Director General of the IPA* will present to us on the findings of the group.

"Financial Shared Services: A case study": Ken Bruton

Ken Bruton, of the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, is Director of the Financial Shared Services Centre. Ken will provide us with the experiences of the FSSC since its inception and highlight how Shared Services support greater value for money in the usage of public funds.

"Accountability and Audit arrangements for European Union funding": Dermot Byrne

The Lisbon Treaty gave rise to a revived interest and debate surrounding the issue of Ireland's involvement with the European Union. *Dermot Byrne, Head of ERDF Financial Control Unit* in the Department of Finance will take us through EU funding and accountability mechanisms that are currently in place.

"Government Department Output Statements: Analysis and review": Sean Fitzpatrick

The purpose of the output statements is to match output and outcomes with a view to enhancing transparency and clarity in regards to the usage of public voted funds. We are joined by *Sean Fitzpatrick from the Department of Finance* who will update us on the process of production of these statements, the benefits that have so far been derived and the value they will add in the pursuit of value for money in 2009 public spending.

Seminar Schedule

- *Registration, Tea/Coffee: 9 - 9.30 am*
- *Morning session: 9.30am - 12.45 pm*
- *Lunch: 12.45pm - 2pm*
- *Afternoon session: 2pm - 4pm*
- *Seminar close: 4.10 pm*

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Seminar fee:

€295 per delegate (Fee includes refreshments)

Applications to be received by 1st October 2008

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Invoicing Name & Address:

Purchase Order Number/Reference to appear on invoice:

Any Special Requirements:

Cancellation Policy: *Please note that, in the event of a cancellation less than 48 hours before the commencement of this seminar, a 15% cancellation fee will be charged. Cancellation fee will also apply to non-arrivals on the day.*

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

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