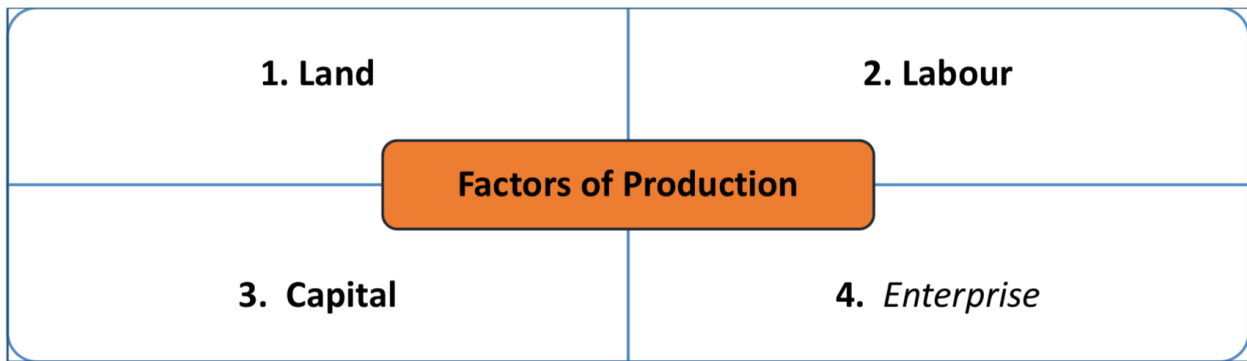




Solution Question 1 - 2019 Q10

(i) Fill in the missing factors of production below:



(ii) **One** skill of an entrepreneur.

1. Human Relations: Entrepreneurs are good with people.
2. Time Management: Entrepreneurs use their time carefully to achieve their goals
3. Strategic Thinking: Entrepreneurs apply this process to arrive at key decisions.

Solution Question 2 - 2025 Q9

Indicate whether each of the following people work in the public or private sector by placing a tick (✓) in the correct box.

	Public Sector	Private Sector
Gardaí	✓	
Shop Assistant in Tesco		✓
Pilot with Ryanair		✓





Solution Question 3 - 2025 Q12

Question 12

“Taylor Swift announces Dublin concerts”

The Irish Times June 20th 2023



Explain **two** factors which affect the demand for Taylor Swift concert tickets.

Price of the good – The higher the price of a product, the lower the demand. People will not buy the tickets if they become too expensive so demand will fall.

Consumer income – If income in the household is high/increasing, demand for a product will increase. People will demand the tickets if they can afford to buy them.

Advertising – Will let consumers know the products are available. Concert tickets being advertised heavily will increase consumer demand as more people will know they are available.

Price of complementary goods – As the price of complementary goods increases, demand for the product will fall. If transport/accommodation become too expensive demand for tickets will also fall as people will not be able to attend the concert.

Price of substitute goods – If the price of a substitute good (other concert/entertainment) decreases people will switch to this alternative. If the price of tickets for a similar concert/entertainment fall, people will not demand the Taylor Swift concert tickets and will attend the cheaper other concert/entertainment instead.

Consumer tastes/preferences – If the product is popular among consumers, demand for the product will increase. Demand for Taylor Swift concert tickets will be high as she is popular among her fan base.

Consumer expectations – If consumers expect prices to rise in the future, demand for the product will be high. If people wish to buy concert tickets and they expect the price to rise in the future, they will buy the tickets at their current price.

Explain why each factor affects demand.

No one word answers.

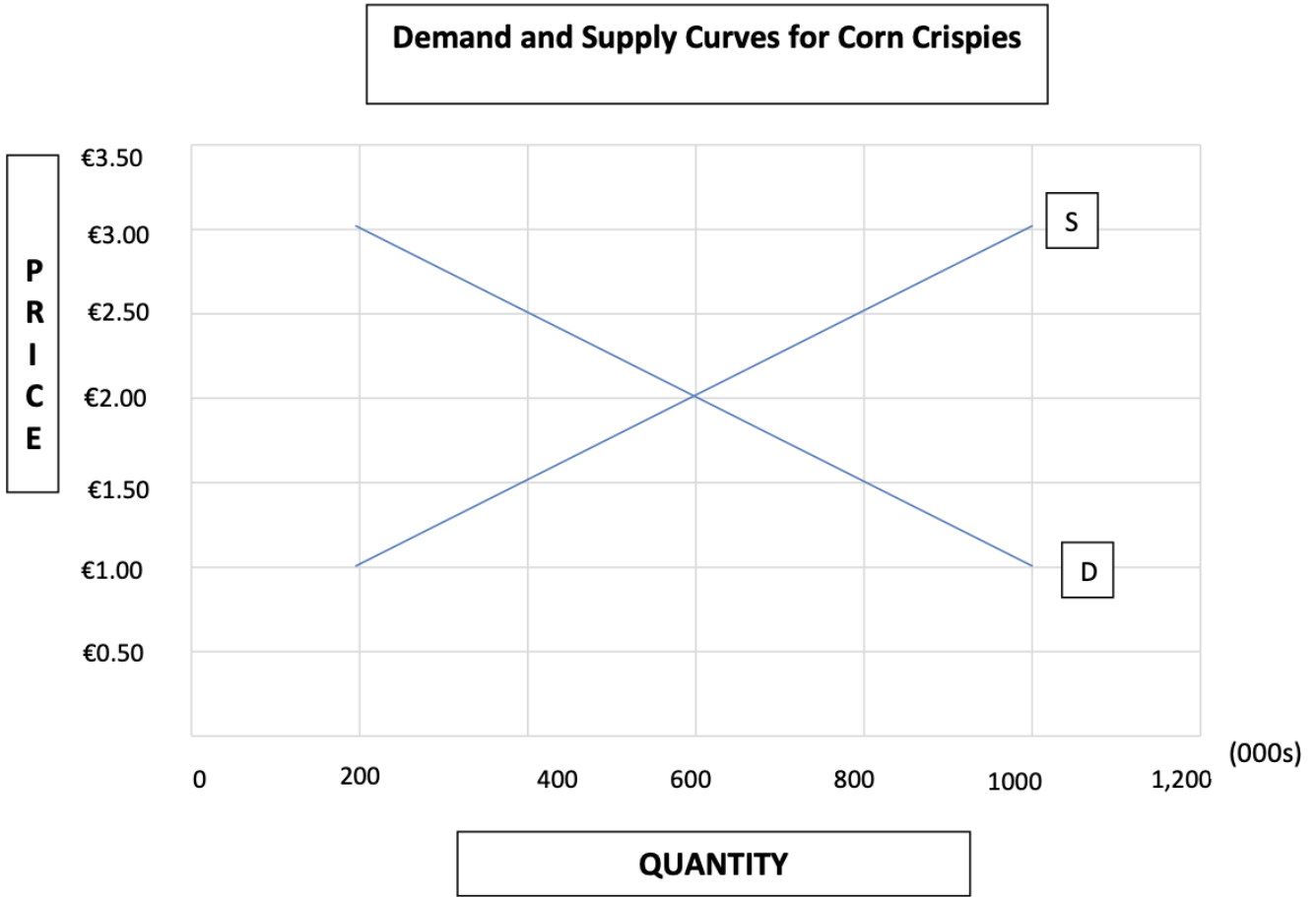
Higher consumer expectations: If fans hear on social media that the new concert is amazing on her tour so far it will increase demand for tickets.





Solution Question 4 - 2024 Q16 (c)(i)(ii)(iii)

- (i) Using the information above, draw and label the demand and supply curves for Corn Crispies, include a title for your graph and label each axis. **(15m)**



- (ii) Using your diagram, or otherwise, identify the equilibrium price and equilibrium quantity.

Write your answers in the table below.

(6m)

Equilibrium Price:	€ 2 O.F
Equilibrium Quantity:	600,000 O.F units

Watch for "€" sign and units are given in "000's" so answer should be 600,000 units not 600





Solution Question 5 - 2023 Q18 (b)(iii)(iv)

- (iii) If there was a reduction in supply of Apple iPhones, what impact would this have on the price of Apple iPhones? Give a reason for your answer. **(5m)**

Impact: Prices would increase.
Reason: Due to the reduction in supply, prices will increase due to scarcity/rarity/less goods available.

Write "increase" rather than drawing arrows for impact.
Must write a sentence for the reason, no one word answers.

- (iv) What impact would the following have on the supply of the Apple iPhone 14? Place a tick (✓) in the correct box. **(9m)**

	Increased supply of Apple iPhone 14	Decreased supply of Apple iPhone 14
Decrease in the cost of producing an Apple iPhone 14	✓	
Industrial action by Apple employees		✓
A storm blew the roof off a factory producing the Apple iPhone 14		✓

Solution Question 6 - 2022 Q16 (c)(iii)

- (iii) The price of substitute goods and complementary goods are factors that affect the level of demand for a product.

Indicate whether the following items are substitutes for or complimentary to a PS5 by placing a tick (✓) in the correct box. **(8m)**

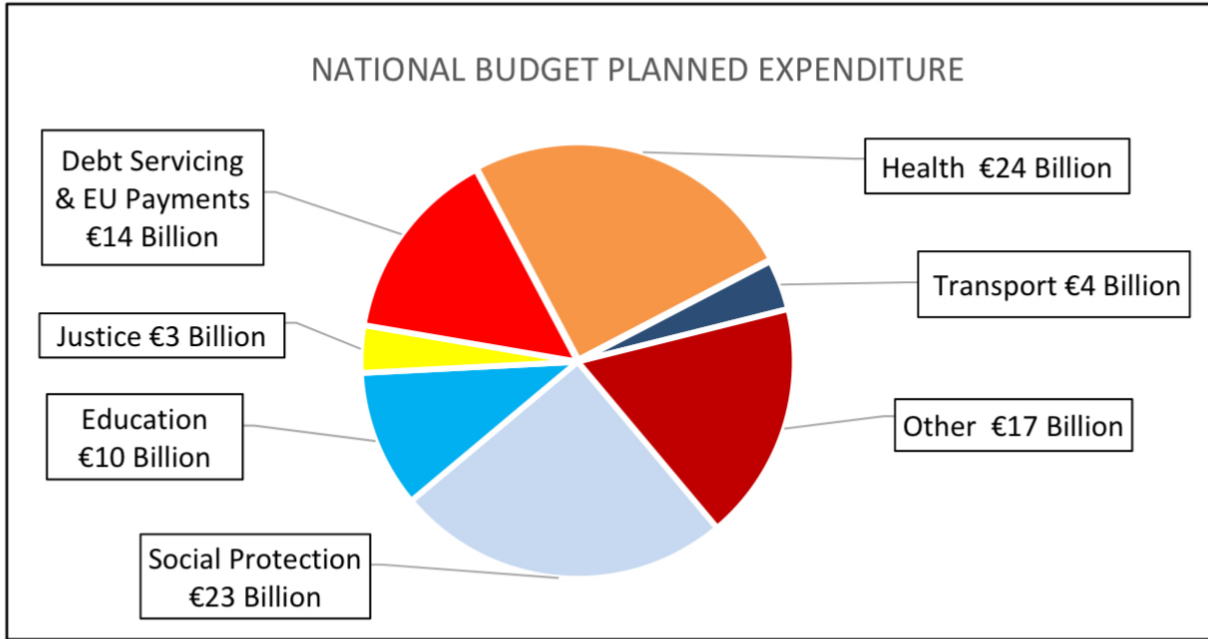
Good	Substitute	Complimentary
Xbox	✓	
PS5 Controller		✓
Headset		✓
Gaming chair		✓





Solution Question 7 - 2023 Q18 (c)(i)

(c) The figures below were presented on budget day for a country as projections for the following year.



(i) Using the information from the pie chart above prepare the National Budget for the following year.

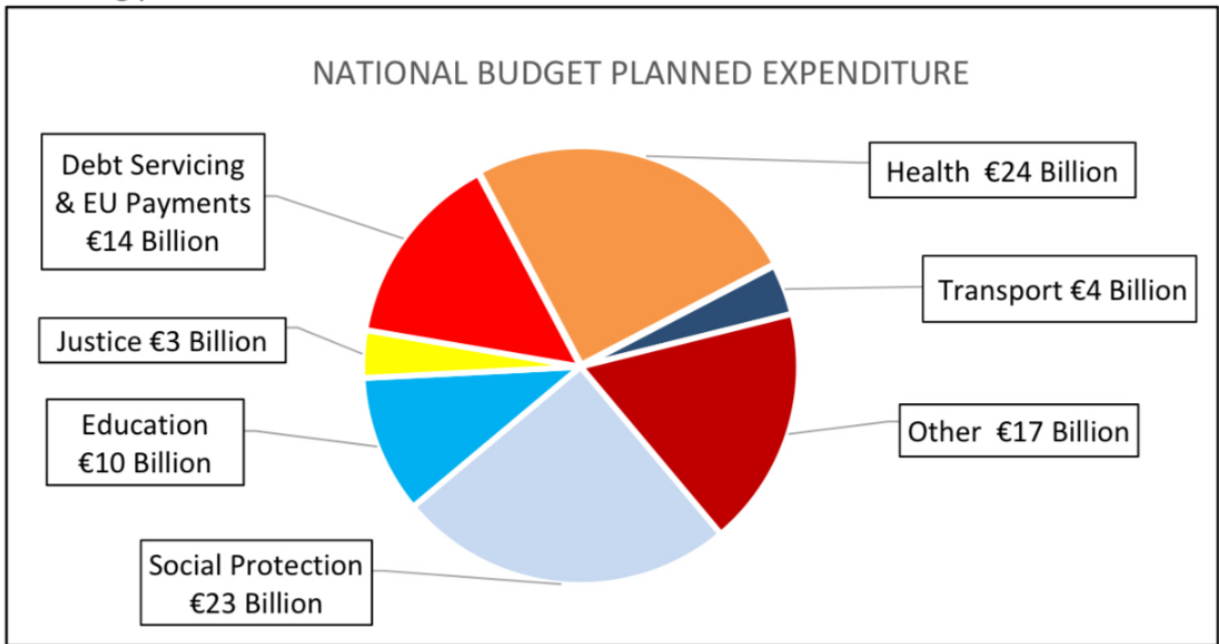
National Budget for the year		
	€ Billions	€ Billions
Income		105
Expenditure		
Health	24 1m	
Transport	4 1m	
Other	17 1m	
Social Protection	23 1m	
Education	10 1m	
Justice	3 1m	
Debt Servicing & EU Payments	14 1m	
Total Expenditure		95 1m
	Answer:	€ 10 1m O.F
Is the government budget for the year a deficit or surplus?		Surplus 2m O.F





Solution Question 8 - 2023 Q18 (c)(ii)(iii)(iv)

- (c) The figures below were presented on budget day for a country as projections for the following year.



- (ii) Using the pie chart of National Budget Planned Expenditure, on the previous page, identify the sector the government plans to spend most money on next year. **(4m)**

Health

- (iii) In the event of a surplus in the National Budget, advise the Minister for Finance what to do with the surplus money? **(2m)**

Repay some of the National Debt.

Increase Government spending on any Government Dept. e.g., Education.

Use some of the surplus to improve public services e.g., build more hospitals and employ more doctors

Invest the surplus money.

- (iv) Identify **one** example of capital expenditure and **one** example of current expenditure for the Department of Education. **(4m)**

Capital expenditure: Building schools/colleges/buying school equipment, school chairs/school tables.

Current expenditure: Paying teachers/ staff/ lecturers/SNA's wages.





Solution Question 9 - 2025 Q2

In 2022, there was an increase of €32m raised through sugar tax in Ireland.

Indicate whether the sugar tax is a direct tax or an indirect tax, by placing a tick (✓) in the correct box below.

Direct Tax Indirect Tax

Give a reason for your answer.

Reason: Indirect tax is a tax on spending/indirect tax is levied on goods and is included in the price paid by consumers. The seller then collects and sends to the Irish Government.

Solution Question 10 - 2019 Q17 (b) (ii)

(ii) Complete the blanks below:




VAT stands for Value Added Tax [3m]

VAT is charged on goods [2m] and services [2m]

VAT is a source of income for government [2m]

Solution Question 11 - 2025 Q18 (b)(i)

(b) (i) Ireland trades with many countries all over the world. Read the statements below and complete the table by placing a tick (✓) in the correct box: **9m**

Statement	Visible Import	Invisible Import	Visible Export
Irish beef sold in Britain 			✓
Irish people holidaying in Spain 		✓	
German cars sold in Ireland 	✓		





Solution Question 12 - 2023 Q12

Explain **two** reasons why Ireland trades with other countries.

1. To generate funds to pay for imports
2. Small domestic market, international trade gives Irish businesses access to a large market.
3. To acquire goods/services that are not available domestically/ more choice for consumers for example oil, coffee, bananas.
4. To improve Balance of Payments/Trade.
5. Access to cheaper goods rather than producing them domestically.
6. Brings revenue into Ireland through trading relationship with other countries and boosts the economy.
7. Creates Employment which directly benefits the Government through taxation.

Solution Question 13 - 2019 Q9

(i)	Balance of Trade for Ireland	
	<i>Workings:</i> €123b - €79b	€ 44 billion

- (ii) Reason why international trade is important for Ireland.
1. Access to larger markets which increases Ireland's exports to other countries.
 2. International trade increases tax revenue for the Irish Government.
 3. Employment in Ireland increases which reduces social welfare expenditure by the Irish Government.

Solution Question 14 - 2023 Q14

Question 14

2023 is the 50th anniversary of Ireland joining the European Union.



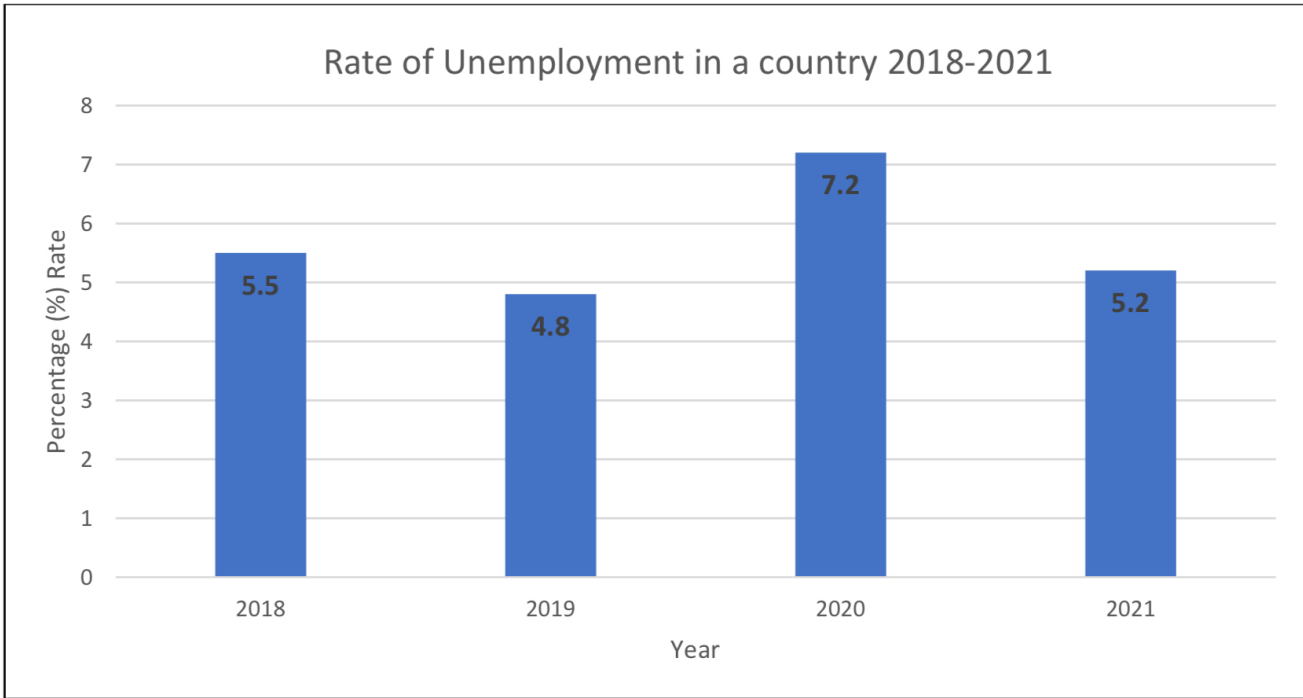
Outline **one** economic benefit and **one** social benefit of Ireland's membership of the European Union.

Economic benefit: Access to the Single Market/ The largest Trading Bloc in the world/ provides for the free movement of goods/services/capital/ labour/ makes Ireland more attractive to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).
Social benefit: Greater Consumer Protection for Irish Citizens/Irish citizens have no roaming charges EU regulation with paternity leave/Minimum wage/ Irish citizens can live/ work/ study in any EU Country with no visas/ European Health International Card which helps people in EU countries with hospital/medical visits.





Solution Question 15 - 2022 Q14



Based on the graph above indicate whether the following statements are true or false.
Tick (✓) the correct box.

Statement	True	False
The unemployment rate was closest to full employment in 2019.	✓	
The unemployment rate decreased in 2020 from the previous year.		✓
There was a positive trend in the unemployment rate for 2021 when compared with the previous year.	✓	





Solution Question 16 - 2019 Q18 (c) (i) (ii)

(c) (i) Indicate in each case whether the change in the indicators is a good or bad trend for the Irish Economy. Tick (✓) the correct box below.

Economic Indicator	Good Trend	Bad Trend
Unemployment	✓ 4m	
Economic growth		✓ 4m

(ii) Explain the impact of the trend in **unemployment** on individuals like John and on the economy.

Impact on individuals: 1 @ 2m
Earning a regular income will help individuals like John to pay bills.
There will be more disposable income helping individuals like John to buy luxury goods.
It will be easier for individuals like John to find a job which will improve their standard of living.
Impact on the economy: 1 @ 2m
There will be an Increase in tax revenue for the government
The Irish Government will need to spend less on social welfare payments for the unemployed.
It could provide more funds for an increase in capital spending by the government.

Show the impact and effect of it on the individual and economy.

Higher house prices = 1mark

Incomes increase as more people are in work, leading to higher house prices, as more people can afford to buy a house = 2 marks

Increased capital spending = 1mark

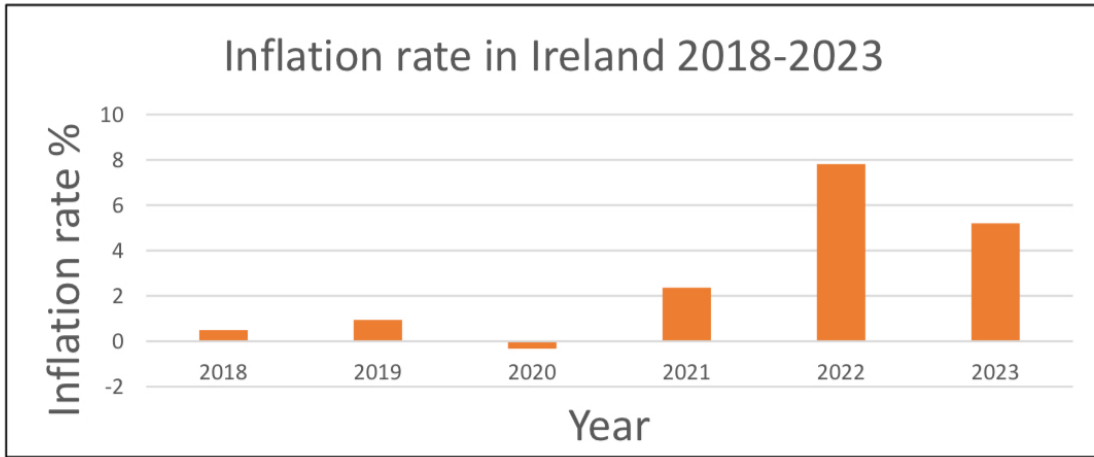
Increased capital spending e.g. the government can use higher revenue to build new roads or hospitals = 2 marks





Solution Question 17 - 2025 Q18 (c)(i)(ii)

(c)



Adapted from *cso.ie*

(i) Using the information in the bar chart above, what year had the highest inflation rate? **5m**

Year: 2022

(ii) Explain **one** cause of inflation. **3m**

Demand exceeds supply / scarcity which increases price of goods and services. (Demand pull inflation).

When there is an increase in cost of production costs, ie wages, energy, the cost increase is likely to be passed onto the consumer. This will lead to an increase in price of goods and services. (Cost push inflation)

An increase in indirect taxes, may increase the price of a product.

Solution Question 18 - 2024 Q4

Domestic electricity customers will get €450 credit.

Outline **two** reasons why, in your opinion, the government gave all households a €450 electricity credit.

To ease the financial pressure on households across the country in the midst of high energy prices in order to help pay other household bills/ To give all households a reduction in the price of their energy bill in order to spend on other goods and services.

To ease the impact of inflation and cost of living hikes on households, so they have more income to spend on discretionary expenditure.

To prevent fuel poverty, particularly in low-income households, so everyone can heat their homes.

The government had a surplus in their budget and decided to use some of the surplus to reduce the cost of energy increases for households.

Public Relations which would boost government ratings with the electorate.





Solution Question 19 - 2022 Q15

The old country: Get ready for an ageing Ireland.



Adapted from the Irish Times

- (i) Name a Government Department that will be affected by an older Irish population.

Department of Health/Department of Social Protection/ Department of Finance/Department of Transport/Department of Education/Department of Public Expenditure & Reform/Department of Environment, Climate and Communications.

- (ii) Explain **two** ways this change in age profile will increase Government expenditure.

The Government will have to invest more in hospitals and medical equipment due to the greater demand on services.

There will be a greater demand for pensions on the Government as people retire there will be an entitled to a state pension either contributory or non-contributory.

Everyone over the age of 66 is entitled to the Free travel scheme. This will mean the Government will have to invest more in Bus Éireann / Irish Rail to cope with extra passengers.

A GP visit card is available to everyone over the age of 70, this will mean the Government will have to increase funding for GPs to meet the demand of an aging population.





Solution Question 20 - 2025 Q18 (b)(ii)(iii)

(ii) Many Multi-National Companies (MNCs) have moved to Ireland in the last number of years.

Outline **two** reasons why these companies find Ireland an attractive location to set up a business. **6m**

Part of the European Union with a gateway to European Union for International companies.
Low Corporation tax of 12.5% / which increases profits.
English speaking country which is good for international companies.
Readily available educated skilled workforce compared to other countries which reduces training costs.
Irish Government may offer grants to locate here which helps lower set-up costs.

(iii) Some of these MNCs are now considering relocating away from Ireland.

Explain **one** reason why they might relocate to other countries. **3m**

Labour costs have become very high in Ireland compared to other countries especially in developing world. By moving it helps reduce companies' costs.
Shortage of housing and increased accommodation costs makes it less attractive for workers to remain here as they can't house their families.
Skills shortage in certain areas which can be met in other countries.
Location on the edge of Europe means increased transport costs.





Solution Question 21 - 2025 Q18 (c)(iv)(v)

Ireland's Deposit and Return Scheme went live in February 2024. When you return a plastic bottle or aluminum/steel can that features the Re-Turn logo, you get your deposit back in full.

adapted from *re-turn.ie*



(iv) Explain **two** disadvantages for a business of the Deposit and Return Scheme. **6m**

May have to train or employ more staff to provide this service which decreases time spent in other areas of the business / increases business costs.
May give rise to litter around the machines which increases the business' wastage disposal costs.
Installation costs of these machines leads to increased business cost.
Demand is put on the business to have a large area to put this machine.
Consumers may buy less of the items as they are more expensive as the price includes this levy so it reduces sales.

(v) Outline **one** benefit to society of the Deposit and Return Scheme. **3m**

Less cans thrown around the place which improves the image of the area.
Less damage to the environment as these cans are being disposed of properly.
Fosters a culture of recycling among the general public which contributes to a healthier planet for future generations.





Solution Question 22 - 2025 Q3

Question 3

The Labour Force Survey graphic below from the Central Statistics Office shows the employment and unemployment figures for Quarter 1 2022 and Quarter 1 2023.



CSO Labour Force Survey Q1 2023

- (i) What does the info graphic show about the change in employment in Ireland from Quarter 1 2022 to Quarter 1 2023?

Has risen by 4.1%/ Increased from 2,505,800 to 2,608,500/ Increased by 102,700
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- (ii) Outline **one** benefit to the economy of the change in employment.

More income tax collected/ PAYE revenue for the Government which the Government then uses this tax on improving/providing public facilities/services.

Less money being paid out on Jobseekers benefit/allowance so Government then uses this tax on improving/providing public facilities/services.

Better quality public services as government have more revenue to spend on them which will benefit local communities and the wellbeing of its citizens.

This could lead to a Budget surplus which the Government could use the surplus on improving/providing public facilities/services.

- (i) Make sure to use a figure from the infographic / data provided
(ii) Give the benefit, then what the government can do with it (give specific examples here)

Solution Question 23 - 2024 Q18 (c)(i)

Mary receives an education grant from the Government (SUSI – Student Universal Support Ireland) to support her in third level education.

Outline **two** reasons why the Government provides financial support for some students in third level education. **(6m)**

It improves access to third level education regardless of income levels/ to help pay for rent/afford going to college

If more students are educated to a third level standard, then Ireland will have a more skilled and qualified workforce.

Time for students to concentrate on their studies which would enhance their overall wellbeing.
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Public Relations, good image for government with electorate/public.





Solution Question 24 - 2024 Q16 (b)(iii)(iv)

- (iii) Kellogg's is very proud of its commitment to global sustainability working towards eight goals, one of which focuses on the area of packaging.



Explain the term 'sustainable development'.

(3m)

They should be able to meet their present needs without compromising the needs of future generations. This means that companies need to balance their production against economic, social and environmental needs. For example, recycling, changing to electric cars.

- (iv) 'In addition to making food that customers love, Kellogg's have a commitment to doing what's best for people and the planet.'

Kellogg's, 2020 Goals

Other than *resource-efficient packaging*, outline **two** ways in which Kellogg's can operate in a sustainable manner to protect people and the planet.

(6m)

Kellogg's could use renewable sources of energy in their factories to reduce carbon impact on the environment.

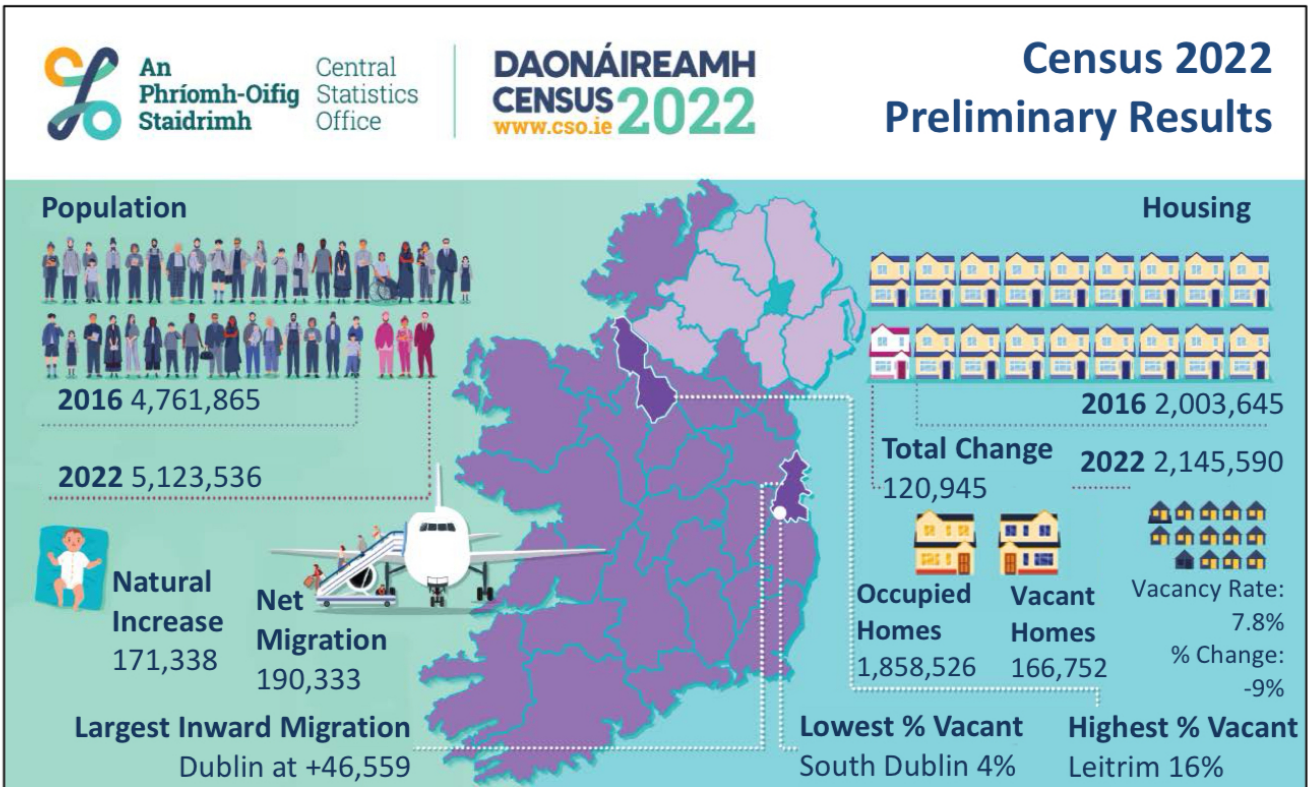
They could ensure that raw materials used are produced in such a way to minimise environmental damage e.g., using fairtrade, making sure the farmer/producer gets a fair price for the produce sold.

They could use electric or hybrid vehicles when delivering their products globally.

Recycle waste where possible, making the planet a cleaner place and more sustainable for future generations.

Promote awareness amongst staff for the need to be environmentally friendly, which leads to ethical behavior.





Adapted from www.cso.ie

(i) According to the infographic above, what is the population of Ireland in 2022?

5,123, 536

(ii) Explain **one** impact that an increase in population might have on Irish society.

- There will be greater demand for goods and services so businesses in Ireland will make more profit or be able to employ more workers.
- There will be a greater demand for public services such as health / schools transport, this will put a strain on government services.
- There will be a greater demand for housing (private and social). The government must provide more social housing and allow more planning permission for private houses.
- There will be more traffic and pollution which would lead to added personal stress/ reduce quality of life.





Solution Question 26 - 2024 Q7

The eurozone expanded to 20 nations when Croatia joined on 1 January, 2023.

Adapted from www.rte.ie



(i) Complete the following sentence:

The Eurozone is a group of countries within the EU which share a common/single currency/the euro.

(ii) State **one** benefit of membership of the eurozone for Ireland.

When buying goods and services from other countries within the Eurozone there is no need to change currencies.

Easier to make price comparisons due to a common currency.

Price stability/ no exchange rate fluctuations.

Membership of one of the world's largest economic regions.

Solution Question 27 - 2024 Q5

Question 5

The number of people at work in the Irish economy increased by 4.1% in Q1 2023 (the first quarter of 2023).

Outline **two** benefits for the Irish economy of this increase in the number of people at work.

More people at work means that there will be more tax revenue for the government e.g., PAYE, PRSI, USC. This extra revenue can be used to provide better public services, e.g., health and education.

If more people are working, then the government will spend less on social protection payments such as job seeker's allowance. The government has greater spending power for other public services.

More employment leads to more spending on goods and services by consumers, which improves economic growth as businesses will expand and create more jobs/employment.

Decrease in national debt servicing due to increased revenue from taxation or decreased government spending on social protection.

Lower levels of emigration as people do not have to leave Ireland in search of work.

Benefit -> use "higher/lower" or "more/less" or "increased/decreased" to show benefit then explain how the benefit occurs because of increased people in work.





Solution Question 28 - 2024 Q2

The Irish Government has committed to increasing carbon tax year-on-year until it reaches €100 per tonne in 2030. Adapted from www.esri.ie

Outline how taxes, such as carbon tax, affect each of the following:

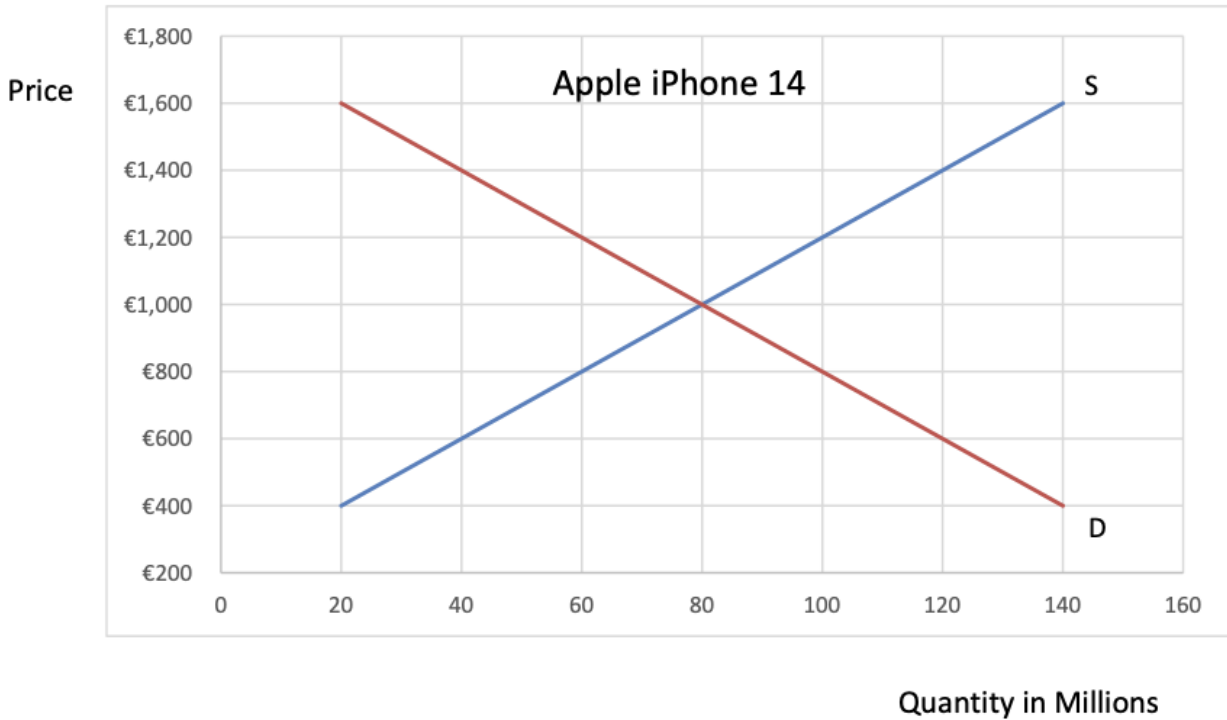
Consumers:
Taxes like the carbon tax make goods and services more expensive. This may discourage people from buying these goods and services/encourage them to look for suitable alternatives.
Taxes decrease (disposable) income thereby lower standard of living.
Environment:
Increasing the price of carbon through taxation discourages the use of non-renewable energy sources which helps combat global warming or reduce air pollution/ Discourages the use of fossil fuels which helps to combat climate change. Greenhouse gas emissions are reduced as households and businesses switch to green energy options.
If taxes like your PAYE were increased, you have less income, which may lead to consumers choosing the cheaper option of close substitutes, which may not be as environmentally friendly.





Solution Question 29 - 2023 Q18 (b)(i)(ii)

(b) Apple iPhone 14



- (i) Use the above diagram to answer each of the following questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided. **(9m)**

Indicate the equilibrium quantity demanded of the 'Apple iPhone 14'.	80 m	Units
Indicate the equilibrium price of the 'Apple iPhone 14'.	€ 1,000	
Indicate the quantity demanded of the 'Apple iPhone 14' at €1,600.	20 m	Units

Need "m" or "million" for 1 mark for Q on Units

- (ii) Explain the term substitute good and give an example of a substitute good for the 'Apple iPhone 14'.

Explanation: (3m)
A Substitute good is an alternative/similar/replacement good that could be used for the same purpose.
Example: (1m)
Samsung Galaxy, Google Pixel 7, Google Pixel 6a, Android, iPhone 13, iPad, laptop

Use "alternative" or "replacement" for a substitute good



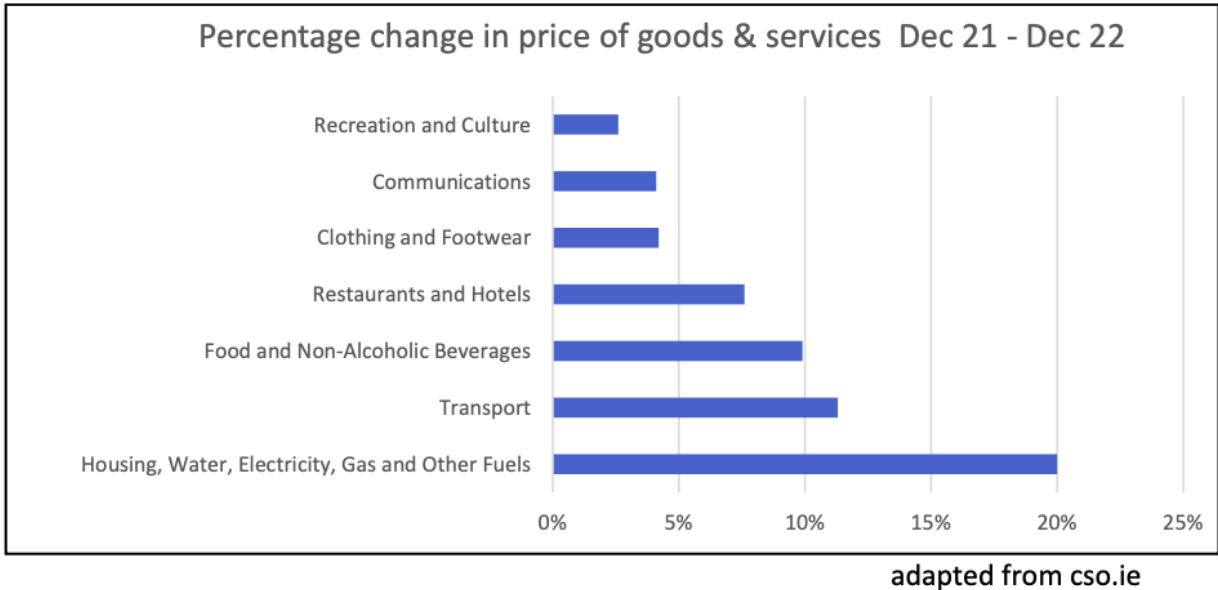


Solution Question 30 - 2023 Q18 (a)(i)(ii)(iii)

Question 18

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) conducts inflation measurement in Ireland.

(a) Using the information given below answer the questions that follow.



(i) Identify which category of goods and services shows the largest increase in price. **(5m)**

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

(ii) State the official measure of inflation in Ireland. **(3 x 1m)**

Consumer	Price	Index
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(iii) Explain one impact a rising level of inflation can have on an individual and a business in your local area. **(4m)**

An individual: It reduces an individual's spending power/ less disposable income/ struggle to pay bills/ Increased cost of living which would reduce a person's standard of living/ It can make changes to an individual's budget/Increase personal stress/ affect wellbeing.
A business in your local area Prices may have to be raised on goods and services/It may lead to a business becoming less competitive as prices go up/ It can impact on a business budgets. Increased costs which result in businesses having to increase their prices e.g. A local bus company faced with higher fuel costs will have to increase consumer fares/ Uncertainty, volatility leads to lower capital investment.

Explain -> one/two word answers won't get full marks
E.g. "stress" for individual or "less profits" for business

