

The Economy, Government and Business – Higher Level

Using examples analyse the role of the Irish Government in creating a suitable climate for business enterprises in the state. (20m) (LCHL 2004)

Marks:

4 points @ 5 marks. Must use examples. 3 marks for stating the point; 2 marks for elaboration/example.

A SAMPLE ANSWER:

- Government passes laws to ensure fair practices in business e.g. to protect employees (Unfair Dismissals Act).
- It sets up **Agencies** to monitor and regulate business behaviour e.g. Environmental Protection Agency, Competition Authority.
- It ensures an adequate **infrastructure** through NRA Aer Rianta, ESB etc.
- It provides police, courts, and prisons to ensure laws are obeyed.
- It controls public finances through **Budget** management.
- It encourages **enterprise** and **work** through relatively low taxes e.g. Corporation Profits Tax at 12.5%.