

Implementation of Casual Trading Act, 1995

Public Consultation

The Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Mary Harney, T.D. has published a report of a study on the implementation of the Casual Trading Act, 1995. The study was carried out at the request of the Tanaiste by the Competition Authority. The report is available for purchase at the Government Publications Sales Office, Sun Alliance House, Molesworth St, Dublin 2 and on the Department's website at <http://www.entemp.ie/tcmr/castrdreport.pdf> .

The report examines how the 1995 Act has been implemented by local authorities and its effects on local markets. It includes the results of a large-scale survey by MRBI Ltd of those most affected by the Act, including casual traders, permanent businesses and local authorities. The report confirms the economic importance of casual trading particularly for local markets.

The report includes recommendations relating to the implementation of the 1995 Act by local authorities including on fees, pitch sizes, allocation of licences and event licences. The report also recommends that local authorities which have not already introduced bye-laws under the 1995 Act should do so. Some of the recommendations, if adopted, would require new legislation.

In view of the local community focus of the subject the Tanaiste, prior to making decisions arising from the study, invites views from all interested parties on the report and its recommendations or on any other aspect of the implementation of the Casual Trading Act, 1995.

Submissions may be made in writing to the Competition & Consumer Policy Section, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Casual Trading Report, Earlsfort Centre, Lower Hatch St, Dublin. Alternatively comments may be made by e-mail to casualtradingreport@entemp.ie.

Comments should reach the Department on or before Friday 13th June 2003.