



## **An Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí Department of Social Protection**

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### **Further fall in Live Register (November) welcomed by Minister Ó Cuív**

A reduction in the Live Register for November, - the third month in a row\* to record a decrease - has been welcomed today (1 December 2010) by Minister for Social Protection, Éamon Ó Cuív TD, who said it is a "positive outcome and further evidence that the Live Register is stabilising."

The Minister said: "The Live Register has risen in November in each of the last five years but this year sees the first November fall since 2004. The scale of the fall is positive too as it is the biggest November fall since 1999," he said.

"However unemployment levels remain high and job protection, job creation and productivity growth are the Government's key concerns," he added.

"The measures announced last Wednesday in our National Recovery Plan 2011-2014, are being taken so that we can stabilise the economy, return to sustainable levels of growth and in turn reduce the level of unemployment - this is the key objective of the Government.

"The National Recovery Plan includes proposals for the development of new initiatives which will offer social employment opportunities and other labour activation measures. These new labour activation initiatives will be an important element in the delivery of employment and community services and will aim to provide quality work opportunities to unemployed people and beneficial outcomes to the community. More detail will be announced on Budget day.

"Our National Recovery Plan will enable us to build upon the many positive aspects of our economy so that we can return to a sustainable medium-term growth path. The measures it contains will remove barriers to growth; boost our competitiveness and restore order to our public finances." The Minister added: "The external financial support package for Ireland will also help return our economy to growth and ensure that we have a properly functioning banking system."

The Live Register unadjusted or headline figure for November 2010 is 425,002 which is a fall of 4,551 from last month (October).



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The Live Register seasonally adjusted figure for November is 438,800 which is a fall of 4,200 on October.

Minister Ó Cuív said: "It is also worth noting that the Live Register includes those who have some part time employment and receive a payment from my Department for part of the week. These account for just over 65,000 people on the Live Register. The number of people on the Register who actually receive a jobseeker's payment for a full week is 279,086. Over 26,000 people on the Register are signing for PRSI credits only (i.e. to maintain the continuity of their social insurance record).

**Editor's note**

\*There was also a fall in the October 2010 Live Register. The CSO October Live Register (unadjusted) figure was 429,553 which was 12,864 below the September total.

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