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**Minister Burton announces appointment of Eugene McErlean  
to Citizens Information Board**

Minister for Social Protection, Ms Joan Burton TD, today (*Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September*) announced the appointment of Mr Eugene McErlean to the Citizens Information Board.

In welcoming the appointment Minister Burton said: "I am delighted to have the benefit of Mr McErlean's banking and legal experience on the Citizens Information Board."

Mr McErlean, who is a solicitor by profession, has a range of legal experience having acted as a lawyer for the UK Government Legal Service, British Airways and the AIB Group. Mr McErlean also has extensive experience in the financial sector having served as Head of Group Internal Audit for Allied Irish Banks between 1997 and 2002. More recently, he assisted in preparing an international report on whistleblower legislation.

Accepting the appointment, Mr McErlean said: "I am delighted to have been appointed by Minister Burton and am looking forward to making a contribution to the important work of the Citizens Information Board."

The Citizens Information Board is the national agency responsible for supporting the provision of information, advice and advocacy on social services and for the provision of the Money Advice and Budgeting Service.



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Mr McErlean's appointment follows a rigorous selection process in which 172 applications were received on foot of a notice inviting expressions of interest in the post published on 22<sup>nd</sup>. July 2011.

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**Notes for Editors**

The Citizens Information Board is the statutory body which supports the provision of information, advice and advocacy on a broad range of public and social services. Nationally, the Citizens Information Board is responsible for supporting the provision of information, advice and advocacy on a wide range of social and civil services through:

- The web-based information sources [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)
- The Citizens Information Phone Service, a low call service available Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-9p.m. 1890777121
- The face to face services, the network of Citizens Information Services (CIS) nationwide offering information and advocacy services to the public. Contact information for the network of offices is available at [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Governed by the [Social Welfare \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 2008](#), the [Citizens Information Act 2007 \(pdf\)](#) and the [Comhairle Act 2000](#), the Board comes under the remit of the Department of Social Protection. The Citizens Information Board's mandate, as defined by the Acts, is:

- To ensure that individuals have access to accurate, comprehensive and clear information relating to social services
- To assist and support individuals, in particular those with disabilities, in identifying and understanding their needs and options



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- To promote greater accessibility, coordination and public awareness of social services
- To support, promote and develop the provision of information on the effectiveness of current social policy and services and to highlight issues which are of concern to users of those services
- To support the provision of, or directly provide, advocacy services for people with a disability.
- To support the provision of advice on personal debt and money management through the Money Advice and Budgeting Service.

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