

## **Progress on NAP/inclusion Targets:**

### **ACHIEVED:**

**D/E&S:** Age Appropriate placement of all Travellers in primary school will be achieved by 2003.

**D/E&S:** Aim to increase participation by students with disabilities at Third Level to 1.8% by 2006.

**D/E&TE:** The National Minimum Wage is to be adjusted to EUR 7 per hour with effect from 1 February 2004.

**D/EH&LG:** By end 2004, sufficient and appropriate emergency accommodation to be available to rough sleepers, in conjunction with appropriate outreach services to enable them to access it. This target is to apply to each local authority and health board area. At the end 2003, progress in meeting the target will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised mechanisms put in place to achieve it.

**D/SFA:** (a) To increase the level of payments of Widow(ers) Pensions.

(b) Progress to be made towards the implementation of improvements in qualified adult allowance for pensioner spouses to the level of the old age (non-contributory) pension.

**D/SFA:** (a) Child Benefit and Child Dependant allowances to be set at 33% - 35% of the minimum adult social welfare payment rate by 2007. (b) The final phase of the planned multi-annual increases in Child Benefit rates to be completed in 2004 and 2005.

D/E&TE: Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment  
D/JELR: Department of Justice, Equality & Law Reform  
D/EH&LG: Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government  
D/E&S: Department of Education & Science  
D/CRGA: Department of Community, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs

D/Taoiseach: Department of the Taoiseach  
D/SFA: Department of Social & Family Affairs  
D/H&C: Department of Health & Children  
D/AST: Department of Arts, Sport & Tourism  
D/TRANS: Department of Transport  
D/Finance: Department of Finance

## **IN PROGRESS:**

**D/E&S:** Reduce the proportion of adults aged 16-64 with restricted literacy to 10 to 20% by 2007.

**D/ETE :** Eliminate long-term unemployment as soon as circumstances permit but in any event not later than 2007

**D/ETE :** Reduce the level of unemployment experienced by Vulnerable Groups towards the national average by 2007

**D/ETE:** Achieve the objectives set out in the National Employment Action Plan to increase employment rates. [The targets set at Lisbon in 2000 were for rates of 70% for the overall working age population (15-64), 60% for the female working age population and 50% for the age group 55-64. These were to be achieved by 2010. Interim targets for 2007 were set at the Stockholm summit of 2001. These interim targets were 67% for the overall rate and 57% for the female rate]

**D/ETE :** Increase the employment participation of women to an average of more than 60% in 2010, as envisaged under the National Employment Action Plan 2001

**D/CRGA:** To significantly reduce the harm caused to individuals and the community by the misuse of illicit drugs through a concerted focus on supply reduction, prevention, treatment and research

**D/CRGA:** Encouraging and facilitating communities to pursue social and economic progress in their areas

**Various:** To ensure that the basic needs of all families, especially young parents, lone parents, older people and ethnic minorities are met through enhanced and better coordinated State support services

**D/CRGA:** Improve access to employment, health, education and housing services for rural dwellers.

**D/CRGA:** Continue to strengthen supports to volunteering and to encourage the self-expression and participation of people experiencing poverty and social exclusion in the formulation and implementation of policies and measures affecting them

**D/EH&LG:** To ensure that housing supply is brought more into line with demand and that the housing requirements set out in the NDP (500,000 new units between 2000-2010) are achieved in a planned and coherent way.

**D/EH&LG:** To deliver 41,500 local authority housing starts (including acquisitions) between 2000 and 2006

**D/EH&LG:** To deliver an appropriate mix of social and affordable housing measures which meets the needs of different types of households

**D/EH&LG:** To analyse the information gathered in the next statutory assessment of household needs with a view to ensuring that Government makes the best use of resources available to meet the needs identified.

**D/EH&LG:** By end 2007, adequate heating systems will be available in all local authority rented dwellings provided for older people

**D/TRANS:** To improve transport services to rural dwellers through a combination of State support and community-based provision.

**D/TRANS:** A transport action plan is being prepared to provide for the further development and implementation of accessible transport services for people with disabilities

**D/SFA:** To reduce the numbers of those who are 'consistently poor' below 2% and, if possible, eliminate consistent poverty, under the current definition of consistent poverty. Specific attention will be paid to particular vulnerable groups in the pursuit of this objective.

**D/SFA:** To achieve the rate of €150 per week in 2002 terms for the lowest rates of social welfare payments by 2007. During the period of the Plan (2003-2005) increases in the rates will be made in order to achieve this target

**D/SFA:** Social Welfare pensions to be improved to reach a target level of €200 by 2007

**D/SFA:** DSFA is to review the contribution being made by the department's income support system to people reconciling work and family life, the review to be completed not later than 2005.

**D/AST:** To provide funding, under the Sports Capital Programme, on an annual basis to voluntary and community organisations so as to assist with the provision of sporting facilities aimed at increasing levels of participation and improving standards of performance

**D/AST:** To provide funding, under the Arts and Culture Capital Enhancement Support Scheme (ACCESS 2001 – 2004), for arts and culture projects throughout the country.

**D/H&C:** To reduce the gap in premature mortality between the lowest and highest socio-economic groups by at least 10% for circulatory diseases, for cancers and for injuries and poisonings by 2007.

**D/H&C:** The gap in life expectancy between the Traveller Community and the whole population will be reduced by at least 10% by 2007

**D/H&C:** Access to orthopaedic services will be improved so that no one is waiting longer than 12 months for a hip replacement. This is an initial short-term action to improve quality of life for older people and it will be reviewed in 2003.

**D/H&C:** The incidence of youth homelessness will be reduced significantly, through increasing family and community based supports to prevent homelessness and providing appropriate emergency response so as to prevent young people staying homeless and to facilitate their reintegration into the community.

**D/H&C:** Aim to improve access to planned respite care for carers of disabled people by 2003

**D/Taoiseach:** The development of more formal expressions of entitlements across the range of public services and the setting of standards and guidelines regarding the standard of service delivery that can be expected by the customer, taking into account the Council of Europe recommendations on access to social rights. Monitoring, by means of indicators, access to services of a given standard and working to improve performance over time.

**D/Taoiseach:** To raise the level of access to and participation in the Information Society by increasing the numbers using Information and Communication Technologies.

**D/JELR:** All 14 Policy Approaches in relation to D/JELR are in progress.

**D/Finance:** To the extent that there is any scope for personal tax reductions, progress will continue to be targeted towards removing those on the minimum wage from the tax net.

### **LIMITED PROGRESS:**

**D/E&S:** Reduce the number of young people who leave the school system early, so that the percentage of those who complete upper second level or equivalent will reach 85% by 2003 and 90% by 2006

**D/E&S:** The transfer rate of Travellers to post primary schools will be increased to 95% by 2004

**D/EH&LG:** All Travellers' families identified in the local authority five-year Traveller accommodation programme process as being in need of accommodation will be appropriately accommodated by end 2004

**D/H&C:** To reduce the gap in low birth weight rates between children from the lowest and highest socio-economic group by 10% from the current level, by 2007.

### **INSUFFICIENT PROGRESS:**

**D/E&S:** Each third-level institution will double the participation by mature disadvantaged students, including Travellers and refugees, by 2006 (within the 15% quota)

**D/H&C:** By 2003, national guidelines will be put in place for the provision of respite care services to carers of older people.

### **UNKNOWN:**

**D/E&S:** Halve the proportion of pupils with serious literacy difficulties by 2006.