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“Government organises seminars to explain its Environmental Action & Management Plan”.

The Government released its Environmental Action & Management Plan (EAMP) on the 31st January 2011. The Plan is the detailed mechanisms by which the Government will apply the principles contained in its Environmental Charter, in its own actions, policy and decision making processes in all areas of Government activity.

The Plan commits Government to implement a wide range of actions and measures throughout the Public and Private sectors which are designed to protect and improve the environment. All Government Departments, Agencies and Authorities are required to give effect to the Plan and to work within its parameters.

Both the public and private sectors will be familiarised with the EAMP through a series of seminars. The first such seminars were held last Friday 18th February at the Elliot O’Callaghan Hotel. These first such Seminars were attended by the heads and senior staff of all Government Departments, Agencies and Authorities. The Seminars were hosted by the Ministry for the Environment. Attendees were appraised of the contents of the plan and how this would affect them. A short workshop was held within each Seminar where ideas as to how to best implement various elements of the plan, dealing with energy saving, recycling and the development of basic environmental management systems were discussed.

The Seminars were closed by the Acting Chief Secretary who emphasised to those present, the importance of the Plan and the need for ongoing commitment from the whole of the public sector to ensure the Plan’s success. Updates on ongoing implementation of the Plan will be provided through the Ministry of the Environment’s Annual Reports.

The Ministry for the Environment will be announcing in March 2011 the delivery of further EAMP seminars intended for both the private sector and the general public. Each of us has a role to play in improving the quality of our environment and safeguarding it for future generations.