Budgetary package for 2020 of €2.9 billion

**Housing**
- €2.5 billion to the Housing Programme in 2020.
- A further €20 million for homeless services bringing total funding to €166 mil in 2020.
- Capital funding of over €1.1 billion to support the delivery of 11,000 new social homes in 2020. A further 12,000 units will be delivered in 2021.
- An additional €80 million for HAP
- €17.5 million is being provided to the Land Development Agency and €186 million is being allocated for the Serviced Site Fund and Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Fund in 2020.
- €130 million in Urban Regeneration and Development funding
- €2 million in additional funding to the Residential Tenancies Board
- Extending Help to Buy to the end of 2021
- Living City initiative extended to end 2022

**Education**
- 150 new teaching posts in schools and over 400 additional teaching posts to support special educational needs
- €1.9 billion will allow for the hiring of over 1,000 additional Special Needs Assistants

**Children and Families**
- Increased allocation of €29 million, to just over €814 for Túsla
- Funding for early learning and childcare will increase by €54 million
- €100 increase in Home Carer Credit
- Extension of reduced rate of USC for medical card holders

**Agriculture and Rural Development**
Government will invest nearly €2 billion in rural Ireland in 2020.
- €51 million for the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- €17 million for the Department of Rural and Community Development.
- €3 million in order to pilot new agri-environmental schemes in 2020.

**Health**
Current expenditure in Health is set to increase by 6.3 per cent to €17.4 billion in 2020
- €25 million in the National Treatment Purchase Fund
- Free GP care to under 8s
- Monthly threshold for the Drug Payment Scheme is being reduced by €10 and I am increasing medical card income thresholds by €50 for a single person or €150 for a couple.
- Phased provision of free dental care for children under 6
- 1 million additional home care hours will be provided in 2020.
- New Sláintecare Integration Fund of €20 million and €12 million Care Redesign Fund.
- 50c increase in excise on cigarettes

**Justice**
- increasing the budget of An Garda Síochána by €81 million
- up to 700 new Gardaí
- €39 million to fund direct provision and increased activity in courts and agencies, including new Judicial Council
As we prepare for Brexit, our economy is in a strong position

- The headline deficit has been eliminated – a surplus of 0.2% of GDP is expected in 2019
- Economic growth of 5.5% forecast for 2019, falling to 0.7% in 2020 assuming a disorderly Brexit
- Unemployment has fallen to 5.3% from the peak of 16% in 2012
- Tax revenues are largely in line with forecasts for this year – we expect to collect €58.6 billion

Support for enterprises

- Reforms to the Key Employment Engagement Programme (KEEP) – now applies to a broader range of company group structures, part-time and family-friendly work will now also qualify
- Reforms to the Employment and Investment Incentive (EII) – full income tax relief in the year when the investment is made, annual limit increased to €250,000 for those investing 4 years or more and to €500,000 for those investing 10 years or more
- Research and development tax credit enhanced for micro and small companies and for 3rd level outsourcing
- Special Assignee Relief Programme (SARP and Foreign Earning Deduction (FED) extended until end 2022
- €150 increase in the Earned Income Credit for the self-employed

Preparing for Brexit - Package of €1.2 billion

€600 million has already been made available through the Future Growth and Brexit Loan schemes.

Deal or No Deal, €200 million will be available next year for staffing and infrastructure needs

In the event of a No Deal, €650 million in contingency funding will be made available to support affected sectors. €220 million will be released immediately:

- €110 million to help vulnerable but viable firms adjust
- €110 million through the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine:
  - €85 million for beef farmers;
  - €14 million for fisheries;
  - €6 million for other livestock farmers and mushrooms sector; and
  - €5 million for the food and drinks processing industry.

In addition, €40 million will be available to support Tourism

The deployment of the balance of €390 million of the Brexit contingency expenditure will be determined closer to the time.

€365 million will also be provided for the Live Register and Labour Activation Schemes, with a further €45 million to help the transition to new employment

Climate Change

The Climate Action Plan will be supported by National Development Plan investment of €8.1 billion and a further €13.7 billion of investment by our State companies.

- Increase in carbon tax from €20 to €26 per tonne – auto fuels increase on Budget day, other fuels delayed until May 2020
- This will raise €90 million which will be ring fenced for new climate action measures
- Diesel rebate scheme for hauliers
- 1% diesel surcharge replaced with Nitrogen oxide emissions-based charge
- Extension of BIK zero rate on electric vehicles and VRT reliefs for hybrids
- Equalising electricity tax rates for business and non-business.
- €9 million for greenways and urban cycling projects
- €8m to maintain grants for purchasing electric cars and €3 million for electric vehicle infrastructure.

Targeted package for the Midlands:

- €20 million for an energy efficiency scheme targeted, initially, at social housing
- €5 million for peatland rehabilitation.