Strategic Benefits of the Corrib Gas Field Development

The Corrib Gas Field Development has a strategic benefit for Ireland in terms of strengthening Ireland’s energy security of supply and granting the required consents will ensure a direct economic return from Ireland’s indigenous gas resources.

In this context, the development of Ireland’s indigenous oil and gas resources has the potential to deliver significant and sustained benefits, particularly in terms of enhanced security of supply, import substitution, fiscal return, national and local economic development and technology learning. Even a relatively modest natural gas field such as Corrib, which created over 1000 jobs during development, will meet on average 42% of the all island gas demand over its first two years of operation and will add up to 0.6% to GDP.

The direct financial return to the State from the Corrib gas field will be through the 25% tax on profits. The level of profits from the Corrib gas field will depend on a combination of factors including, the volume of recoverable gas, the cost of developing and operating the infrastructure, the price of gas over the life of the field, together with the timing and profile of production.