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PRESS RELEASE: The Chair of NCPC Dr. Frances Ruane presents to the second annual Competitiveness Summit of Ministers hosted by the Taoiseach

The Chair of the National Competitiveness and Productivity Council (NCPC) Dr. Frances Ruane attended the second annual Competitiveness Summit which took place today, 7th of July 2025, in Government Buildings.

The Summit was hosted by the Taoiseach and attended by the Tánaiste and relevant Ministers along with representatives from IDA Ireland and Enterprise Ireland. The discussion focused on the current state of competitiveness in the Irish economy in the face of rapidly changing international economic developments. Dr. Ruane provided an update on Ireland's overall competitiveness position and high-level details from this year's *Ireland Competitiveness Challenge 2025* report, together with key recommendations from the Report.

Dr. Ruane emphasised the need for Ireland to take account of global uncertainty and to use all its policy tools to strengthen the competitiveness of the Irish economy for Irish large, medium and small businesses. This year's Challenge Report is providing important inputs into the development of the Action Plan for Competitiveness and Productivity which is a key commitment in the Programme for Government.

The Council's Challenge Report 2025 will be published this week and it is expected that the Action Plan on Competitiveness and Productivity will be published in the coming weeks.