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Focus required on Job Retention in New Governments Jobs Initiative.

Gorey Chamber hopes for Positive Difference.

The much vaunted Jobs Budget, promised by the new coalition government within their first 100 days will be unveiled next week. Now operating under the title of a Jobs Initiative, Gorey Chamber surveyed business views at the PLUS part of its monthly networking lunch.

The focus of the Initiative should have “the overall aim of building confidence and releasing spend” according to Chamber Executive, Dick White. Speaking following a review of survey responses, White continued “The overall view is that most business people are hopeful that the initiative will make a positive difference”

One aspect of business that seems to receive little attention is the need to focus on retaining existing jobs, continuing, White added “It is much more cost effective to support business people to retain their existing levels of employment, rather than just trying to create new jobs. Current cost of Rates, PRSI and VAT, could be reduced, while relaxing tax deadlines are just some simple examples where a change in policy will help”

Other aspects of business that would help would be an improvement in subsidies for job creation, work placement supports and retraining opportunities for individuals, while there was also strong support for the state capital investment to be continued.



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Concluding White added “The future has to see organised help and support for small and medium business and any jobs initiative should focus on job retention as well as job creation. We would like to see these included in the upcoming announcement”

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