

ITI welcomes Government report on BES and SCS

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Monday, 19 February 2007: The Irish Taxation Institute (ITI) has welcomed the publication of a Government Report which highlights the economic and social value of the Business Expansion Scheme (BES) and Seed Capital Scheme (SCS) initiatives.

The review, published today by the Department of Finance, represents the full results of a 2006 survey, a section of which was published in January last.

ITI Chief Executive, Mark Redmond said that the full review provides "clear cut evidence of the economic and social value from tax innovation."

Commenting, Mr Redmond said: "This review shows that taxation policy, used effectively, offers broad economic and social benefits. In the 10-year period of which this survey focussed (1997-2006), 1,364 companies, largely small or medium in size and over 24,000 individual investments from €1,000 to €1 million used BES. In doing so, risk was rewarded, jobs were created, new products and services were developed and all the while, additional revenue was generated for the exchequer to re-invest. It proves conclusively that tax innovation works."

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