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The Minister for Finance announced the Government's plans for the transfer of approximately 230 personnel to Roscommon under the decentralisation programme during the Budget speech of December 2003. This was in respect of the entire staff compliment of the Land Registry element of the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform based in Dublin city.

In the interim there was much debate surrounding the decentralisation process and many argued that Roscommon may not witness any staff moving from Dublin for up to ten years.

It was announced in early May 2006 that the Office of Public Works was moving ahead and had secured a site for the purpose of decentralising Land Registry. The site is believed to be on circa 3-4 acres in a prime location in the town encompassing circa 50,000sq feet.

Later in May, Deputy Michael Finneran announced that staff could be in place in the Land Registry Office in Roscommon Town as early as July 2006. It is understood that an advance party would move to Roscommon and take up temporary accommodation, which is being arranged. This is likely to be in the existing Government Offices at Convent Road, Roscommon Town.