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Foreword

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It is with great pleasure that I introduce this issue of *Administration*, which explores the multifaceted dimensions of Irish public audit and delves into the history of the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Through the collective effort and expertise of our esteemed authors, this issue offers a deeper understanding of the Office, promotes knowledge sharing and initiates conversations on best practices. I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to all the authors who have contributed their time, insights and expertise to this publication. I would also like to thank the Institute of Public Administration for their careful stewardship of this project.

I hope that readers, whether practitioners, academics or those with a general interest in public sector administration, will find these papers interesting and thought provoking. I am confident that the insights and analyses presented within will serve as both a reference tool and a catalyst for further exploration and research in the realm of public sector administration and governance.