Using examples analyse the role of the Irish Government in creating a suitable climate for business enterprises in the state.

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Marks:
4 points @ 5 marks. Must use examples. 3 marks for stating the point; 2 marks for elaboration/example.

A SAMPLE ANSWER:
• Government passes laws to ensure fair practices in business e.g. to protect employees (Unfair Dismissals Act).
• It sets up Agencies to monitor and regulate business behaviour e.g. Environmental Protection Agency, Competition Authority.
• It ensures an adequate infrastructure through NRA Aer Rianta, ESB etc.
• It provides police, courts, and prisons to ensure laws are obeyed.
• It controls public finances through Budget management.
• It encourages enterprise and work through relatively low taxes e.g. Corporation Profits Tax at 12.5%.