



## **AIB launches 15 new business centres to support SME customers**

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Speaking to over 1,000 business leaders at the Dublin Chamber of Commerce annual dinner on Thursday 15th October, Denis O'Callaghan, General Manager, AIB Retail & SME Business, announced that AIB has established 15 business centres around the country to further its active engagement in assisting customers through the current trading conditions.

This announcement forms part of the bank's current change programme which is centred on bringing expertise, timely support and decision making closer to its SME customers. These business centres are staffed by over 250 experienced relationship managers which are complemented by the bank's 700 relationship managers and 200 dedicated SME specialists already in place across the bank's 270 branch outlets.

Denis O'Callaghan, General Manager, AIB Retail & SME Business said:

*"We are committed to a strong and sustainable SME sector, which we believe is key to the recovery of the Irish economy. We will continue to work with all our SME customers to ensure they have all the information, advice and support they need, through these dedicated business centres and our nationwide branch network."*

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