The line graph illustrates the recycling rate for four kind of materials,over a twenty nine-year period between 1998 and 2010.

Overall,as can be seen,although there was a considerable upward trend in the amount of recycling aluminium cans,other materials had a negligible improvement over the period.Another interesting point is that paper and cardboard,which had the most amount of recycling in 1982,remained the top rank until 2010.

Looking at the details,as regards plastics,the recycling process started at just under 5 per cent in 1990.The figure went up slightly,finishing at approximately 10 per cent in 2010.Recycling f aluminium cans started at about 5 per cent in 1986.The trend increased steadily to around 25 percent until 2002,then it grew sharply in the last eight years,rocketing to 45 per cent.

In terms of the recycling rate for glass containers,it started at 50 per cent in 1982 and it dropped considerably until 1990.After that,it rose gradually,reaching 60 per cent in 2010.Concerning paper and cardboard,it started at around 65 per cent.Then,despite fluctuating until 1994,the figure reached the highest per cent of recycling rate.After that,it decreased significantly to 70 per cent over the last 16 years.