

**Department of Public Expenditure and Reform,
Management Board Meeting 16 June 2014**

Attendance: Secretary General, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Moloney, Mr. Quinn, Mr. Beausang, Dr Quinn, Ms. Comerford, Ms. Hanlon, Ms. Griffin, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Menton, Ms. Codd

Apologies: Mr. McGrath, Ms. Buckley,

- 1. Minutes of meeting dated 9 June 2014** – The minutes were agreed.
- 2. Key Policy Issues/ Events for the Week** – Ms Griffin provided an update to the Board regarding the Minister's Diary. This afternoon, Minister Howlin will meet with members of the German Bundestag. On Tuesday the Minister will attend the Labour Ministers Meeting followed by this week's Government meeting. EMC will take place on Wednesday. On Friday, the Minister is travelling to Korea to attend the 2014 United Nations Public Service Forum taking place in Seoul.

Mr Beausang provided updates in relation to the Lobbying Bill, Protected Disclosures Bill, Freedom of Information Bill, Civil Service Accountability and HRSSC. The report and final Stage for Protected Disclosures Bill to be scheduled for Seanad as soon as possible. A Memo for Government seeking approval of the General Scheme of the Public Sector Standards Bill will submitted this week. A Memo for Information for the Government regarding the publication of the Open Data report will also be submitted to Minister for approval this week

Ms Hanlon provided an update for the Expenditure Policy Evaluation and Management Division including the Comprehensive Review of Expenditure, Social Housing Policy proposals and the Expenditure Management Memo which were then discussed by the Board.

Mr Moloney provided an update for the Labour Market and Enterprise Policy Division in relation to the Comprehensive Review of Expenditure, the Health Budget Implementation and Pathways to Work 2014.

Dr Quinn provided the Board with an update on Civil Service Renewal and the future of "INKEx 2" initiative (Irish Non-Profits Database). The Chief Operations Officer, Mr Dermot Nolan also provided the Board with an update of the Public Service Reform Research Fellowship, the Department's Statement of Strategy, the outstanding Internal Audit recommendations and the DPER Risk Register which is to be discussed at next week's Governance Committee meeting. Mr Nolan requested that Board members return updates on the outstanding Internal Audit recommendations to Ms Codd as soon as possible and details of top risk facing DPER to Mr Devlin.

Ms Coleman gave an update on the Report of the Inter-Departmental Group on Local Government Financing. Final committee stage amendments on the Valuation (Amendment) Bill will be submitted to the Minister for approval to proceed to committee stage. Ms Coleman also provided an update on the 2030 Climate and Energy package.

Mr Quinn updated the Board on the Key issues arising this week in the Office of Government Procurement including the draft MOU and SLA for the implementation of new structures for procurement which it is proposed to issue this week.

Action Mr Beausang – to forward the draft Memo for Government Public Sector Standards Bill to the Secretary General in advance of a discussion on same later in the week.

Action Ms Coleman and Mr Heffernan to discuss the Report of the Inter-Departmental Group on the Impact of Local Property Tax with the Secretary General.

Action All – to forward updates on the outstanding Internal Audit recommendations to Ms Codd

Action All – to forward update on risk to Mr Devlin

3. List of all Memoranda – The current list of memos was discussed with the Secretary General.

4. AOB

- **Assistant Secretary Updates** – it was agreed that each Assistant Secretary would nominate a Principal Officer to provide the weekly Key Policy Issues update in their absence and to attend the Management Board Meeting if required.
- **Protected Disclosures Policy** – there was a lengthy discussion on this at the recent PO Forum after which comments and observations were transmitted to Ms E O'Connor and Mr N Tallon.

Next meeting – Monday 23 June 2014, 12 midday.