

**Department of Public Expenditure and Reform,  
Management Board Meeting 31 July 2014**

**Attendance:** Secretary General, Mr. Moloney, Mr. McGrath, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Beausang, Mr. Quinn, Ms. Murphy-Fagan, Ms. Hanlon, Ms. Buckley, Mr. Farrelly, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Muiris MacCarthaigh, Mr O’Keeffe

**Apologies:** Dr Quinn, Ms. Griffin, Mr. O’Brien, Ms. Comerford, Mr. Clarke, Ms. Codd

- 1. Minutes of meeting dated 21 July 2014** – The minutes were agreed.
- 2. Key Policy Issues/ Events for the Week** – Ms Buckley provided an update for the Remuneration, Industrial Relations and Pensions Division. Ms Buckley and Ms Murphy-Fagan explained the present situation regarding the late-payment of salaries of certain fortnightly staff in the civil, public and private sectors. Bank of Ireland made a public statement confirming the error, apologised and stated that lodgements will be made tomorrow.

Mr. Nolan, on behalf of Dr Quinn, updated the Board regarding the Reform and Delivery Office including the delivery of targeted savings under the Haddington Road Agreement and the Genio proposal. The Civil Service Renewal Plan is expected to be launched by the end of September, 2014.

Ms Hanlon provided an update for the Expenditure Policy Evaluation and Management Division including the Exchequer Returns, Tax Receipts, Comprehensive Review of Expenditure (Current and Capital), IGEES and the Budget preparations which were then discussed by the Board.

Mr Quinn updated the Board on the Key issues arising this week in the Office of Government Procurement including the implementation of New Structures for Procurement, Savings for 2015, Construction Procurement Policy and Contracts Bill, Governance and Drugs expenditure which were then discussed by the Board.

Ms Coleman provided an update to the Board on the Expenditure Management, EU Policy and Audit Division including Local Property Tax, the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission (Amendment) Bill and an Independent Audit of PeoplePoint Shared Service.

Mr McGrath updated the Board on the Key issues arising this week in the OGCIO including ICT structures and recruitment, the ICT elements of PeoplePoint and Shared Services, the IT Governance model and the HSE Financial Management system. Mr McGrath then provided an update on the positive engagement received at the meeting with the CIO.

Mr Beausang provided an update to the Board on the Key issues arising this week in the Government Reform Unit and Civil Service HR area. The Protected Disclosures Bill was enacted on 8 July 2014 with a Statutory Instrument laid before both Houses of the Oireachtas listing over 100 Bodies for inclusion. Implementation arrangements are being developed as a matter of urgency. A Policy paper on the Data Sharing Bill has been prepared needing approval by the Minister. The launch of the report on Open Data occurred last week and work is progressing on the Public Sector Standards Bill.

Mr Moloney updated the Board on Labour Market and Enterprise Policy Division including the Comprehensive Review of Expenditure, the Health Vote and an internal meeting on the national Financial Management system.

Ms Murphy-Fagan provided an update in relation to the National Shared Services Office (NSSO). PeoplePoint have met 11 of the 19 Departments discussing staff engagement and Resourcing which were very positive. The remainder of Wave 2 transitions relating to the Payroll Shared Service is on schedule with expected completion to be 15 September 2014. The Financial Management Shared Services project is on target to be brought to Government in the New Year with an RFT expected to be issued in September. An internal Audit Report is currently being finalised.

***Action Ms Hanlon – to circulate the upcoming Budget timetable to all Board members.***

- 3. Risk Report** – Mr Nolan provided an update in relation to the Department’s Risk Register. The high level risks identified by Division were then discussed by the Board.

***Action All – Mr Watt asked that each risk identified be reviewed by all Board members in advance of any Summer leave being taken.***

***Action Mr O’Keeffe – to include the Risk Report on the Agenda for the next Management Board meeting for further review.***

#### **4. AOB**

- The OGCIO Update was noted by the Board.
- The Department’s policy on Disclosures was discussed by the Board.
- The recent report on Governance in the Department of Justice and Equality was also discussed by the Board.
- Mr Watt notified the Board that Mr Harris T.D. will be seeking briefing and/or meetings from various members relating to their areas in the coming weeks and to afford Mr Harris all assistance required.
- Mr Watt introduced the Board to Mr MacCarthaigh who explained the reason for his attendance working with the Department in analysing the history and development of the organisation and its importance. Mr MacCarthaigh thanked the Board for the opportunity.
- Mr Watt thanked the Board for the assistance given throughout the year and wished any member taking any leave to enjoy their break.

***Action Mr O’Keeffe – to forward a copy of the Department’s policy on Disclosures to all Board members.***

***Action Mr Beausang – to forward the Department’s policy on Disclosures to Mr Watt for approval by the end of the week.***

*Action Mr O’Keeffe – to include the report on Governance in the Department of Justice and Equality on the Agenda for the next Management Board Policy Forum.*

**Next meeting** – Tuesday 2 September 2014, 12:00pm.