

**Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Management Board Meeting
20 September 2011**

Attendance: Secretary General, Mr. McNally, Mr. Duggan, Ms. Hanlon, Ms. Coleman, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Ryan, Mr. McGrath, Ms. McGuckin, Ms. Mulvihill, Mr. Errity, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Costello, Ms. Morgan.

Apologies: Mr. Beausang, Mr. Moloney.

- 1. Minutes of Last Meeting** – The minutes were agreed.
- 2. Events for the Week** –The remaining stages of the Referendum Bill will be taken in the Dáil on Tuesday and Wednesday. All stages of the Referendum Bill will be taken in the Seanad on Thursday. The Minister will join Minister Rabbitte for Private Members Business on the ESB on Tuesday. Officials will meet to discuss the work of the Inter-Departmental Mortgage Group on Wednesday. **Action: Mr. Owens to attend.** The Minister is taking Order of Business on Thursday. **Action: Mr. McGrath will provide briefing for the Minister on the CSO Q.2 GDP figures. All briefing should be copied to the Press Office.** The Public Service Pensions Bill is being proofed by the Office of the Attorney General. **Action: The Public Service Pension Bill will be published soon.**
- 3. Estimates Update** – Ms. Hanlon gave an update. The capital and current reviews will be looked at together and decisions taken in the round. The CRE Steering Group will meet on Thursday. **Action: Ms. Hanlon to meet the Minister in advance of this meeting.** The Senior Officials Group and the Cabinet Committee on Infrastructure are scheduled to meet next week and will discuss the Capital Review and NewEra. **Action: Mr. McGrath will provide a copy of the briefing note prepared for Minister Noonan on the impact of the EU/IMF Programme interest rate reductions.** A briefing note on emerging spending pressures on the 2011 position was provided to the Minister.
- 4. Disposal of Assets** - The Government decision on the Disposal of Assets will be circulated to the MAC. The Government decided to part sell the ESB as an integrated network. A group will be set up and will be chaired by D/CENR and D/PER. There will be a discussion at next week's MAC on the resources required to support the work of this Group.
- 5. EU/IMF Programme – Report on Developments** – The Report circulated by the EPCU was discussed. Ms. Hanlon gave an update on the weekly contact with the Troika.
- 6. Political Reform Initiatives** – **Action: Mr. O'Brien will prepare a draft article. Mr. Beausang to discuss with the Minister.**
- 7. AOB**
 - The Staffing Issues meeting will take place at 11.30 am on Wednesday 21st September 2011 in the Secretary General's room.
 - **Action: Ms. Coleman is preparing a note on civil service wide issues for the Minister.**

Next meeting – Monday, 26 September, 3pm