

Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Management Board Meeting 1 November 2011

Attendance: Secretary General, Mr. Moloney, Mr. Beausang, Mr. Duggan, Ms. Coleman, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Errity, Ms. Hanlon, Ms. Costello, Ms. Buckley, Ms. Mulvihill, Ms. Loughman.

Apologies: Mr. Ryan, Mr. McGrath.

- 1. Minutes of Last Meeting** – The minutes were agreed. *Action: Ms. Loughman to circulate the memo in relation to Agency Rationalisation (item 6) to the Management Board.*
- 2. Events for the Week** – The Minister has two bilaterals this week. Exchequer returns will be published on Wednesday. There will be pre-budget meetings on Thursday. The Medium Term Fiscal Statement will be published on Friday. The Department is sending a number of memos to Government this week (see item 3). The Dáil will sit on Wednesday and Thursday of this week and the EMC will take place on Friday.
- 3. Estimates** – The Medium Term Fiscal Statement, which will be published on Friday, will outline the consolidation targets, the tax/expenditure split and the current/capital expenditure split. Agreement has been reached with most departments in relation to capital allocations and the final figures should be agreed this week. The Capital report will be finalised in the following days and will be published on 10 November. A memo on agency rationalisation is also going to Government this week with a view to publication as part of the Expenditure Reform Programme on the 17 November. The memo on pay bill and numbers went to the EMC last week and will go to Government this week. Updated ECFs will be published along with the Estimates.
- 4. The Merging of the Ombudsman and the Commission for Public Service Appointments** – The Secretary General asked for an update in relation to this matter. There was a discussion around possible avenues for progression. *Action: Ms. Coleman to provide a note for the Secretary General on where the matter is at the moment and a timeframe for completion.*
- 5. AOB** – None

Next meeting – Monday, 7 November, 3pm