

Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Management Board Meeting 7 November 2011

Attendance: Secretary General, Mr. Moloney, Mr. Beausang, Mr. Duggan, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Hanlon, Ms. Costello, Mr. Reid, Mr. McGrath, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. McGuckin, Ms. Loughman.

Apologies: Mr. McNally, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Errity, Mr. Ryan.

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** – The minutes were agreed. Ms. Coleman gave an update on item 4.
2. **Events for the Week** – There are a number of Cabinet Committee meetings this week. **Action: Briefing to be provided for the Minister for the Cabinet Committee on Public Sector Reform. The Secretary General, Mr. Reid and Mr. Duggan to attend with the Minister.** The Medium Term Capital Investment Framework will be launched on Thursday. The Minister will attend the Presidential inauguration ceremony on Friday. There are a number of recurring items on the Government agenda for D/PER; these will be settled over the next couple of weeks. **Action: Ms. Coleman to seek an update in relation to the Decentralisation memo.** The EMC meeting will take place on Wednesday afternoon.
3. **Estimates** – The Capital plan is close to finalisation and the report will be published on Thursday. The current allocations will be discussed at the Government meeting and a decision is expected next week. A template for completion will be circulated to Vote sections.
4. **October Financial Report** – Cep Carty gave an update on this item and on item 5. **Action: Ms. Coleman to seek clarification in relation to an EAS issue. Ms. Hanlon to speak to Dermot Quigley regarding the Secret Service Vote and provide an update for the Secretary General.** The Superannuation report was deferred until next week.
5. **D/PER Estimates 2012** – There was a discussion regarding HR Shared Services. It was proposed that shared services sub-heads be grouped. **Action: Note to be provided for the Minister on Vote for 2012.**
6. **Effectiveness of Systems** – The Secretary General asked the Management Board to consider how the Department might go about reviewing the effectiveness of internal systems and structures. There was a general discussion around the matter. **Actions: Management Board to consider and discuss again at the next meeting. Ms. Loughman to draft a note for the information of the Minister. The PO Forum to discuss and raise any issues which they consider should be looked at with the Management Board.**
7. **EU/IMF Update** – A note was circulated. Mr. McGrath gave an update. There will be discussions with the Troika and with the UK funding partners next week.
8. **AOB** – None

Next meeting – Monday, 14 November, 11am