

**Department of Public Expenditure and Reform**  
**Management Board Meeting**  
**23 May 2011**

**Attendance:** Mr. Watt, Mr. McNally, Mr. Moloney, Mr. Duggan, Mr. Errity, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McGrath, Dr. O'Reardon, Ms. Mulvihill, Ms. Loughman.

**Apologies:** Mr. O'Connell

**1. Minutes of last meeting** – the minutes were agreed with one minor change.

**2. Events for Week**

- **Minister's Diary:** - The Minister has a number of public engagements this week. Briefing and speech material will be required. *Action: Agenda for meetings with other Government Ministers are to be sought in advance for the information of the Minister.*
- **Dáil Business:** - The Finance Bill is on the agenda this week. There was a discussion regarding proposed legislative changes in relation to the Commission for Energy Regulation and it was agreed that the possibility of including the required changes as a Committee stage amendment to the D/PER's Bill would be explored.
- **Government Meeting:-** The Minister has been briefed in relation to the Review of Joint Labour Committee and Registered Employment Agencies. *Action: Speaking notes for the Minister to be compiled by Mr. Errity and Mr. Kelly.* In relation to item 25 – Translation of Legislation and Publication of Official Standard for Irish, the Secretary General requested that figures be provided on expenditure on translation and demand for documents in the Irish language.
- **Economic Management Council Meeting:** - The meeting was postponed to Wednesday of the following week. *Action: Mr. Errity to provide briefing.*

**3. Progress on New Department** – A new logo is still awaited. *Action: Mr. Ryan to follow up with Minister.*

**4. Government Memoranda in Preparation – Update**

- Higher level pay – **Action: draft memo to be submitted to the Minister.**
- State Board Appointments – there was a discussion about the possible involvement of PAS in such appointments. *Action: Ms. Coleman's side is preparing a draft memorandum for government on the matter.*
- Croke Park – External auditors are currently examining aspects of the report. Statements on progress to date will be made by the Minister on 30<sup>th</sup> June.
- Memoranda on state assets, pensions and an eGovernment progress report may also need to be put before Government.

**5. Pensions Bill Update** – Deferred to next meeting.

6. **IMF/EU Programme** – an update was given by Feargal O’Brolchain. The meeting was informed that reporting is now on a monthly or biweekly basis with more detail now required in reports. There has been positive engagement from all departments. It was agreed that an update on this issue would be given to the Management Board on a monthly basis.
7. **AOB** – by the end of June, first quarter data on the economic situation and 6 month data on the fiscal side will be available. A memorandum on Budget Strategy will go to Government in July. This will be coordinated by both departments.

**Next meeting** – Monday 30 May at 12pm.