

**Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Management Board Meeting**  
**27 June 2011**

**Attendance:** Secretary General, Mr. Moloney, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Errity, Mr. Duggan, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Beausang, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Mulvihill, Ms. Buckley, Ms. Loughman.

**Apologies:** Mr. McNally, Mr. McGrath, Mr. O'Connell.

The Secretary General welcomed Mr. Beausang to the meeting.

**1. Minutes of last meeting** – the minutes were agreed. The minutes for May have been published on the website.

**2. Events for Week**

**a) Minister's Diary:**

- The Secretary General and Mr. Moloney will meet with a delegation from IBEC on Tuesday.
- The Minister will give the opening address at the Croke Park conference on Thursday. The conference is closed to media but the Minister will most likely give a “door step” interview on arrival.
- The Minister has a number of local appointments including a meeting with Danone, a meeting with Minister Deenihan and the launch of the Tall Ships Festival. **Action: Briefing on heritage sites to be prepared for meeting with Minister Deenihan..**
- There will be a private members' motion in the Seanad this week on “Whistleblowing”. Finbarr Kelly is preparing briefing for this.
- Live Register figures will be released on Wednesday. Numbers have risen.
- There will be a meeting with the Taoiseach on Wednesday in relation to the National Implementation Body. **Action: Mr. Errity to attend. Minister will attend once the debate on the Bill in the Seanad has concluded.**

**b) Dáil/Seanad Business:** The Department's Bill will be debated in the Seanad on Wednesday. Amendments are expected and the Bill may need to go back to the Dáil. This will not cause a long delay however and it is still envisaged that it will be enacted on 5 July. The Minister wishes to have an event for staff on the date of enactment of the Bill (Tuesday, 5 July).

**c) Government Meeting:**

- The memo in relation to allowances for heads of committees will need to be revisited. A number of technical issues have arisen. **Action: Minister to be briefed on issues.**

**d) EMC meeting:** a number of key issues will arise for the Department at this week's meeting. Briefing material is being prepared.

**3. Key Issues from Each Area –**

- Ms. Coleman informed the meeting that the Department's Bill is the main issue in her area at the moment. Work on the memo on Appointments to State Boards is ongoing.
- Mr. Duggan has a report on eGovernment for submission to the Minister. **Action: report to be forwarded to the Secretary General. Mr. Duggan and the Secretary General to speak with the Minister this week about the eGovernment launch.** Mr. Duggan also informed the meeting that, arising from a request from Revenue, a pilot exercise to recruit a number of ICT specialists in line with An Bord Snip recommendations is being considered.
- Mr. Errity is following up on a number of issues arising from the recent decision on pay. The Minister is meeting with Minister Shatter this week. **Action: Ms Buckley to attend and provide**

**briefing for the Minister.** The review of FEMPI has been sent to the Minister. Follow up letters on pay and waivers are due to issue. **Action: Secretary General to see final version.**

- Mr. Beausang informed the meeting that he will be meeting with the AG's office in relation to proposed political reforms and related time constraints. A memo on reforms will go to Government by mid-July at the latest. **Action: Mr. Beausang to discuss staffing of his unit with the Secretary General.**
- Mr. Moloney will be briefing the Minister's advisors on regulatory wage setting mechanisms on Wednesday (time tbc).

**4. Update on EU/IMF Programme** – Mr. Feargal O'Brolchain provided the update.

- The next Programme Review Mission takes place from 6-15 July; a timetable has been circulated. Two seminars will be held during the Mission and these are open to staff of both departments.
- It was noted that Mr. Moloney and Mr. Ronnie Downes would take the lead in relation to spending. There will also be some joint sessions with both Secretaries General.
- Mr. Ronnie Downes is co-ordinating a response on key issues. **Action: response to be discussed in advance.**
- Mr. O'Brolchain stated that information has been sought on deliverables for both the second and third quarters. He highlighted the need to notify of slippage in advance.

**5. Update on Comprehensive Review of Expenditure** – Mr. Ronnie Downes provided the update.

- The Review was initiated on 4 May at a meeting with Secretaries General of all departments. Detailed guidance also issued to departments. A number of bilateral meetings with departments have been held.
- The public consultation element of the review was launched last week. A process has been put in place for collation and handling of ideas submitted. **Action: briefing to be supplied to Minister on ideas received.**
- Crosscutting issues are currently being examined. Reports from departments are due by end June. Some early wins have been identified and more may arise in departmental reports.
- A note on the establishment of the steering committee is being drafted. **Action: speaking points for Minister for Government meeting to be drafted and copied to the Taoiseach.**
- **Action: An update on the Capital Expenditure Review to be provided at next week's meeting.**

**6. AOB** –

- A memo is being prepared on the assets review.
- Secretary General Finance will appear before the PAC on 21 July. Briefing material from this Department will be required.
- Ms. Mulvihill stated that a calendar for the next two months would be circulated to all MAC members and they are requested to notify of significant events arising over that period.

**Next meeting** – Monday 4 July at 12pm.