

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

Attendance: Secretary General, Mr. Moloney, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Errity, Ms. Coleman, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Kelly, Mr. McGrath, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Mulvihill, Ms. Loughman.

Apologies: Mr. Duggan, Mr. McNally.

1. **Minutes of last meeting** – the minutes were agreed.
2. **Events for Week**
 - a) **Minister's Diary:** -
 - There are Oral PQs this week; there may be some media attention as a result.
 - The Minister has a number of meetings this week.
 - b) **Dáil Business:** -
 - The Department's legislation has gone through the second stage in the Dáil It will go to committee stage once a committee is formed (15th June), is expected to be at report stage by end June and should be enacted by early July (5th July).
 - c) **Government Meeting:** - *Action: Secretary General to brief individuals separately.*
 - d) **Economic Management Council Meeting:** *Action: Mr. O'Connell to provide material.*
3. **Employment Policy** – Mr. David Denny attended the meeting and circulated a paper on employment policy for discussion. The meeting was informed that the Minister wishes to submit a Memo to Government in two weeks. There was general discussion regarding the moratorium on recruitment, and redeployment. *Action: Mr. Denny to revise and extend the summary of the note based on the discussions and then submit to the Minister.*
4. **Water Charges/Services** – Ms. Marie McLaughlin attended the meeting and circulated a paper on water for discussion. The meeting was informed that there has been media interest in relation to this matter. The Government is faced with two issues in relation to water: (a) the potential introduction of a charge for water supply and (b) the reorganisation of the system of delivery of water. *Action: Ms. McLaughlin to provide a summary of the Department's concerns for the Minister.*
5. **Memos for Government** –
 - a) **Higher Pay:** - The memo was circulated and the meeting was informed that it has been placed on eCabinet and will be on the Government agenda in two weeks. *Action: Table indicating current and proposed salaries to be included in memo as requested by the Minister.*
 - b) **Appointments to State Boards:** - A draft memo was circulated and discussed. *Action: Ms. Coleman to provide speaking notes for the Minister.*
6. **Pensions Bill Update** – Mr. O'Connell provided an update on the single pensions bill for new entrants.
7. **AOB** – **State Assets:** responses are still outstanding from Departments and are required soon. All PQs should be approved at Assistant Secretary/Director level and copied to the Secretary General when submitted to the Minister.

Next meeting – Monday 13 June at 12pm.