

Minutes of the Cross-Departmental Oversight Committee Meeting
(Atypical Workers Permission Scheme (Non-EEA Crew))
17th of September 2019

Location: Agriculture House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Chair: Kevin Moriarty (**Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine**)

Attendees: **Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)** (Dr. Deirdre Kelleher, Brian Batt)
Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (DBEI) (Tara Coogan),
Department of Justice and Equality (DJE) (Susan Gibney, Kevin Kavanagh),
Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTS) (Michael Kennedy),
Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP) (Mark Doheny),

1. Minutes of previous meeting

- a. The minutes of the Oversight Committee meeting held on the 23rd of July 2019, circulated in advance of the meeting, were discussed. DJE wished to clarify Point 2 (a) in the minutes, that where it states "of the 21 commitments made under its remit" that this refers to the remit of the Oversight Committee and not the Department of Justice & Equality. This was agreed by all and the minutes were agreed.
(*These minutes are now available on the DAFM website, as agreed.*)

2. Matters Arising

- a. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

3. Mediation Agreement

- a. DBEI updated the Committee in relation to Commitment number 13, which recommends that the WRC adjudicators have jurisdiction over violations of Regulation 6 of SI 709 of 2003, and to implement this recommendation by the appropriate legislative measures to be determined by DBEI. DBEI has obtained legal advice on the matter and have now determined that primary legislation will be necessary to implement this commitment.
- b. DJE informed the Committee that the information letter for fishers, prepared to fulfil Commitment number 10 of the agreement, was being finalised and translation options were being explored. This letter is due to issue.

4. Review of Stakeholder submissions

- a. A submission from the ITF was received in advance of this meeting; this was circulated to all members of the Committee. The Committee noted the contents of the submission and it was agreed a response would issue to the ITF on behalf of the Committee, addressing the issues raised.
- b. The Chair clarified that the role of the Oversight Committee had been outlined at the previous meeting and that this was documented in the meeting's minutes at point (c). These minutes are publically available on DAFM's website.

5. Current uptake of Scheme

- a. DJE advised that, as of Friday the 13th of September 2019, there are 210 potentially valid letters of approval currently in circulation.
- a. DAFM advised that, from its records, there were 243 live pre - approval applications as of Friday the 13th of September 2019.

6. Next Meeting

- a. A date of 20th November 2019, in Agriculture House, was agreed for the next meeting of the Oversight Committee.

7. AOB

- a. That concluded the business of the meeting.