

Minutes of the Cross-Departmental Oversight Committee Meeting
(Atypical Workers Permission Scheme (Non-EEA Crew))
26th March 2021

Location: Meeting hosted in the National Seafood Centre, Clonakilty, Co. Cork via video conferencing.

Chair: Dr. Deirdre Kelleher (**Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine**)

Attendees: **Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)** (Mark Burns, Victoria Corkery)
Department of Justice and Equality (DJE) (Paddy Duffy, Kevin Kavanagh)
Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTS) (Michael Kennedy)
Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (DBEI) (Tara Coogan)

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

1. Minutes of previous meeting

- a. The minutes of the Oversight Committee meeting held on the 25th of November 2020, circulated in advance of the meeting, were discussed. The minutes were agreed by all present.
(These minutes are now available on the DAFM website, as agreed).

2. Matters Arising

- a. The Chair welcomed Mark Burns (DAFM) to the Committee, who has now replaced Brian Batt in the role of Secretariat. The Committee agreed that a second request would be sent to DSP requesting that a new representative to the Committee be nominated and any developments on this will be reported in due course.

3. Mediation Agreement Update

- a. DJE informed the Committee that it was continuing to honour Commitment 18 of the agreement in full and this would be an ongoing commitment.

4. Review of any submissions received

- a. A reply dated 03.09.20 was sent to Mason Hayes & Curran (MHC) Solicitors advising that the matter raised was outside the remit of the Oversight Committee.
- b. DTTS informed the Committee that the Marine Survey Office are continuing to meet the Commitments undertaken in the Mediation Agreement and that information in relation to inspections carried out in this regard was already in the public domain.
- c. The Committee agreed all Departments will send on their individual written responses to the rep received from Patrick Murphy on 20.03.2021.
- d. The Committee discussed correspondence received from the KFO (Norah Parke) on 25.03.2021. DJE advised that there are no delays from their perspective. The Committee observed that recognised international best practice, relative to immigration linked work permissions, requires the linking of permissions to employment contract duration. It was agreed that the Secretariat would collate the relevant details for each area of remit of the Committee and, once agreed, would issue the Committee response.

5. Current uptake of Scheme

- a. DAFM advised that, as of Wednesday 24th of March 2021, there were 244 live pre - approval applications.
- b. DJE advised that, as of Thursday 25th of March 2021, there were 213 potentially valid Letters of Approval currently in circulation.

6. Next Meeting

- a. A proposed date of the 23rd of June 2021 was agreed for the next meeting of the Oversight Committee. The venue of this meeting will be decided closer to the date, in accordance with the prevailing public health advice.

7. AOB

- a. The implications of the GDPR 2018 for aspects of the Scheme were discussed. It was agreed that each area represented would send observations to the Secretariat regarding Privacy Statements and data sharing agreements.
- b. That concluded the business of the meeting.