



### **Executive Board Minutes Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Attendance: John Hogan (Chair), Paul Ryan, Emma Cunningham, Gary Tobin, John McCarthy, Michael McGrath, Des Carville, Colm O'Reardon, Niall O'Ceallaigh, Deborah Sweeney, Scline Scott (Secretary)

Apologies: Aidan Murphy

#### **1. Statement of Interest**

Nil.

#### **2. Communications & Topical Matters Diary, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Matters Arising & Government Memos**

In addition to the Communications & Topical Matters diary the following was noted:

Presentation on fiscal strategy/SES to the party leaders by Minister Donohoe today. Cabinet Committee meeting on housing also scheduled to take place today. Minister Donohoe will meet with Finpert on LPT on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Memoranda for Government this week on Date for Budget 2022 & SES; ESM Treaty; Credit Review Service Bill; and Consumer Credit (Amendment) Bill 2021. The Tánaiste will also bring a Memorandum to Government on 6<sup>th</sup> July on the Action Plan on Insurance – which will be launched thereafter.

An update from the Covid-19 Response Management Group (CRMG) was provided. Draft Blended Working Framework circulated to the Civil Service Sectoral Group for discussion at today's meeting.

Board to reflect on the draft remote working questionnaire focusing on the business needs of the Department post COVID-19 and to provide any feedback by cob 6<sup>th</sup> July. Consideration will then be given to circulating the questionnaire to the SMG.

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> June were agreed.

#### **3. Strategic Matters**

##### **3.1 Weekly Dashboards**

Weekly Dashboards were noted.

##### **3.2 EU and International**

The Board was briefed on the ESM Reform Treaty Bill – Memo to Government on 6<sup>th</sup> July seeking approval to publish the Bill. Bill not subject to Pre Legislative Scrutiny.

The Irish Recovery and Resilience Plan is expected to be discussed at EFC on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. The Brexit Assistant Secretaries Group will meet this week.

Minister Donohoe undertaking a series of bilaterals ahead of the Eurogroup and Ecofin meetings taking place in Brussels on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July respectively. Janet Yellen, US Treasury Secretary will be a special guest at the Eurogroup meeting.

##### **3.3 Tax**

The Board was updated on the Finance (Covid-19 and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021 – Committee and remaining Stages on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

The Board was also provided with an update on the OECD Inclusive Framework meeting which took place last week – Ireland still involved in negotiations. Information note on current state of play to be circulated to SMG. Minister Donohoe intends to launch a public consultation soon and to meet with industry. The Board was also updated on the ongoing engagement regarding housing.



Discussions with Minister Donohoe on the Finance Bill to begin shortly.

The Commission on Taxation and Welfare will next meet on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

### **3.4 Economic Developments**

The Board was updated on progress re: the SES. Draft SES circulated to party leaders on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Expectation that the SES will be published on 13<sup>th</sup> July.

### **3.5 Banking and Financial Services**

The latest developments regarding the bilateral staff exchange with the UK Treasury were outlined.

Minister Donohoe and Minister of State Fleming will meet with the PO Fintech Group on 6<sup>th</sup> July.

FSC will meet on 7<sup>th</sup> July to discuss a number of issues including Basil III Finalisation and the priorities of the Presidency.

The first meeting of the new AML Steering Committee will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> July, AML Annual Report going to Minister Donohoe this month.

Officials will meet with the UK Treasury on 9<sup>th</sup> July to discuss insurance.

Series of IFI meetings taking place this week.

Climate Roundtable scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> July. Climate Sustainable Finance Group engaging with other Departments and agencies to ensure it has an overall view. The Board was also briefed on the Cabinet Committee meeting last week on the Climate Action Plan.

### **3.6 Banking Developments**

The Board was updated on (1) the BoI Trading Plan which commenced last week (2) PTSB and CBI meeting last week (3) NTMA Bond auction 8<sup>th</sup> July.

## **4. Matters for Decision**

Nil.

## **5. Corporate & Operational matters for Information**

### **5.1 Social Media Policy**

The Board agreed to the publication of the Social Media Policy on the Hub and requested that an email issue to all staff advising same.

## **6. Any Other Business**

Nil.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Executive Board meeting will take place in the Whitaker Room on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am.**



John Hogan  
Secretary General



### **Executive Board Minutes Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Attendance: John Hogan (Chair), Paul Ryan, Emma Cunningham, John McCarthy, Michael McGrath, Des Carville, Colm O'Reardon, Niall O'Ceallaigh, Aidan Murphy, Deborah Sweeney, Rachel Murphy (Secretary)

Apologies: Gary Tobin; Scline Scott

#### **1. Statement of Interest**

Nil.

#### **2. Communications & Topical Matters Diary, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Matters Arising & Government Memos**

In addition to the Communications & Topical Matters diary the following was noted:

Minister Donohoe is involved with Eurogroup and ECOFIN this week. Michael McGrath will be overseeing the PO FINTECH review group.

The Summer Economic Statement (SES) is on the agenda this week.

The Budgetary Oversight Committee is scheduled for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July and the National Accounts (2020 and Q1 2021) are also scheduled.

An update in relation to the Blended Working Policy was provided. A Memorandum to Government is expected 13<sup>th</sup> July.

The Departmental Council will meet on 14<sup>th</sup> July.

An update from the Covid-19 Response Management Group (CRMG) was provided. The FOI and Press Office updates for June were noted.

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> July were agreed.

#### **3. Strategic Matters**

##### **3.1 Weekly Dashboards**

Weekly Dashboards were noted.

##### **3.2 EU and International**

The Minister is in Brussels for the Eurogroup and Ecofin and he met with the US Treasury Secretary earlier today bilaterally as the US Secretary is in Brussels to attend the Eurogroup.

##### **3.3 Tax**

The Board was briefed in relation to recent engagements with the Department of Housing on the Housing for All Strategy.

A submission has been forwarded to the Minister on the public consultation exercise planned on international tax developments.





Some engagements in the Oireachtas this week: Finance Bill, LPT Bill and double tax treaties.

Committee Stage scrutiny of the LPT Bill was completed last week.

Discussions in relation to the Budget have been requested by the Minister.

The Commission on Taxation and Welfare met 9<sup>th</sup> July. Both Minister Donohoe and Minister for DESAP were in attendance. There was good engagement and focus. Papers discussed included entrepreneurship supports and site value tax. The next meeting is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> September, with a view to commencing public consultation by end September.

### **3.4 Economic Developments**

The Board was updated on progress regarding the SES, which is due to be published during the week following approval by Government.

### **3.5 Banking and Financial Services**

The Board was advised that the FSC met last week.

It was noted that a meeting with UK Treasury counterparts took place last week in relation to insurance. While it was noted that there are differences between the Irish and UK insurance markets, it was also noted that continued periodic dialogue would be useful for both sides.

Minister Donohoe and Minister of State Fleming engaged last week with the PO Fintech Group.

The Board was also advised that a meeting of the cross-governmental/agency Anti-money Laundering Steering Committee took place last week.

It was also noted that a special Ecofin will be held later in this month where proposals on a single body would be brought forward. Regarding a possible new EU body, the location of such a body is not yet certain and the Board had a preliminary discussion on the matter.

The Board was advised that the IMF held a meeting regarding SDR's.

A Climate G20 meeting was held over the weekend. Carbon pricing was discussed. Also it was noted that the Climate Sustainable Finance Group is engaging with relevant industries.

### **3.6 Banking Developments**

The Board was updated on developments with the banks including the BOI Trading Plan.

## **4. Matters for Decision**

Nil.

## **5. Corporate & Operational matters for Information**

### **5.1 Finance Unit - Monthly Financial Report – June 2021**

The Board noted the Monthly Finance Report for June.





#### **5.2 Q2 Compliance Section Quarterly Report**

The Board also noted the Q2 Compliance Report.

#### **5.3 Presentation of Risk papers for Q2 2021 meeting on 21 June 2021**

The risk categorisations for the Department were discussed.

#### **5.4 Q2 HR Report**


An overview of the Q2 2021 HR report was provided. It was noted that the HR report will be discussed further at Departmental Council on Wednesday.

### **6. Any Other Business**

Nil.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next Executive Board meeting will take place in the Whitaker Room on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am.**



John Hogan  
Secretary General



### **Executive Board Minutes Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Attendance: John Hogan (Chair), Paul Ryan, Emma Cunningham, Gary Tobin, Michael McGrath, Des Carville, Colm O'Reardon, Niall O'Ceallaigh, Deborah Sweeney, Aidan Murphy, Scline Scott (Secretary)

Apologies: John McCarthy

#### **1. Statement of Interest**

Nil.

#### **2. Communications & Topical Matters Diary, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Matters Arising & Government Memos**

In addition to the Communications & Topical Matters diary the following was noted:

Minister Donohoe travelling to Greece and Cyprus this week to meet with the Prime Minister of Greece, the President of Cyprus and the respective Finance Ministers. Minister of State meeting with credit unions and Irish Funds this week.

Secretary General will attend the DETE Executive Board on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

SOG on Climate taking place on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Upcoming Memo for Government – waiver of excise duty for on-trade liquor licences.

An update from the Covid-19 Response Management Group (CRMG) was provided. The Blended Working Policy Statement was circulated to all staff on 13<sup>th</sup> July which gave rise to discussion at Departmental Council on 14<sup>th</sup> July - note on same circulated to the Board on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> July to be amended as discussed.

#### **3. Strategic Matters**

##### **3.1 Weekly Dashboards**

Weekly Dashboards were noted.

##### **3.2 EU and International**

The Board was briefed on the upcoming Memo for Government for 21<sup>st</sup> July regarding the Brexit Adjustment Reserve and was advised that Ireland's Recovery and Resilience Plan was published on 16<sup>th</sup> July. UK decision on the issue of chilled meat imports expected to be published on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Ecofin will meet on 26<sup>th</sup> July to approve Recovery and Resilience Plans and also to discuss AML.

##### **3.3 Tax**

The Board was updated on the LPT and Finance Bills which were passed last week. Minister Donohoe intends to launch a public consultation on the OECD International Tax proposals on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

The Commission on Taxation and Welfare – consultation process expected in September.

##### **3.4 Economic Developments**

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

##### **3.5 Banking and Financial Services**

An update was provided on the Commission's MOU with the UK which is expected by



October/November and on the bilateral with the UK Treasury and SCC re: funds which was deemed a useful exercise.

On insurance matters, the Board noted the publication last week of the first Employers' Liability, Public Liability and Commercial Property Insurance Report which will become an annual report. The CBI report on differential pricing will be published on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Minister of State will attend the quarterly meeting with the CBI at which IFS will be discussed and also differential pricing.

The Board noted the late transposition of the Investment Firm Directive which it is expected will be completed in August. An update was provided on AML (1) Annual Report prepared which it is proposed will be sent to the Minister seeking approval to submit to Government for information (2) Commission's proposal for the creation of a new EU authority to fight money laundering.

The Board was advised that the European Commission published its 'Fit for 55' package on 16<sup>th</sup> July. An update on new climate targets and the implications for the Irish economy was provided. The Climate Action Plan is not expected to be published until September/October at this stage. The Board also received an update on IFI work currently underway and on last week's meeting on World Bank issues.

### **3.6 Banking Developments**

The Board was updated on AIB's plans regarding branch amalgamations and on the PTSB and Ulster Bank MOU which is awaited. The Board was briefed on developments regarding the Housing for All Strategy.

EIB Board meeting taking place in Luxembourg this week – first physical meeting since February 2020.

## **4. Matters for Decision**

Nil.

## **5. Corporate & Operational matters for Information**

### **5.1 Attendance Management Q2 2021**

The Board noted the HR Attendance Management Report for Q2 2021 and the key highlights – 82% of staff not sick; overall lost time rate less than 1% at .74% and Bradford Factor (which monitors sick leave absences) down from 11 to 2.


### **5.2 Growing our Management and Leadership Capability**

The Board revisited the topic of growing our management and leadership capability. It was agreed that a note will be prepared capturing the discussions. Further discussions required going forward.

## **6. Any Other Business**

### **Next Meeting**

The next Executive Board meeting will take place in the Whitaker Room on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July**.

  
John Hogan  
Secretary General





### **Executive Board Minutes Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

Attendance: John Hogan (Chair), Paul Ryan, Emma Cunningham, Michael McGrath, Des Carville, John McCarthy, Colm O'Reardon, Niall O'Ceallaigh, Deborah Sweeney, Scline Scott (Secretary)

Apologies: Gary Tobin, Aidan Murphy

#### **1. Statement of Interest**

Nil.

#### **2. Communications & Topical Matters Diary, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Matters Arising & Government Memos**

In addition to the Communications & Topical Matters diary the following was noted:

Minister Donohoe attending informal Ecofin today - will be a discussion on the AML package. The Secretary General will attend the CBC Strategy Seminar today.

Secretaries' General meeting on housing taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> July.

An update from the Covid-19 Response Management Group (CRMG) was provided. A Blended Working Questionnaire was circulated to EB and SMG members on 21<sup>st</sup> July with a closing date of 12<sup>th</sup> August.

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> July were agreed.

#### **3. Strategic Matters**

##### **3.1 Weekly Dashboards**

Weekly Dashboards were noted.

##### **3.2 EU and International**

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

##### **3.3 Tax**

The Board was updated on the Housing for All Strategy.

Tax Strategy Group meeting scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> September.

##### **3.4 Economic Developments**

Ageing report and taxation report to be published in the coming weeks.

##### **3.5 Banking and Financial Services**

An update was provided on climate matters - meetings on Sustainable Finance scheduled for this week and a SOG on Climate scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> July. Climate Action Plan likely to be published September/October. An update was also provided on discussions on the Commission's 'Fit for 55' package.

The Central Bank published its Review of Differential Pricing in the Private Care and Home Insurance markets. Officials also met with the Minister of State last week to discuss insurance legislation.



### 3.6 Banking Developments

The Board was updated on (1) the announcement by Bank of Ireland on 22<sup>nd</sup> July of their acquisition of Davy (2) PTSB announcement on 23<sup>rd</sup> July regarding the MOU with NatWest (3) PTSB quarterly results are due to be published on 28<sup>th</sup> July, BoI and AIB results expected to be published next week; and (4) Individual results for the banks participating in the 2021 EU-wide stress test will be published on 30<sup>th</sup> July by the EBA.

Call scheduled for today with Department of Housing on shared equity.

Announcement likely tomorrow regarding new appointment to CUAC.

### 4. Matters for Decision

Nil.

### 5. Corporate & Operational matters for Information

There was a discussion following the circulation of two notes on 23<sup>rd</sup> July regarding (1) Executive Board Resource Review meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> July; and (2) Executive Board discussions on 19<sup>th</sup> July around growing our management and leadership capability.

It was acknowledged that some decisions have been completed since the Resource Review meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Further discussions around resourcing will be held in autumn – additional set of requirements around the Banking Review also to be considered.

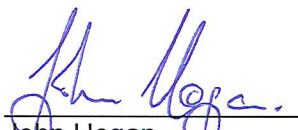
There was also a discussion around the HR email of 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Heads of Divisions which included a list of staff and their remaining annual leave balances and highlighted that it is not intended that any further rolling back of annual leave cycles will take place this year. The importance of staff utilising their annual leave in a planned manner during the current annual leave cycle year was discussed.

### 6. Any Other Business

The Secretary General took the opportunity to thank the Board for their support over the past number of weeks.

### Next Meeting

The next Executive Board meeting will take place in the Whitaker Room on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.**

  
John Hogan  
Secretary General



### **Executive Board Minutes Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021**

Attendance: John Hogan (Chair), Emma Cunningham, Niall O'Ceallaigh, Scline Scott (Secretary)

Apologies: Paul Ryan, Gary Tobin, Michael McGrath, Des Carville, Colm O'Reardon, John McCarthy, Aidan Murphy

#### **1. Statement of Interest**

Nil.

#### **2. Communications & Topical Matters Diary, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Matters Arising & Government Memos**

In addition to the Communications & Topical Matters diary the following was noted:

Bilateral meeting between Minister and French Minister of the Economy scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> August, Secretary General will also attend.

Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 scheduled to meet on 27<sup>th</sup> August to consider reopening timeline.

An update from the Covid-19 Response Management Group (CRMG) was provided. Closing date for SMG Blended Working Questionnaire extended to 26<sup>th</sup> August to facilitate leave. Response rate at 64% currently. The results are being considered and findings will be brought to the Board shortly.

A staff update on Blended Working from the Secretary General also currently being prepared.

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> July and the FOI and Press Office updates for July to be brought to the next meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **3. Strategic Matters**

##### **3.1 Weekly Dashboards**

Weekly Dashboards were noted.

##### **3.2 EU and International**

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

##### **3.3 Tax**

Focus currently on the Tax Strategy Group.

Housing for All Strategy to be discussed at the Government meeting of 31<sup>st</sup> August.

##### **3.4 Economic Developments**

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

##### **3.5 Banking and Financial Services**

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

##### **3.6 Banking Developments**

An update will be provided at the next meeting.

#### **4. Matters for Decision**

Nil.





## 5. Corporate & Operational matters for Information

### 5.1 Finance Unit – Monthly Financial Report – July 2021

The Monthly Financial Report for July was noted.

### 5.2 Flu Vaccination Programme – 2022 Proposal

The Board approved the proposed Flu Vaccination programme for 2021/2022. Information note to issue to staff in due course.

## 6. Any Other Business

### Update on FMSS

The Board was updated on the latest developments on the FMSS project. Project remains on amber due to delays impacting on the schedule. Revised 'go live' date now advised as 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

The Board discussed the request from the Clerk of the Oireachtas for proposals on how the arrangements for programming Government Bills in the Oireachtas might be enhanced. Draft response prepared by Legal Unit to be considered and reply to issue by 25<sup>th</sup> August to Taoiseach's Department who will co-ordinate a centralised response.

Finally, an update was provided on the replacement process for the Assistant Secretary post in Banking Division.

### Next Meeting

The next Executive Board meeting will take place in the Whitaker Room on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August**.



John Hogan  
Secretary General



**Executive Board Minutes Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Attendance: John Hogan (Chair), Paul Ryan, Gary Tobin, Michael McGrath, Des Carville, Colm O'Reardon, John McCarthy, Aidan Murphy, Fiona O'Connor, Scline Scott (Secretary)

Apologies: Emma Cunningham, Niall O'Ceallaigh

**1. Statement of Interest**

Nil.

**2. Communications & Topical Matters Diary, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Matters Arising & Government Memos**

In addition to the Communications & Topical Matters diary the following was noted:

Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 met on 27<sup>th</sup> August and due to resume discussions this afternoon on the reopening timeline.

Cabinet Committee on Housing scheduled to meet this afternoon.

An update from the Covid-19 Response Management Group (CRMG) was provided. Latest Government decision on reopening expected shortly following which update to staff from the Secretary General will issue. If the Government decision is that we return to the office, a cautious approach is needed. Heads of Divisions to consider how this would look for their areas.

The Secretary General welcomed Fiona O'Connor who has been appointed as Special Advisor to Minister Donohoe.

The FOI and Press Office Reports for July were noted.

The minutes of the Executive Board meetings of 26<sup>th</sup> July and 23<sup>rd</sup> August were agreed.

**3. Strategic Matters**

**3.1 Weekly Dashboards**

Weekly Dashboards were noted.

**3.2 EU and International**

Minister Donohoe will attend the British/Irish Association meeting in Oxford this week. Ecofin and Eurogroup meetings scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September in Slovenia. Minister intends to travel to Croatia also.

EFC recently approved Ireland's Recovery and Resilience Plan.

Very positive engagement during French delegation visit to Ireland last week.

**3.3 Tax**

The Commission on Taxation and Welfare scheduled to meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September.

**3.4 Economic Developments**

August Exchequer Returns due to be published on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Second quarter National Accounts also due to be published by the CSO on that date. There will be a presentation to the Board at the next meeting on the macro economic outlook.



### 3.5 Banking and Financial Services

An update was provided on the ongoing work on the Insurance Bill and on the Commission's proposal for the creation of a new EU authority to fight money laundering.

The Board was also briefed on the IMF FSAP questionnaire on Ireland which is due to be returned shortly.

IFIs – main issue continues to be Covid-19.

Support from the World Bank and other organisations to Afghanistan has stopped due to the change in regime.

An update was also provided on the NAB.

Meetings taking place later this week to discuss the Climate Action Plan with a possible Cabinet meeting next week. An update on the EU Fit for 55 Climate Package was also provided.

### 3.6 Banking Developments

An update was provided on (1) AIB acquisition of Goodbody; (2) Shared Equity Scheme; (3) Housing for All Strategy; and (4) Help to Buy Scheme.

## 4. Matters for Decision

Nil.

## 5. Corporate & Operational matters for Information

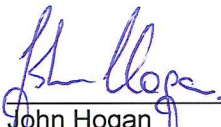
Nil.

## 6. Any Other Business

Nil.

## Next Meeting

The next Executive Board meeting will take place in the Whitaker Room on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**.

  
John Hogan  
Secretary General





### **Executive Board Minutes Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Attendance: John Hogan (Chair), Emma Cunningham, Paul Ryan, Gary Tobin, Michael McGrath, Des Carville, Colm O'Reardon, John McCarthy, Aidan Murphy, Fiona O'Connor, Sceline Scott (Secretary)

Apologies: Niall O'Ceallaigh

#### **1. Statement of Interest**

Nil.

#### **2. Communications & Topical Matters Diary, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Matters Arising & Government Memos**

In addition to the Communications & Topical Matters diary the following was noted:

Memos for Government this week – (1) Budgetary Framework for Budget 2022; (2) 15<sup>th</sup> PPS Mission; (3) appointment of Special Adviser; and (4) legislation to provide for adherence to the NAB

A series of meetings on housing scheduled this week.

An update from the Covid-19 Response Management Group (CRMG) was provided. On foot of the Government announcement on 31<sup>st</sup> August re: reopening, update to staff from the Secretary General issued on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Heads of Divisions currently being asked for their views on what a return to the workplace will look like for their respective areas.

The FOI Report for August was noted.

The minutes of the Executive Board meetings of 30<sup>th</sup> August were agreed.

#### **3. Strategic Matters**

##### **3.1 Weekly Dashboards**

Weekly Dashboards were noted.

##### **3.2 EU and International**

Ministers Donohoe and McGrath attended this morning's Ecofin video conference at which Ireland's Recovery and Resilience plan was approved.

Minister Donohoe attended the British/Irish Association meeting in Oxford over the weekend – well received.

Ecofin and Eurogroup meetings scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September in Slovenia. Minister intends to travel to Croatia also.

##### **3.3 Tax**

The Tax Strategy Group meeting is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Suggestions for the Budget 2022 package have been provided to the Minister.

The Commission on Taxation and Welfare met on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and is scheduled to meet again on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

##### **3.4 Economic Developments**

Presentation on economic developments and outlook provided to the Board.



### **3.5 Banking and Financial Services**

An update was provided on the Legislative Priorities List – submission setting out 4 priorities and highlighting other legislation including the Insurance Bill, sent to Minister Donohoe. A meeting with the Chief Whip scheduled for today.

An update was also provided on AML and on the Commission's proposal for the creation of a new EU authority to fight money laundering.

Insurance – Cabinet subgroup on Insurance will meet this week. Meeting with Minister Donohoe to be scheduled to discuss a Memo for Government on Insurance going forward.

Risk Committee meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Climate Action – SOG taking place on 9<sup>th</sup> September with a possible Cabinet meeting next week. Presentation on sustainable finance to the Policy Development Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### **3.6 Banking Developments**

An update was provided on (1) Credit Unions Policy – upcoming meeting with Minister of State; (2) Innovation Fund; and (3) Housing for All Strategy.

## **4. Matters for Decision**

Nil.

## **5. Corporate & Operational matters for Information**


Nil.

## **6. Any Other Business**

Nil.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Executive Board meeting will take place in the Whitaker Room on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September**.

  
John Hogan  
Secretary General



### **Executive Board Minutes Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Attendance: John Hogan (Chair), Emma Cunningham, Paul Ryan, Gary Tobin, Michael McGrath, Des Carville, Colm O'Reardon, John McCarthy, Aidan Murphy, Fiona O'Connor, Scline Scott (Secretary)

Apologies: Niall O'Ceallaigh

#### **1. Statement of Interest**

Nil.

#### **2. Communications & Topical Matters Diary, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Matters Arising & Government Memos**

In addition to the Communications & Topical Matters diary the following was noted:

Memos for Government over the next 10 days – (1) Annual Report 2020; and (2) Approval sought to approve the General Scheme of the Insurance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

An update from the CRMG was provided. There was a discussion around what a return to the workplace will look like for the different areas of the Department. An update to staff will issue this week indicating plans going forward for a phased and gradual return to the workplace. Current focus in terms of attendance in the office is predominantly on those areas engaged in the Budget process with some limited office presence for teams in other Divisions in advance of a more extensive relaxation of Government restrictions in October.

The Press Office Report for August was noted.

The minutes of the Executive Board meetings of 6<sup>th</sup> September were agreed.

#### **3. Strategic Matters**

##### **3.1 Weekly Dashboards**

Weekly Dashboards were noted.

##### **3.2 EU and International**

Minister attended the informal Ecofin and Eurogroup meetings 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> September in Slovenia. The OECD tax reform agenda came up for discussion at Ecofin. The European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC) gave an update to the Eurogroup on Covid and the need to future proof our response to new variances of Covid and other viruses. Minister also travelled to Croatia to meet with the Prime Minister and Finance Minister - meetings went well.

##### **3.3 Tax**

The Tax Strategy Group meeting took place on 8<sup>th</sup> September – relevant papers to be published shortly.

Public consultation on OECD international tax proposals closed on 10<sup>th</sup> September. Responses currently being reviewed – submission will go to the Minister shortly. A series of meetings with the Minister scheduled this week regarding budget proposals.

The Commission on Taxation and Welfare met on 10<sup>th</sup> September – good discussion around consultation document. Public consultation expected to begin in October.

The History Fellowship Advisory Group will meet on 14<sup>th</sup> September, the latest draft chapter of the History of the Department to be circulated to the Board. Meeting to be arranged between the Secretary General and Dr. Casey.

##### **3.4 Economic Developments**

Budget preparation well underway – weekly Budget co-ordinators meetings to begin on 16<sup>th</sup> September.



IFAC endorsement process – first transmission of macro forecasts for Budget 2022 to the Council on 15<sup>th</sup> September to be followed by a meeting with the Secretariat on 17<sup>th</sup> September. A presentation to the full Council will then take place on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Minister Donohoe requested to give a presentation on 16<sup>th</sup> September by way of update to the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment.

### **3.5 Banking and Financial Services**

There was a discussion on the recently published Pensions Commission Report – recommendations involve a number of Divisions across the Department. Submission will go to the Minister shortly.

An update was provided on (1) recent Pensions Working Group meeting; (2) AML Steering Committee – Annual Report will go to Government shortly; and (3) SOG on Insurance meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> September which discussed the Insurance Action Plan – report on achievements to date to be published at end of the year.

Risk Committee meeting scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> September. SOG on Climate Action took place on 9<sup>th</sup> September – further meetings planned this week with DPER and other stakeholders. An update was also provided on 'Fit for 55' – going well.

IFIs – Government approved legislation to provide for adherence to the NAB on 8<sup>th</sup> September. Series of annual meetings to commence on 12<sup>th</sup> October. Council of Europe meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

FSAP meetings in October intended to be physical meetings.

### **3.6 Banking Developments**

An update was provided on (1) the Innovation Fund; (2) extension of Project Eagle to end of the year; (3) Q3 credit union data; (4) CUMA conference taking place this week; (5) launch of SPVs by a number of credit unions this week; (6) housing; and (7) finalisation of Rebo accounts.

## **4. Matters for Decision**

Nil.

## **5. Corporate & Operational matters for Information**

The Finance Unit Monthly Financial Report for August was noted.

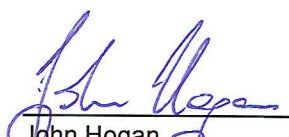
## **6. Any Other Business**

### **6.1 Civil Service Health and Wellbeing Framework**

Email to issue this week regarding the recently launched Health and Wellbeing Framework.

## **Next Meeting**

The next Executive Board meeting will take place in the Whitaker Room on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September**.



John Hogan  
Secretary General



### **Executive Board Minutes Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Attendance: John Hogan (Chair), Emma Cunningham, Paul Ryan, Gary Tobin, Michael McGrath, Des Carville, Colm O'Reardon, John McCarthy, Niall O'Ceallaigh, Aidan Murphy, Fiona O'Connor, Scline Scott (Secretary)

#### **1. Statement of Interest**

Nil.

#### **2. Communications & Topical Matters Diary, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Matters Arising & Government Memos**

In addition to the Communications & Topical Matters diary the following was noted:

Memo for Government 21<sup>st</sup> September – Department's Annual Report 2020. Oral PQs – 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Minister will meet with the Credit Review Office today. Possible meeting later this week between Minister Donohoe and Ministers Ryan and O'Brien to discuss tax on zoned residential land. Minister Donohoe also speaking at an AML Intelligence Compliance Roundtable on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

An update from the CRMG was provided. A further update to staff issued on 15<sup>th</sup> September from the Secretary General indicating plans going forward for a phased and gradual return to the workplace. Current focus in terms of attendance in the office is predominantly on those areas engaged in the Budget process with some limited office presence for teams in other Divisions in advance of a more extensive relaxation of Government restrictions in October. Work currently underway to evaluate what equipment is required to be replaced in offices for staff returning to the workplace.

The minutes of the Executive Board meetings of 13<sup>th</sup> September were agreed.

#### **3. Strategic Matters**

##### **3.1 Weekly Dashboards**

Weekly Dashboards were noted.

##### **3.2 EU and International**

Minister will meet with European Commissioner for Economy today.

Brexit Assistant Secretaries Group met last week – discussions focused on the Northern Ireland Protocol.

The HANSA Group of Member States plans to meet on the margins of the next Ecofin and Eurogroup meetings.

##### **3.3 Tax**

The Tax Strategy Group papers were published on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Budget planning meetings with the Minister continue this week with the focus on income tax and climate proposals. Meeting with Revenue and OPC taking place today regarding the Finance Bill.

The Commission on Taxation and Welfare met on 17<sup>th</sup> September – public consultation plans progressing.

##### **3.4 Economic Developments**

Ageing Report published on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

An overview was provided on the discussions at the closing meeting of the PPS mission on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Budget preparation well underway. IFAC endorsement process for the macro economic forecasts – presentation to the Secretariat today with a presentation to the full Council taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Pre Budget 2022 oversight - Minister will meet with the BOC on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **3.5 Banking and Financial Services**

An update was provided on the matter of a single AML Authority and the ongoing selection process for the ESME chair – vacant since March. Some engagement has taken place with the CBI on the Insurance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

The Office to Promote Competition in the Insurance Market, chaired by Minister of State Fleming, met last week. FSC also met last week as did the Department's Digital Finance Steering Group.

SOG on Climate meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Meeting also taking place tomorrow with DFAT on international climate finance.

IFIs – preparations underway for upcoming IMF-World Bank annual meetings.

Q3 Risk Committee meeting scheduled for this afternoon.

### **3.6 Banking Developments**

An update was provided on (1) markets; (2) Innovation Fund; (3) Nama Board meeting last week; and (4) update meeting later today with CEO of AIB.

## **4. Matters for Decision**

Nil.

## **5. Corporate & Operational matters for Information**

Nil.

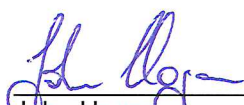
## **6. Any Other Business**

### **6.1 SMG Blended Working Survey Results**

The results of the SMG Blended Working Survey were presented to the Board. It was agreed that same will be circulated to the SMG in the first instance and subsequently to all staff. There was also a discussion around open forums for staff to facilitate and help ensure their views are heard and understood.

## **Next Meeting**

The next Executive Board meeting will take place in the Whitaker Room on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September**.



John Hogan  
Secretary General





### **Executive Board Minutes Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Attendance: John Hogan (Chair), Emma Cunningham, Paul Ryan, Gary Tobin, Michael McGrath, Des Carville, Colm O'Reardon, John McCarthy, Niall O'Ceallaigh, Aidan Murphy, Fiona O'Connor, Sceline Scott (Secretary)

#### **1. Statement of Interest**

Nil.

#### **2. Communications & Topical Matters Diary, Minutes of Previous Meeting, Matters Arising & Government Memos**

In addition to the Communications & Topical Matters diary the following was noted:

Minister Donohoe has a series of budget related engagements this week. Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will meet on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Government memos this week regarding (1) Annual Report of the AMLSC; and (2) Proposed Amendment to the Consumer Protection Bill 2021.

An update from the CRMG was provided - updated FAQ guidance document from DPER to issue shortly.

CSMB met on 24<sup>th</sup> September – papers prepared for the meeting referred to the draft of the Blended Working Policy Framework advising that there have been informal discussions with the unions. An initial plenary session was held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, to be followed by detailed negotiations on the Framework. A Civil Service Employer Blended Working Advisory Group will be established to assist in the assessment of the practical implications of any proposed changes. A revised application process/form to ensure clarity and simplicity is almost complete. A revised draft of the Blended Working Policy Framework will issue to employee representative bodies following approval from the CSMB Blended Working Subgroup.

The results of the SMG survey on Blended Working were shared with all staff on 24<sup>th</sup> September and will be discussed at Departmental Council on 29<sup>th</sup> September.

The Board also discussed the "Open Forums" to be arranged in due course to hear the views of staff and allow all to engage on the development of our Blended Working Policy.

The minutes of the Executive Board meetings of 20<sup>th</sup> September were agreed.

#### **3. Strategic Matters**

##### **3.1 Weekly Dashboards**

Weekly Dashboards were noted.

##### **3.2 EU and International**

G7 meeting scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> September, Minister Donohoe invited. EFC meetings held on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September – moving to physical meetings towards end October.

There will be a discussion on energy prices at the upcoming Eurogroup meeting.

An update on the German elections was provided.



### 3.3 Tax

Budget preparation continues as does work on international tax. An update was provided on the zoned land tax proposals.

The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission on Taxation and Welfare has taken place with the frequency of meetings going forward to increase to fortnightly.

### 3.4 Economic Developments

Budget preparation well underway - presentation to IFAC on the macro economic forecasts on 24<sup>th</sup> September - very productive meeting with good exchange of views. Economic forecasts will be published in advance of the Budget.

Exchequer Returns for September will be published on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

The Board was briefed on the meeting of the Department's Subgroup on Housing which took place on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

### 3.5 Banking and Financial Services

An update was provided on (1) today's meeting of the Ireland for Finance HLIC meeting chaired by Minister of State Fleming – discussions will focus on IFS Action Plan for 2022; (2) the Insurance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill – draft heads currently with the Attorney General's Office; (3) ongoing legal challenge against the Judicial Council personal injury guidelines; (4) AML; (5) current position regarding ESMA chair; and (6) upcoming Minister of State bilateral meetings in Brussels with the EU Commission and various representative bodies to discuss financial services matters.

An update was also provided on IFIs and on Climate matters - including the Climate Action Plan.

There was also a discussion around the work of the Risk Committee with further discussions to take place shortly.

### 3.6 Banking Developments

An update was provided on (1) call with investment bankers last week; (2) credit union levy; (3) Private Member's motion on credit unions; (4) ongoing legal case; and (5) resignation of CFO of Bank of Ireland.

## 4. Matters for Decision

Nil

## 5. Corporate & Operational matters for Information

Nil


## 6. Any Other Business

### 6.1 Advance notice of upcoming Q3 obligations report

The Board noted the upcoming Q3 obligations report.

### Next Meeting

The next Executive Board meeting will take place in the Whitaker Room on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October**.



John Hogan  
Secretary General