

Minutes of the Cross-Departmental Oversight Committee Meeting 12th January 2022
(Atypical Workers Permission Scheme (Non-EEA Crew))

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

Chair: Roni Hawe (**Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine**)

Attendees:

Oversight Committee: **Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)** (Deirdre Kelleher, Mark Burns, Victoria Corkery)
Department of Justice and Equality (DJE) (Paddy Duffy, Kevin Kavanagh, Aonghus O'Connor)
Department of Transport (DT) (Michael Kennedy)
Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (DBEI) (Tara Coogan)

Stakeholders: **Killybegs Fisheries Organisation (KFO)** Norah Parke
Irish Fish Producers Organisation (IFPO) John Ward
International Transport Federation (ITF) Michael O'Brien & Jonathan Warring
Irish South and East Fisheries Producer Organisations (ISEFPO) John Lynch

Apologies: None.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the Oversight Committee meeting held on the 3rd November 2021, 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. It was advised that no nomination from the DSP re a new representative to the Oversight Committee was received.
- b. It was noted that the final responses to the Maynooth Report had been collated and circulated to all Committee members.
- c. It was advised that an Inter-departmental Review Group had been established to review the Scheme.

3. Mediation Agreement Update

All present confirmed that they continue to honour, in full, their commitments under the Mediation Agreement.

4. Presentations by Stakeholders

All Stakeholders in attendance presented their respective submissions on the workings of the Scheme to the meeting, clarifying matters as required.

The Chair expressed her thanks to all for their contributions and clarified that all submissions would be taken into consideration as part of the AWS Fishers Review process.

Stakeholders were advised that if they wished to make further contributions/submissions/ or request a meeting with the AWS Fishers Review Group they could email atypicalworkingscheme@justice.ie by Wednesday 2nd February 2022.

5. Current uptake of Scheme

- a. DAFM advised that, as of Wednesday 12th January 2022, there were 268 live pre-approval applications.
- b. DJE advised that, as of Wednesday 12th January 2022, there were 337 potentially valid AWS permissions in existence.

6. Next Meeting

It was proposed that the next meeting be held in late March/early April TBC, to facilitate the completion of the work of the Review Group beforehand.

7. AQB

Stakeholders were reminded that submissions to the Review Group would be received up to and including Wednesday 2nd February 2022.

That concluded the business of the meeting.