



Minutes

Subject: Minutes of Third Meeting of Commission on Taxation and Welfare

Date: 25 June 2021

Time: 9:30am – 12pm

Venue: WebEx video conference

In attendance:

Commission Members: Professor Niamh Moloney (Chair), Marie Bradley, Philip Brennan, Sandra Clarke, Rowena Dwyer, Dr. William Hynes, Aoife Ní Lochlainn, Rena Maycock, John-Mark McCafferty, Tom McDonnell, Fergal O'Brien, Dr. Barra Roantree, Anne Vaughan

Apologies: Dr. Philip Kermode*

Secretariat:** Colm O'Reardon, Gary Hynds, Sinéad Ryan, Aideen Foley, Áine Griffin, Hugh Cronin.

* Awaiting membership clearance **Other Secretariat members attended in an observational capacity

1. Welcome and Introductions

- The Chair, Niamh Moloney, opened the meeting and outlined the agenda.

2. Horizon Scanning

- The Chair welcomed the presenters, with the following presentations:
 - 'Strategic Foresight and Global Megatrends', presented by Piret Tõnurist, OECD Observatory of Public Sector Innovation.
 - 'Workforce trends, changing skills needs and the future of work', presented by Tony Donohue, Chair of the Expert Group on Future Skills Needs (EGFSN)
 - 'Digital disruption and technological transformation', presented Barry Lowry, Government Chief Information Officer

3. Workshop discussion

- Conor Skehan moderated a short workshop focused on optimal strategies for successful future planning and the importance of first determining the horizon we are planning for.
- Members engaged in a detailed discussion around optimal approaches for strategic foresight and its importance to the work of the Commission.

4. AOB

- The agenda for the meeting of 09 July, scheduled for 09:00 to 16:00, was discussed. A hybrid meeting will be facilitated with members available to attend in person in the NECC subject to public health guidelines.
- Both Minister Donohoe and Minister Humphries are scheduled to address the Commission virtually on 09 July
- Members were requested to consider the background papers in advance and develop suggestions on the future workplan for discussion.
- Members are requested to confirm mode of attendance by Tuesday 29 June 2021

Meeting closed at 12:10.

5. Specific Action Points

Colour Code:

Closed/ Agreed

In progress

Ongoing/Repeated Action

Not Started

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ID	Action	Lead	Deadline	Status
Ref#	Brief summary of action point	Secretariat, Chair with Secretariat, DFIN, Other	Meeting X, May-21, Other	Completed, In progress, Not started, Other
COTW01	Commission Membership to return signed principles and procedures document	Commission	18 June 2021	In progress
COTW02	Decision Time training session	Commission	9 June 2021	Completed
COTW03	Issue papers for meeting 2.	Secretariat	9 June 2021 (with Chair) 11 June 2021 (with Commission)	Completed
COTW04	Devising detailed project plan	Secretariat	TBD	In progress
COTW05	Respond to follow up requests from meeting 2	Secretariat	25 June 2021	In progress
COTW06	Issue papers for meeting 2.	Secretariat	02 July 2021	In progress