



Finance Working Group – Meeting 12

21st July 2022

11:00 – 13:00

In Person Meeting

Attendees

Chairs:

Gerry Kiely, Chair TB Finance Working Group, Michael Cronin, Chair TB Stakeholder Forum;

Farming Organisations:

Paul Smyth, ICMSA; Eddie Punch, ICSA; TJ Maher, IFA; John Keane, MACRA; Tomás Bourke, IFA; Hugh Farrell, ICSA; Des Morrison, ICMSA;

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine:

Conor O'Mahony, Aishling Cronin, Gemma O'Malley

Apologies:

Patricia Reilly; DAFM

Minutes

Item	Minutes
Minutes of the last meeting	The minutes for previous meeting were agreed with point 4 "IFA doesn't support cap but open to discuss the level and type of support available to these large herds, seeks further clarity on cap" was removed
TB Programme Funding	<p>The Department presented a PowerPoint presentation on proposals to the TB Programme Funding. The presentation outlined a number of increases to the current rates of Income Supplement, Depopulation Grant and Hardship Grant.</p> <p>Presentation from today to be circulated.</p> <p>Farming body comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farming bodies welcomed in principle elements of the Department's proposals but outlined their difficulties with some of the proposed increases.• In principal, Farming Organisations are open to having a serious discussion on levies assuming more detail is received and as long as monies received goes back to the Herdowners <p>DAFM comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarification document to issue to Farming Organisations and direct questions welcome• The Department requested that the Farming Organisations go back to their members• A sustainable funding model needs to be developed with potential changes to Income Supplement, Depopulation Grant and Hardship Grant. <p>Chair comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Central issue is funding. Two topics to be covered today:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Compensation and details of level of increases

	<p>2. Will the Farming Organisations accept an increase in the current levies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date for next meeting Tue 30th Aug @ 11am, In Person @ Backweston Campus
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