



Finance Working Group – Meeting 13  
30<sup>th</sup> August 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
TB Programme Funding	<p>The minutes for previous meeting were agreed.</p> <p>The Department presented an updated 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><b>Farming body comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Farming bodies are prepared to discuss additional contribution</li><li>• In principle, Farming Organisations are open to having a serious discussion on levies as long as monies received goes back to Herdowners.</li><li>• Some concern shown regarding one reactor and using a book value instead of a live valuation. A speedy removal of animals is a must.</li><li>• Income support and tracking dairy IS with milk supply curve is welcomed.</li><li>• Payment of Pre and Post movement testing needs to be ironed out</li><li>• Wildlife expenditure also a concern</li><li>• Bilateral meetings were found to be a positive step forward. Genuine effort to make progress is recognised.</li></ul> <p><b>DAFM comments:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Department requested that the Farming Organisations go back to their members to discuss the proposals.</li><li>• Pre and Post movement testing - message heard but Department is not undertaking to provide funding for this</li><li>• Bilateral were a positive step forward</li></ul>

	<p><b>Chair comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Positions are clear</li><li>• Organisations are willing to move on levies</li><li>• A lot of progress made today</li> <li>• Date for next meeting Thur 27<sup>th</sup> Oct @ 2pm, In Person @ Backweston Campus</li></ul>
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