



Finance Working Group – Meeting 14
27th October 2022
14:00 – 16:00
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; Tomás Bourke, IFA; Amanda Mooney, IFA; Hugh Farrell, ICSA; Des Morrison, ICMSA;

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine:

Conor O'Mahony, Gemma O'Malley

Apologies:

TJ Maher, IFA; John Keane, MACRA; Aishling Cronin, 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>Farming body comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In principal, Farming Organisations are prepared to discuss additional levies as long as monies received goes back to Herdowners.• Payment of Pre and Post movement testing needs to be ironed out• Wildlife expenditure also a concern• Apprehension over the Levy being subject to change; depending on the amount paid out the previous year• Farming Organisations want a more frequent review, prefer review meeting in two years instead of the proposed three years• Farming Organisations were open to retrospective levies <p>DAFM comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Department requested that the Farming Organisations go back to their members to discuss the proposals.• Pre and Post movement testing - message heard but as of now there is no undertaking that the Department will provide funding for this• The Levy will move pending what was paid out the year previously• Possibly introduce a force majeure element into T&Cs but unusual circumstances will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Department agreed to review every two years instead of proposed three-year period• Rates to be pro rata• Proposed Compensation rates would ideally come into effect 1st Jan 2023 but not until we have an agreement• In the month of November, aim to have Bilateral with each of the Farming Organisations |
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Chair comment

- Positions are clear
- Organisations are willing to move on levies
- Progression has been made on the finance side but no movement with regard to testing that was imposed by EU Law.

Date for next meeting Thursday 11 Jan @ 11am, In Person @ Backweston Campus