

Department of Public Expenditure and Reform

Management Board Meeting on 1 July 2019

Attendance

Minister Donohoe, Secretary General, Mr Downes, Mr Moloney, Ms Coleman, Dr Fallon-Byrne, Mr Lowry, Mr Cagney, Mr Deane, Mr Feeney, Ms Godkin, Ms O'Reilly, Mr Menton, Ms Callaghan, Ms Sweeney

Apologies

Mr Quinn

1. Discussion with the Minister on Divisional Priorities to end 2019

Minister Donohoe attended the Management Board meeting to discuss divisional priorities to end December 2019. The divisional priorities were outlined as follows.

Dr Fallon Byrne provided an overview of Reform Office priorities, including Our Public Service 2020 with a particular focus on innovation and workforce planning, Civil Service Renewal, and Government Reform including data sharing and governance.

Mr Lowry set out the priorities of the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer, including the Digital Government Agenda, GovTech, data sharing and governance, roll out of Build to Share and the next phase of ICT Professionalisation.

Mr Cagney addressed the priorities of the Civil Service HR Division, including the Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) Bill, People Strategy Metrics, the Human Resource Operating Model, Strategic Workforce Planning and Learning and Development.

Mr Deane provided an overview of the Office of Government Procurement's priorities, which include the Capital Works Medium Term Strategy, refinement of the Procurement Model, monitoring of the procurement reform programme and further development of the policy framework. He also addressed the Commercial Skills Academy and digital procurement.

Mr Menton set out the priorities of the Public Service Pay and Pensions Division, including sectoral industrial relations issues, key pay policy issues and the Single Public Service Pension Scheme.

Mr Downes addressed the priorities of the Expenditure Policy and Reporting Division, including the preparation of Budget 2020, equality and performance budgeting, Project Ireland 2040, the Public Spending Code and financial reporting and accounting reforms, and sectoral expenditure policy issues.

Mr Moloney provided an overview of the Labour Market and Enterprise Policy Division's priorities including the preparation of Budget 2020, expenditure issues related to Brexit, delivery of Budget 2020, potential demands of Brexit and sectoral expenditure policy issues.

Ms Coleman provided an overview of the priorities of the Expenditure Management, EU and Audit Division including Cohesion Policy post 2020, Estimates 2020, Climate Action Plan and sectoral expenditure policy issues.

Ms O'Reilly set out the priorities of the HR Strategy Unit in relation to People@PER Strategy 2017–2020, internal recruitment strategy, Diversity and Inclusion, skills for the future and HR professionalisation.

Mr Feeney addressed the priorities of the Corporate Office in relation to Strategic Planning and Risk Management, new ways of working such as the unified government identity and eFOI, knowledge management, financial management and a range of compliance issues associated with legislative and parliamentary obligations.

The Minister welcomed the updates and engaged with the Board on the full range of priorities that had been set out and the key issues arising in respect of these.

Next Meeting – Monday, 8 July at 11.00am