



Finance Working Group – Meeting 15
12th January 2023
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; Tomás Bourke, IFA; Hugh Farrell, ICSA; Des Morrison, ICMSA; TJ Maher, IFA;

Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine:

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

Apologies:

John Keane, MACRA; Eddie Punch, ICSA

Minutes

Item	Minutes
TB Programme Funding	<p>The minutes for previous meeting to be amended to: Proposed compensation rates would ideally come into effect 1st Jan 2023 but not until we have an agreement</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 and their members are adequately supported• Farming Organisations in favour of new Spring/Autumn Split for Income Supplement• Farming Organisations want a more frequent review, prefer review meeting in two years or less with a cap and an immediate review if a certain percentage is reached• Apprehension over the Levy being subject to change; depending on the amount paid out the previous year.• An offer from the Department to fund one visit fee i.e. one post movement test after day 90 was met with huge disappointment from the Farming Organisations. Farming Orgs would be open to discussing a two year funding programme with the Department.• Further negotiation at risk, Farming Organisations feel they cannot be part of negotiation going forward

DAFM comments:

- The Department requested that the Farming Organisations go back to their members to discuss the proposals.
- Pre and Post movement testing – A once off 2023 Transitional Support offered by the Department targeted at animals requiring test after day 90. The Department will fund one visit fee i.e. one post movement test after day 90. Multi year funding is not on the table, the Departments position is clear.
- The Levy will move pending what was paid out the year previously
- The Department agreed to monitored quarterly meetings to discuss instead of a review every two years instead of proposed three-year period,

Chair comment

- Positions are clear
- Organisations are willing to move on levies
- Progression has been made on the finance side.
- The Department has made a step forward with a once off 2023 Transitional Support offer of one post movement test after day 90. The reaction from the Farming Organisations was that this is not sufficient.
- Obstacle to moving forward.

Date for next meeting to be confirmed.