

## **Department of Public Expenditure and Reform**

### **Management Board Meeting on Wednesday 15 April, 2020**

#### **Minutes**

##### **Attendance**

Secretary General, Mr Downes, Ms O'Reilly, Mr Lowry, Dr Fallon Byrne, Ms Godkin, Mr Quinn, Mr Menton, Mr Cagney, Ms Coleman Mr Moloney, Mr Feeney, Mr Howlin, Ms Codd.

##### **1. Update on any changes to COVID 19 Policy Issues**

Mr Quinn updated the Board on the Office of Government Procurement including PPE procurement and construction related issues.

Mr Cagney provided an update to the Board for the Civil Service Human Resources Division including redeployment of staff to critical areas and matters arising in the health sector.

Mr Moloney updated the Board on the Labour Market and Enterprise Policy Division including matters relating to childcare and other sectoral issues.

Mr Downes updated the Board on the Expenditure Policy and Reporting Division including the fiscal impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on the State's Finances and a range of expenditure issues.

Dr Fallon-Byrne updated the Board on the Reform and Delivery Office including Protected Disclosures and the OECD meeting scheduled for 23 April 2020.

Mr Lowry provided an update for the Office of Government Chief Information Officer on a range of digital matters including work on the HSE contact tracing App.

The Secretary General updated the Board on a range of COVID-19 issues and on latest developments in respect of Government formation.

##### **2. Update on any COVID 19 Operational Issues**

###### **Rolling Business Continuity Plan**

Mr Feeney updated the Board on the Department's Internal Rolling Business Continuity Plan for Response to the COVID-19 Emergency. The changes over the last week are highlighted in the document. The plan is being implemented by the relevant areas and will continue be updated on a weekly basis as appropriate.

### **3. Financial Management**

- **End March Expenditure Report for PER and OGCIO Votes** – the end March expenditure reports for both the PER and OGCIO Votes were discussed by the Board following which both were noted.
- **VFM Report for H2 2019** – the VFM report for the second half of 2019 was noted by the Board.

### **4. Any Other Business**

- **Management Board Policy Forum on 23 April 2020** – the Management Board Policy Forum scheduled for 23 April has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.
- **PO Forum on 20 April 2020** – the next meeting of the PO Forum, chaired by Mr Howlin, will take place on Monday 20 April and the Secretary General will be in attendance.

Next meeting – Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2020 at 11.00am.