Department of Public Expenditure and Reform

Management Board Meeting on Wednesday 22 April, 2020

Minutes

Attendance

Minister Donohoe, Secretary General, Mr Downes, Mr Lowry, Dr Fallon Byrne, Mr Quinn, Mr Menton, Mr Cagney, Ms Coleman, Mr Moloney, Mr Feeney, Mr Howlin, Ms Sweeney, Mr Brophy, Ms O'Connor, Ms Burke, Ms Godkin, Ms Codd.

Apologies

Ms O'Reilly

1. Discussion with Minister of Key Policy Issues in contest of COVID 19

Minister Donohoe attended the Management Board meeting to discuss the latest COVID-19 developments.

Mr Downes provided an update on the Expenditure Policy and Reporting Division including Health and expenditures matters arising.

Mr Moloney provided an update on the Labour Market and Enterprise Policy Division including the numbers availing of unemployment payments and the temporary wage subsidy scheme and the challenges arising relating to business supports and transport issues.

Ms Coleman provided an update for the Expenditure Management, Structural Funds and Audit Division in relation to Education, Commercial State Bodies and Climate related issues.

Mr Menton addressed the priorities of the Public Service Pay and Pensions Division including pay related issues and the meeting of the Labour Employer Economic Forum scheduled for Friday 24 April.

Mr Cagney provided an update on the Civil Service Human Resources Division including employee relations.

Mr Quinn updated for the Office of Government Procurement in respect of supply chain issues, HSE Support and construction procurement matters arising.

Dr Fallon-Byrne provided an update for the Reform and Delivery Office including the strategic reform agenda.

Mr Lowry updated for the Office of Government Chief Information Officer on the ongoing work on the HSE App for contact tracing.

2. Minutes of the Management Board meeting on 15 April 2020.

The minutes of the Management Board meeting on 15 April 2020 were agreed by the Board.

3. Divisional Key Issues The Divisional Key Issues were addressed during the discussion with the Minister.

4. Internal Operational Issues in context of COVID 19

Rolling Business Continuity Plan

Mr Feeney updated the Board on the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform's Internal Rolling Business Continuity Plan for Response to the COVID-19 Emergency. This plan will continue to be implemented by the relevant areas and will be updated on a weekly basis.

HR matters

Ms Burke updated on the latest position in respect of HR matters within the Department.

5. Any Other Business

Next Meeting Wednesday, 29 April, 2020 at 12.00pm