

Department of Public Expenditure and Reform

Management Board Meeting on Wednesday 29 April, 2020

Minutes

Attendance

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, Ms O'Reilly, Ms Godkin, Ms Codd.

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 April 2020

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2020 were agreed by the Board.

2. Divisional Key Issues

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

Dr Fallon-Byrne provided an update for the Reform and Delivery Office including the Innovation Fund Awards and Organisation Capability Reviews.

Mr Menton provided an update for the Public Service Pay and Pensions Division including pay related issues, the Single Pension Scheme, the Temporary Assignment Scheme and an update on the meeting of the Labour Employer Economic Forum on Friday 24 April.

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

Mr Cagney provided an update on the Civil Service Human Resources Division including the Temporary Assignment Scheme, Remote working and employee relations.

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 enterprise supports, the numbers availing of unemployment payments and the temporary wage subsidy scheme and the challenges arising relating to 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.

3. COVID 19 internal DPER Issues.

Business Continuity

Mr Feeney provided an update to the Board on the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform's Internal Rolling Business Continuity Plan for Response to the COVID-19 Emergency. There was very little change to the plan this week and as advised in previous weeks the plan will continue to be implemented by the relevant areas and will be further updated on a weekly basis as required.

HR Matters

Ms O'Reilly updated the Board in relation to HR matters including details of the twenty-one staff that have now received details of contact tracing training scheduled to commence over the next couple of weeks.

Next Steps

Mr Feeney updated the Board on the Department's next steps on COVID-19 restrictions in the short and medium term. All actions taken by the Department will continue to be based on official public health advice and any changes to the current remote working will require careful consideration.

4. Any Other Business

- **COVID 19 Queries** - COVID 19 Queries assigned to the Department to date were discussed.
- **Framework of Assignments** – the updated Framework of Assignments for the Department was noted by the Board.
- **Management Board Policy Forum** – the next Management Board Policy Forum will be held on Friday 22 May 2020.

Next Meeting Wednesday, 6 May, 2020 at 11.00am