

Department of Public Expenditure and Reform

Management Board Meeting on Wednesday 6 May, 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 O'Reilly, Ms Godkin, Ms Codd.

Apologies

Ms Sweeney, Mr Brophy

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 April 2020

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 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.

Mr Menton provided an update for the Public Service Pay and Pensions Division including the meeting of the Labour Employer Economic Forum taking place this afternoon and the Single Pension Scheme.

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

Dr Fallon-Byrne provided an update for the Reform and Delivery Office including the Innovation Fund Awards, the Civil Service Management Board, the webinar on Robotic Process Automation (RPA) scheduled for the 14th May and the Open Data Portal.

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

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

Mr Downes provided an update on the Expenditure Policy and Reporting Division including Health and expenditures matters arising, the meeting of the National Development Plan Delivery Board and Justice Sector related issues.

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.

3. COVID 19 internal DPER Issues.

Business Continuity

The Department's updated Internal Rolling Business Continuity Plan for Response to the COVID-19 Emergency was noted by the Board.

HR Matters

Ms O'Reilly update the Board in relation to HR matters including eLearning supports.

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 will be in line with guidance from the Civil Service HR Division.

4. Any Other Business

- **COVID 19 Queries** – The system put in place to answer COVID 19 Queries will finish on May 11.
- **Resumption of Parliamentary Questions** – The Dáil Business Committee met on Tuesday 5 May and an agreement was reached regarding the reinstatement of written Parliamentary Questions. The next answer date for written Parliamentary Questions is Wednesday 13th May and following that written Parliamentary Questions will be taken on a weekly basis every Wednesday only, up to and including 15th July 2020.

Next Meeting Wednesday, 13 May, 2020 at 11.00am