# Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Management Board Meeting on 7 January 2019

#### **Minutes**

#### **Attendance**

Secretary General, Mr Feeney, Mr Menton, Ms Mulvihill, Ms O'Reilly, Mr Lowry, Ms Fallon-Byrne, Mr Quinn, Mr O'Keeffe, Mr Cagney, Mr Moloney, Mr Downes, Ms Godkin, Mr Brophy.

### **Apologies**

Ms Coleman

#### 1. Minutes of Meeting held on 17 December

The minutes of the meeting on 17 December were agreed.

### 2. Events of the week – Minister's Diary

Ms Godkin updated the Board on the Minister's diary for the coming week.

### 3. Government Agenda

The agenda for the upcoming Government meeting was noted.

### 4. Key Policy Issues / Events of the week

Mr Menton provided an update for the Public Service Pay and Pensions Division including Public Service Stability Agreement and a number of pay and industrial relations issues arising.

Mr Lowry provided an update for the Office of Government Chief Information Officer including ICT professionalisation and the Data Strategy.

Dr Fallon-Byrne updated the Board on the Reform and Delivery Office including on the Data Sharing and Governance Bill, Civil Service Renewal and the next meeting of the Civil Service Management Board.

Mr Quinn updated the Board on the Office of Government Procurement including the hosting by OGP of the Central Purchasing Body (CPB) Network meeting, Brexit related meetings with OPW and guidance given to public bodies in relation to Brexit.

Mr O'Keeffe provided an update for the Expenditure Management, EU Policy and Audit Division including the National Broadband Plan, Climate Agenda and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

Mr Moloney updated the Board on the Labour Market and Enterprise Policy Division including Health Sector policy issues and preparation for the Spending Review.

Mr Downes updated the Board on the Expenditure Policy and Reporting Division including preparations for the Spending Review, the Minister's upcoming meeting with the Budgetary Oversight Committee, the implementation of the National Development Plan, sectoral policy issues in justice and education, and Corporate and Financial Governance.

## 5. Upcoming Memoranda for Government

A number of planned Memoranda for Government were discussed.

## 6. Update on Brexit

Mr O'Keeffe gave an overview of the latest position on Brexit and ongoing Irish preparations in this regard, including a number of key meetings this week.

Next Meeting – 14 January 2019 at 11.00am