

**Department of Public Expenditure and Reform
Management Board Meeting on 21 January 2019**

Minutes

Attendance

Secretary General, Mr Feeney, Mr Menton, Mr Lowry, Ms Fallon-Byrne, Mr Quinn, Ms Costello, Mr Moloney, Mr Downes, , Ms O'Reilly, Ms Callaghan, Ms Godkin, Mr O'Brien, Ms Mulvihill, Ms Codd.

Apologies

Ms Coleman, Mr Cagney

1. Minutes of Meeting held on 14 January

The minutes of the meeting on 14 January were agreed.

2. Events of the week – Minister's Diary

Ms Godkin updated the Board on the Minister's diary for the coming week. The Dail and Seanad schedules for the week were discussed.

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.

Ms Costello provided an update for the Expenditure Management, EU Policy and Audit Division including the Senior Officials Group on Housing scheduled for Thursday 24 January, Brexit and the National Broadband Plan.

Mr Downes updated the Board on the Expenditure Policy and Reporting Division including an update on the meeting of the Project Ireland Delivery Board on Friday 18 January, preparations for the Spending Review, Justice and Education matters arising and preparations for the Ministers appearance at the Select Committee on Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform in February.

Mr Lowry provided an update for the Office of Government Chief Information Officer including the final preparations for the launch of ICT Apprenticeship Scheme, the National Broadband Plan and the DPER/DFIN Blockchain Hackathon taking place from the 25 to the 27 January.

Mr Quinn updated the Board on the Office of Government Procurement including the actions arising from the Climate Disruption Consultative Forum which took place on

Friday 18 January, the Children's Hospital and the OGP's Workflow and CRM system planned to go live this week.

Dr Fallon-Byrne updated the Board on the Reform and Delivery Office including preparations for the next meeting of the Civil Service Management Board, the DPER/DFIN Blockchain Hackathon, the Data Sharing and Governance Bill and the EU Protected Disclosures / Whistleblowing Directive.

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

5. Upcoming Memoranda for Government

The planned Memoranda for Government for the upcoming Government meeting were noted.

6. Revised ICT Governance Framework

The revised ICT Governance Framework was noted and approved by the Board.

7. End December Financial Reports

- **Expenditure Report** – Mr O'Brien updated the Board on the end December and overall 2018 financial performance of the Department which was noted by the Board.
- **Purchase Order Report** – Mr O'Brien updated the Board on the end December purchase order compliance. While Purchase Order Compliance continues to be a key issue for the Comptroller and Auditor General's office it will not be raised in the most recent management letter as the Department has demonstrated its strong commitment to and improved results on purchase order compliance in recent years.

8. A.O.B.

- **Management Board Policy Forum** – the next meeting of the Management Board Policy Forum will take place on Wednesday 23 January 2019 at 11am.

Next Meeting – 28 January 2019 at 11.00am