An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
Department of Justice

Management Board Meeting number 41 of 2024

Management Board – Meeting Details	
Date:	3 December 2024
Time:	1000
Location:	51 St Stephen's Green
In Attendance:	Oonagh McPhillips (chair), John O'Callaghan, Doncha O'Sullivan, Richard Dixon, Yvonne Furey, David Gilbride, Louise Jevens, Deirdre Meenan, Andrew Munro, Stjohn O'Connor, Ben Ryan, Carole Sullivan, Neil Ward, Rachel Woods, Sarah Kennelly, Gurchand Singh, Nessa O'Doherty, Clare McGrath (for Item 1), Walter Johnston (for Item 1), James Campbell (Secretary)
Apologies	Deirdre McDonnell

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1.	**Audit Committee Chair – Annual Meeting with Board**	The Chair of the Audit Committee noted the positive progress of the Department in the past year in areas the Committee had identified for improvement and welcomed the appointment of the Head of Procurement. The Board acknowledged the work of the Chair and the Committee and discussed audits, risk management and plans for next year.	**Yvonne Furey**
2.	**Minutes** **Update from SG**	The minutes of the meeting of 26 November 2024 were agreed and all actions arising are being progressed. The note of the meeting will be published on the Plan and Risk database. The SG noted the recent general election, the possibility of changes to the Department's remit and thanked colleagues for their attendance and contribution at the Department's strategy meeting.	**All**

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	Current and Emerging Issues	The Board noted interdepartmental discussions on AI, use cases and regulation.	**Andrew Munro and Louise Jevens**
		The Board was briefed on a recent criminal incident.	**David Gilbride**
		The Board noted provisional international protection data for November, including a marked decline in applications and a record number of first instance decisions. The Board also discussed other EU Member States' international protection data in Q3 and Q4 2024.	**Richard Dixon**
		The Board was updated on the Stardust Redress and noted further payments would issue this week.	**Carole Sullivan**
		The Board was informed of the Department's end of year financial situation and a number of forthcoming changes in the Corporate Function.	**Yvonne Furey**
		The Board noted and discussed engagement with stakeholders to develop a new prisoner complaints process.	**Ben Ryan**
3.	**MB Agency Sub Group**	The Board noted the improved governance structures in agencies and discussed how to capture operational challenges and requested the Sub-Group and the Risk Committee to consider this. The Board discussed in particular the significant risks associated with overcrowding in prisons, as	**Doncha O'Sullivan**

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		well as the mitigations in place to manage this and noted that the Risk Committee intended to specifically document and analyse this in its work.	
4.	**Transparency**	The Board **noted** the **Government Business and Communications Calendar** for the week ahead.	**Neil Ward**
5.	**AOB**	The Board was informed of a Supreme Court decision regarding judicial reviews.	**Stjohn O'Connor**

Key Action Points

Bring an item to the Board on Procurement Reform – Yvonne Furey

Bring an item to the Board on an AI pilot project within the Department – Louise Jevens

Record measures taken to address prisons overcrowding and IPS budget increases and capital programme. – Risk Committee (Ben Ryan)