An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt
Department of Justice

Management Board Meeting number 27 of 2024

Management Board – Meeting Details	
Date:	16 July 2024
Time:	1000
Location:	51 St Stephen's Green and teleconference
In Attendance:	Oonagh McPhillips (chair), John O'Callaghan, Doncha O'Sullivan, Richard Dixon, Yvonne Furey, David Gilbride, Louise Jevens, Andrew Munro, Stjohn O'Connor, Carole Sullivan, Rachel Woods, Mary McKenna, Gerry O'Brien, Bobby Smyth, Antoinette Doran, Aonghus O'Connor (for Item 3), Brien Henderson (for Item 4), Martin McDermott (for Item 5), Yvonne Phillips, James Campbell (Secretary)
Apologies	Deirdre McDonnell, Deirdre Meenan, Ben Ryan, Neil Ward

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1.	**Minutes** **Update from SG**	The minutes of the meeting of 9 July 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 in the previous week progress with legislation, private member's bill / motions and the SMT, and informed the board of meetings with the Courts Service and the Cabinet Committee on Migration.	**All**
2.	**Current and Emerging Issues**	The Board was updated on a Garda operation. The Board noted that DETE's independent AI Advisory Council has focused its first report on the use of facial recognition technology. It also noted engagement with the European Commission regarding infringements.	**John O'Callaghan** **Rachel Woods**

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		The Board was updated on the Court, Civil Law, Criminal Law and Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2024, progress of the Defamation Bill and engagement with UK counterparts on the CTA. The Board was updated on Garda recruitment and revised regulations. The Board noted the current situation regarding Stardust and a planned meeting with the Minister, the families and the coroner.	**Andrew Munro** **Deirdre McDonnell** **Stjohn O'Connor**
3.	**Bi Monthly Financial Updates**	The Board was provided with an overview of the Justice Group of Votes' spending in the year to date, including wage and capital expenditure, was updated on the Budget 2024 process and noted the current turnover in staffing of FSS Killarney.	**Yvonne Furey**
4.	**International Updates**	The Board received an update on EU developments including the Perm Rep's files on hand, the priorities for the incoming Commission and Parliament, and likely policy direction. The Board was also updated on the representation work of the JHA Counsellor in Embassy London and engagement with the incoming UK Government. The Board noted the positive updates and thanked colleagues for their work in the overseas postings.	**Neil Ward**

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5.	**Transparency**	The Board **noted** the **Government Business and Communications Calendar** for the week ahead.	**Neil Ward**
6.	**AOB**		

Key Action Points

Colleagues to suggest items for future SMTs – All

Update the SG on engagement with the Press Council on the Defamation Bill – Andrew Munro

Check budget process – Yvonne Furey

Seek to make payments as soon as possible to avoid overloading FSS in December - All