Department of Public Expenditure and Reform

Management Board Meeting on Monday 14 December, 2020

Minutes

Attendance
Secretary General, Mr Cagney, Mr Dean, Mr Moloney, Mr Sweetnam, Mr Barrett, Dr Fallon Byrne, Mr Quinn, Mr Lowry, Mr Feeney, Ms Sherwood, Ms Burke, Mr Menton, Mr Downes, Mr Sheedy, Ms Godkin, Ms Codd.

Apologies
Ms Coleman, Ms O'Reilly

1. **Minutes of Meeting held on 30 November 2020**
   The minutes of the meeting on 30 November were agreed.

2. **Events of the Week**
   - **Minister's Diary**
     Ms Godkin updated the Board on the Minister's diary for the coming week.

   - **Dáil Schedule**
     The Dáil Schedule for the week was discussed by the Board**.**

3. **Government Agenda**
   The agenda for this week's Government meeting was noted**.**

4. **Divisional Key Issues**

   Mr Downes provided an update on the Expenditure Policy and Reporting Division in relation Expenditure 2020, Estimates 2021, Digital Strategy and Brexit.

   Mr Moloney provided an update on the Labour Market and Enterprise Policy Division including matters relating to Housing and the Land Development Agency, Enterprise issues arising and Brexit.

   Mr Dean provided an update for the Expenditure Management, Structural Funds and Audit Division in relation to Climate issues, the meeting with the European Commission on the 2030 Climate Target, memos for Government and Education matters arising.

   Mr Menton updated for the Public Service Pay and Pensions Division including the Pay Talks, the Public Service Pay and Pensions Act and other pay and pension related issues.

   Dr Fallon Byrne provided an update for the Reform and Delivery Office including the - Joint PSMG/PSLB meeting taking place on 15th December, OPS 2020, the Civil Service Employee Engagement Survey, Whistleblowing Directive and the QCS Conference held last Wednesday.

   Mr Lowry provided an update for the Office of Government Chief Information Officer including an update on the work on the Vaccinations Taskforce.

Mr Quinn updated for the Office of Government Procurement in respect of the Vaccinations Taskforce, Brexit- guidance for contracting authorities that was finalised and published last week, the Commercial Skills Academy and the OGP's organisation review

Mr Cagney provided an update on the Civil Service Human Resources Division including revised FAQs, Support for the Vaccinations Taskforce, Pre-retirement courses and the outcome of the review of the collection and publication of Public Service Sick Leave Statistics.

5. **Upcoming Government Memos**
   The Memoranda for Government planned for upcoming Government meetings were discussed and noted by the Board.

6. **End November financial management reports for DPER and OGCIO**
   The End November financial management reports for DPER and OGCIO were discussed and noted by the Board.

7. **Draft Return on Government Legislation Programme for Spring Session**
   The Draft Return on Government Legislation Programme for Spring Session was discussed and noted by the Board and will be

8. **Any Other Business**

   -Background Note regarding Climate Action Plan
   The Background Note regarding Climate Action Plan was noted by the Board.

   -Programme for Government: D/Taoiseach request for update on progress
   A report for the Department of the Taoiseach is to be submitted by Thursday, 17 December. The report for the Department is to be a maximum of two pages long so updates on each commitment should only be two to three bullet points.

9. **Statement of Strategy 2021-23 and Business Plan 2021**
   Mr Feeney updated the Board on the progress to date on the Statement of Strategy 2021-23 and Business Plan 2021. It is envisaged these will be submitted to the Minister next week.

Next Meeting – Monday 21, December 2020