Minutes of the Cross-Departmental Oversight Committee Meeting
(Atypical Workers Permission Scheme (Non-EEA Crew))
26th of February 2020

Location: Agriculture House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.
Chair: Kevin Moriarty **(Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine)**

Attendees: **Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine** (**DAFM**) (Dr. Deirdre Kelleher, Brian Batt)
Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (**DBEI**) (Tara Coogan)
Department of Justice and Equality (**DJE**) (Kevin Kavanagh)
Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (**DTTS**) (Michael Kennedy)
Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (**DEASP**) (Mark Doheny)

1. **Minutes of previous meeting**
   a. The minutes of the Oversight Committee meeting held on the 20th of November 2019, circulated in advance of the meeting, were discussed. The minutes were agreed by all present.
   (*These minutes are now available on the DAFM website, as agreed*).

2. **Matters Arising**
   a. There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

3. **Mediation Agreement Update**
   a. DBEI updated the Committee in relation to Commitment 13 of the Agreement, which recommends that the WRC adjudicators have jurisdiction over violations of Regulation 6 of SI 709 of 2003, This will be delivered by way of primary legislation, which will be subject to the legislative process and timeline of the Oireachtas and is beyond the control of the Oversight Committee.

4. **Review of any submissions received**
   a. A submission from the ISWFPO was received in advance of this meeting; this was circulated to all members of the Committee. The Committee noted the contents of the submission and it was agreed a response would issue to the ISWFPO on behalf of the Committee, addressing the issues raised.

5. **Current uptake of Scheme**
   a. DJE advised that, as of Friday the 21st of February 2020, there are 232 potentially valid letters of approval currently in circulation.
   b. DAFM advised that, as of Friday the 21st of February 2020, there were 240 live pre - approval applications.

6. **Next Meeting**
   a. A date of the 3rd of June 2020 was agreed for the next meeting of the Oversight Committee.

7. **AOB**
   a. DJE informed the Committee that they were currently examining the possibility of extending the validity of the Letter of Approval issued under the Scheme to 180 days and sought the Committee's opinion on same. This proposed extension was agreed to by the Committee. DJE will report further to the Committee on this matter.
   b. That concluded the business of the meeting.