

Executive Board Minutes Meeting 11th Jan 2016

Attendance: Ann Nolan(Chair), Nicholas O'Brien, John McCarthy, Aidan Carrigan, John Hogan, Des Carville, Gary Tobin, Paul Ryan, Niall O'Ceallaigh, Paul Bolger, David Byrne, Mary Carrick (Secretary)

Apologies: Derek Moran, Neil Ryan

1. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

In addition to the Communications diary the following was discussed.

Minister of State Harris will attend ECOFIN 14th/15th January in place of the Minister. The Minister will take Oral PQs in the Dáil on Thursday. The Minister has approved the development of a body of work on the flood insurance issue. The planning of the forthcoming Management Review Day will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting and ideas from the Department will be considered. The Secretary General will schedule Business Plan meetings to take place before the end of January with every Assistant Secretary/Director.

Memoranda for Government were discussed and pending memoranda were noted.

The minutes of the previous Executive Board 4th January were amended and agreed. Progress on action points were noted.

Action:

- Meet each Division to agree Business Plans by end Jan – Secretary General, Second Secretary, Mr. Tierney, all Ass. Secretaries/Director

2. Dashboard Summary including discussion on:

2.1 Legal Programme

The Board noted that the Taoiseach is seeking views on the heads of the bill in relation to the Commission of Investigation.

2.2. Flood Insurance

The Department will continue to work with the OPW to pursue the Government strategy of increasing availability of flood insurance through engagement with the insurance industry on flood defences. Furthermore the Minister had approved proposals that the Department should carry out a review in the coming months of various options for flood insurance including an analysis of the international arrangements for flood insurance. FSD would carry out this review with support from Economic Division.

The Department will support the review committed to by Government on flood insurance and will liaise with OPW and provide options for consideration to meet the Government's aim to provide a quick response and solutions to the flood insurance issue.

2.4 ECOFIN/Eurogroup

Minister of State Harris will attend ECOFIN 14th/15th January. The members of the Board noted that Banking Union and combatting Terrorism Financing will be on the ECOFIN agenda. The Board also noted that Greece will feature on the Eurogroup agenda.

Action:

- FSD flood insurance review, with support from Economic Division, to be completed before end June 2016 – Mr Carrigan/Mr McCarthy.

3. Key Milestones Look-Ahead

Key Milestones for 2016 will be developed in conjunction with completion of Business Plans before the end of January.

4. AOB

The Board noted that DG Competition found against Belgium in a State Aid case. Fire Marshalls are required on each floor. Volunteers will be sought from each floor within buildings and managers are requested to encourage staff to volunteer. An email seeking volunteers will issue.

Action:

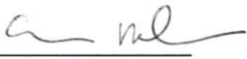
- Email re Fire Marshalls to issue – Mr Tobin/HR

Corporate Governance

1. Senior Management Review Day 11th and 12th February
The members of the Board agreed to bring ideas to the Executive Board meeting on the 18th for consideration on the structure, agenda and the possibility of an external speaker.
2. Election Costings Update
The Board noted that General Election Manifesto costing requests from Political Parties have been received and responded to by the Department. Six costings from 2 parties were received.

Action:

- Divisions to provide input to Senior Management Review Day agenda – A.Secs/Director



Ann Nolan
Second Secretary