



### Management Board Meeting number 6 of 2023

Management Board – Meeting Details	
<b>Date:</b>	21 February 2023
<b>Time:</b>	1000
<b>Location:</b>	51 St Stephen's Green and teleconference
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Oonagh McPhillips (chair), John O'Callaghan, Doncha O'Sullivan, Martina Colville, David Delaney, Yvonne Furey, David Gilbride, Louise Jevens, Andrew Munro, Aonghus O'Connor, Stjohn O'Connor, Ben Ryan, Carole Sullivan Neil Ward, Rachel Woods, Andrew Jones, Emer Mullins, Patrick Cluskey, Mary O'Regan (for Item 3), Marie Minihan (for Item 4), Juan Perez-Camacho (for Item 5), Yvonne Phillips, James Campbell (Secretary)
<b>Apologies</b>	Seamus Clifford, Deirdre Meenan

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1.	<b>Minutes</b>  <b>Update from SG</b>	<p>The minutes of the meeting of 7 February 2023 were agreed and all actions arising are being progressed. The note of the meeting will be published on the Plan and Risk database.</p> <p>The Secretary General noted the productive event with NGOs in the DSGBV sector and acknowledged the work of HR and Transparency welcoming a group of transition year students to the Department.</p>	<b>All</b>
2.	<b>Current and Emerging Issues</b>	<p>Immigrant Investor Programme</p> <p>The Board noted that the Government's ending of the Immigrant Investor Programme left a number of applications in process and that they would be assessed before closing out the scheme.</p> <p>International Cooperation</p>	<b>David Gilbride</b>  <b>Yvonne Furey</b>



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		<p>The Board was updated on a meeting with the Brazilian undersecretary and ambassador on immigration and international cooperation between Ireland and Brazil. The Board also noted a meeting was planned with criminal justice counterparts in Northern Ireland.</p>	
		<p>Firearms Policy</p> <p>The Board noted that there was ongoing engagement with An Garda Síochána regarding firearms legislation, licensing and restrictions on ownership of firearm accessories.</p>	<b>Yvonne Furey</b>
		<p>Data Protection Commissioner</p> <p>The Board noted that the Data Protection Commissioner had met the Minister and discussed ongoing legal challenges, developments at EU level and the regulatory environment.</p>	<b>Andrew Munro</b>
		<p>EU proposals on combatting violence against women and domestic violence</p> <p>The Board received an update on the proposed EU directive to set minimum rules on criminal offences in relation to certain sexual offences and engagement with Ireland's MEPs on the matter.</p>	<b>Ben Ryan</b>
		<p>Citizen's Assembly on Drugs Use</p> <p>The Board noted that the Department was supporting the Department of the Taoiseach on the Citizen's Assembly on Drug Use including</p>	<b>Ben Ryan</b>



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		<p>identifying experts from the criminal justice sector to inform the debate.</p> <p>Sentencing of Children</p> <p>The Board was updated on the sentencing of children.</p> <p>Judicial Appointments</p> <p>The Board noted that the Minister had met the Chief Justice in advance of the publication of the Judicial Planning Working Group. The Board also noted that there was ongoing liaison with the Department of Public Expenditure regarding budgets to support the increase in judicial numbers.</p>	<p>Rachel Woods</p> <p>Stjohn O'Connor</p>
3.	<b>Review of Life Sentences</b>	The Board noted the paper on life sentence policy and discussed policy options and the experiences of other jurisdictions.	<b>Ben Ryan</b>
4.	<b>Review of the Peace Commissioners</b>	The Board noted the many and varied roles of Peace Commissioners, their importance in local communities and discussed modernisation.	<b>Yvonne Furey</b>
5.	<b>Innovation Strategy</b>	The Board noted the presentation on the Innovation Strategy and discussed the strategy, ways to improve it and innovation across the Department.	<b>Louise Jevens</b>
6.	<b>Transparency</b>	The Board noted the <b>Government Business and Communications Calendar</b> for the week ahead.	<b>Neil Ward</b>



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7.	<b>AOB</b>		

**Key Action Points**

Brief Transparency on the EU proposals on combatting violence against women and domestic violence – Ben Ryan

Brief the Minister on sentencing of children – Rachel Woods