



Management Board Meeting number 8 of 2023

Management Board – Meeting Details	
Date:	7 March 2023
Time:	1000
Location:	51 St Stephen's Green and teleconference
In Attendance:	Oonagh Mc Phillips (Chair), John O'Callaghan, Doncha O'Sullivan, Yvonne Furey, David Gilbride, Louise Jevens, Andrew Munro, Stjohn O'Connor, Aonghus O'Connor, Ben Ryan, Carole Sullivan, Neil Ward, Rachel Woods, Emer Mullins, Andrew Jones, Nick Donnelly (item 3), Catherine MacEnri (item 5), Paddy Forsyth (item 6), Yvonne Phillips, Layla de Cogan Chin (Secretary)
Apologies	Seamus Clifford, Martina Colville, David Delaney, Deirdre Meenan

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1.	Minutes Update from SG	<p>The minutes of the meeting of 28 February 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 updated the Board on notable meetings and events, including a meeting with the CEO of PAS about the current recruitment situation in the Department and An Garda Síochána. She also briefed the Board on the meeting with her Home Office counterpart.</p> <p>The Board was asked to note the PMDS deadlines.</p>	All
2.	Current and Emerging Issues	The Board was updated on the Department of Transport memo on the response to drones at Dublin Airport and related considerations.	John O'Callaghan



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		<p>The Board noted an update on a prisoner transfer case.</p>	Yvonne Furey
		<p>The Board was given a summary of the number of applications for Temporary and International Protection since the start of the year and noted profile trends.</p>	David Gilbride
		<p>The Board was briefed on the Minister's meeting with the Garda Commissioner and the Taoiseach to discuss GNIB operations and related immigration matters.</p>	Doncha O'Sullivan
		<p>An update of the Department's plans as part of the Decade of Centenaries celebration was shared with the Board.</p>	Neil Ward
		<p>The Board was informed that a more forward-looking approach to planned communications mapping out the rest of the Minister's time with the Department was being finalised and will be circulated once agreed. Timely awareness of events and announcements across the sector will allow for more strategic communication and will give teams more lead time to prepare.</p>	Neil Ward
		<p>The Board was updated on the meeting with the Chair of the Cherry Orchard Implementation Group and the proposed next steps.</p>	Ben Ryan
		<p>The Board was informed that following a meeting with the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science</p>	Ben Ryan



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		<p>(DFHERIS) and the IPS, DFHERIS is scoping options for a taskforce focused on education in prisons, co-chaired by both Ministers.</p> <p>The Board was given an update on discussions underway to progress legislation.</p>	Rachel Woods
3.	Office of the Attorney General Statement of Strategy consultation	<p>The Board noted the consultation by the Office of the Attorney General as part of the preparation of its new Statement of Strategy 2023-2025. Board members considered the various services provided by the AGO and the Department's engagement with advisory counsel, parliamentary counsel and the CSSO. It was agreed that as a significant client Department, observations should be provided.</p>	Nick Donnelly
4.	AMLCU and CICT statistics update	<p>The Board was updated on the work of the AMLCU, informed of legal advice received on areas of the units work and noted the statistics on meeting and in many cases exceeding targets.</p> <p>The Secretary General welcomed in particular the very significant progress made by the Criminal Injuries Compensation team and Tribunal members in clearing a high number of cases in 2022.</p>	Yvonne Furey
5.	Criminal Legal Aid and Firearms & Explosives statistics update	<p>Quarterly statistical updates were presented to the Board on various areas of Justice service delivery: firearms, Garda compensation, criminal legal aid and the Central Authority for Child Maintenance and Abduction.</p>	Yvonne Furey
6.	Proposal on policy and legislative	<p>The Board acknowledged the two comprehensive and detailed reports of Firearms Licensing Review, which along with Firearms</p>	Ben Ryan



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	changes (Firearms)	<p>Expert Committee reports, identify a number of issues with the current firearms licensing system, arising primarily from the age and complexity of the State's firearms legislation and its divergence from current and evolving EU legislation.</p> <p>The Board considered proposals to address immediate priorities as well as medium and longer term action to reform the Firearms Acts, meet EU obligations and ensure that Ireland's interests are accurately represented in negotiations on proposed EU firearms legislation.</p> <p>It was agreed to further consider options and potential next steps to address the issues identified in the reports.</p>	
7.	Transparency	The Board noted the Government Business and Communications Calendar for the week ahead.	Neil Ward
8.	AOB		

Key Action Points

Legal Unit, to draft observations to contribute to the Office of the Attorney General's consultation on its new Statement of Strategy. – Nick Donnelly