



### Management Board Meeting number 14 of 2023

Management Board – Meeting Details	
<b>Date:</b>	25 April 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, David Delaney, Yvonne Furey, David Gilbride, Deirdre Meenan, Andrew Munro, Aonghus O'Connor, Stjohn O'Connor, Ben Ryan, Carole Sullivan, Neil Ward, Rachel Woods, Emer Mullins, Patrick Cluskey, Brendan Bruen (for Item 3), Eamon O'Halloran (for Item 4), Yvonne Phillips, James Campbell (Secretary)
<b>Apologies</b>	Seamus Clifford, Louise Jevens, Andrew Jones

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1.	<b>Minutes</b>  <b>Update from SG</b>	<p>The minutes of the meeting of 18 April 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 SG noted the Department's productive engagement with the CSO in preparing for publication the CSO's Sexual Violence Survey. The SG also noted the likelihood of the PPP decoupling - confirmation is awaited from the Department of Public Expenditure.</p> <p>The SG updated the Board on the competitions to recruit new Heads of Corporate and Security and highlighted the Young Ireland Programme, which offers opportunities for staff development.</p>	<b>All</b>
2.	<b>Current and Emerging Issues</b>	GSOC	<b>John O'Callaghan and Carole Sullivan</b>



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		<p>The Board was updated on ongoing engagement with GSOC.</p> <p>Cabinet</p> <p>The Board noted that Cabinet would consider the publication of a sensitive report.</p>	<p><b>John O'Callaghan</b></p>
		<p>Referendums</p> <p>The Board noted an update on inter-Departmental work regarding the proposed referendums on family and the role of women in the home.</p>	<p><b>Andrew Munro</b></p>
		<p>Judicial Appointments Commission Bill and Courts Bill</p> <p>The Board noted that the Seanad continues to consider the report stage of the Judicial Appointments Commission Bill and that consideration is being given for a Memo for Government to seek an early signature motion if necessary on the Courts Bill.</p>	<p><b>Andrew Munro</b></p>
		<p>International Protection and Temporary Protection</p> <p>The Board was updated on accommodation for people seeking international protection and on a legal challenge on the supports offered by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. The Board was also updated on the numbers seeking International Protection and Temporary Protection.</p>	<p><b>David Delaney</b></p>



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		<p>Assistant Secretaries Network Conference</p> <p>The Board was updated on the Conference and noted positive engagement with academics interested in the Justice sector.</p> <p>Human Trafficking</p> <p>The Board noted that statistics provided by the DPP on prosecutions and convictions for human trafficking would be provided to the US State Department for inclusion in a report on trafficking in persons that is expected to be published in June.</p> <p>Garda Representative Association Conference</p> <p>The Board was updated on the GRA Conference and plans for the Minister and officials to attend.</p> <p>Forensic Science Ireland</p> <p>The Board was briefed on a possible issue in relation to the FSI's presentation of evidence in court.</p>	<p><b>Ben Ryan</b></p> <p><b>Ben Ryan</b></p> <p><b>Carole Sullivan</b></p> <p><b>Rachel Woods</b></p>
3	<b>Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Bill</b>	<p>The Board was updated on the Bill, noted the ongoing work on a European Directive on confiscation of assets and discussed the Bill and the potential benefits of opting into the European scheme in future.</p>	<b>Rachel Woods</b>
4	<b>Transparency Quarterly Updates</b>	<p>The Board welcomed the update on Transparency's performance metrics, noting positive progress on response times and quality assessments and discussed how to embed</p>	<b>Neil Ward</b>



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		learnings across other functions in the Department.	
5	<b>Awareness Raising Campaigns</b>	The Board noted the Departments planned awareness raising campaigns and discussed measuring the effectiveness of the campaigns and other matters could be highlighted in future campaigns.	<b>Neil Ward</b>
6	<b>Transparency</b>	The Board noted the <b>Government Business and Communications Calendar</b> for the week ahead.	<b>Neil Ward</b>
7	<b>AOB</b>	The Board noted that the Stardust Inquest had commenced.	<b>Stjohn O'Connor</b>

**Key Action Points**

Present to the Management Board on the Sexual Violence Survey – Gurchand Singh

When preparing eSubmissions on State board appointments and chairs, to have regard to the overall gender balance of all Department boards as well as the individual board under consideration. - All

Prepare a note for the Minister on the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth's accommodation for International Protection applicants and legal challenges – David Delaney

Raise PQ follow-up responses with AGS at Governance meetings – Carole Sullivan