

Department of Finance and Revenue Board Liaison Group

Meeting: 10am, Wednesday 10 June, 2015

Summary Note of the Meeting

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Attendees: Derek Moran, Ann Nolan, Niall Cody, Gerry Harrahill, Gary Tobin (Secretary to the Group); Liam Irwin sent his apologies as he was travelling abroad and couldn't attend.

This was the second meeting of the Group.

The following issues were discussed.

- **Exchequer Returns** – the most recent Exchequer returns and the outlook for the remainder of the year were discussed.
- **Tax Appeals Commission Bill** – it was noted that the competition to appoint new Commissioners being run by the Public Appointments Service has commenced and that it is hoped that the text of the Bill will shortly be going to Government for approval and then will be published.
- **Customs Bill** – it was noted that the Bill was in the Seanad today for Committee and Final Stages. (The Bill passed all stages).
- **Betting Act** – There was a discussion on the implementation of the Betting Bill and the involvement of the Department of Justice in the process.
- **Finance Bill** – the current state of play regarding preparations for the forthcoming Finance Bill were discussed.
- **EU Tax Issues** – issues in relation to EU state aid were discussed.
- **Competent Authority** – Revenue are preparing a Report for submission to the Minister on progress with implementing this action point in the Road Map for Tax Competitiveness published with last year's Budget.
- **Thornhill Review** – it was noted that Dr Thornhill is currently finalising his Report.
- **Sarsfield House** – Revenue updated the group on the redevelopment plans for their office in Limerick as part of a larger urban regeneration project.
- **Brexit** – the review underway by the ESRI at the Department's request was discussed. Revenue input will be needed including in relation to the consideration of customs issues.
- **HR and Learning and Development Issues** – the possibility of annual secondment of an AO from Revenue to the Tax Policy Division in the Department of Finance as a learning and development initiative was discussed. Also the possibility of an SNE post in DG Tax in Brussels was discussed. It was also agreed that L&D opportunities between the two organisations should be encouraged.

- **National Economic Dialogue** – the current preparations in relation to the Dialogue were discussed.
- **Any Other Business** – it was noted that Revenue would be written to shortly by the Department in relation to new EU Anti-Money Laundering Rules.
- **Date for Next Meeting** – It was agreed that the Group would aim to meet again in September.