

Department of Finance/Revenue Board Liaison Meeting
22 April 2016
2pm, Dublin Castle

DRAFT Note of Meeting

Attendees: Derek Moran, Ann Nolan, Gary Tobin (Secretary), Niall Cody, Gerry Harrahill; Liam Irwin

Prior to the meeting, all attended the official opening of the new 1916 exhibition in the Revenue Museum in Dublin Castle which centred on the role of Bulmer Hobson, a former Revenue official.

The meeting followed the agenda as circulated.

1. Government Formation Discussions and Budget Reform Proposals

There was a discussion regarding the current state of play regarding the formation of Government in the context of the possible implications for the Budget process and the Finance Bill process of new proposals regarding Oireachtas reform.

2. Exchequer Returns

The latest position with regard to the Exchequer returns was discussed.

3. Revenue Annual Report

It was noted that the Revenue Annual Report was currently with the Minister for clearance and that subject to Government approval, it was hoped to publish the annual report shortly.

4. Budget/Finance Bill

The current state of play regarding discussions between Finance and Revenue on the 'Finance Bill list' was discussed.

5. BREXIT

The implications of BREXIT was discussed as was ongoing contingency preparations in the event of a UK vote to leave the EU. It was noted that an ad-hoc Revenue/Finance Contact Group on the issue has already been established and that Revenue is represented on the Inter-Departmental Committee on the issue.

6. Tax Appeals Commission

The modalities regarding the transfer of ongoing cases from Revenue to the new Tax Appeals Commission was discussed.

7. Panama Papers

The Chairman of Revenue gave an update on Revenue's activities on foot of the recent Panama papers disclosures.

8. EU and International Tax Issues

Following on from Item 7 on the agenda, ongoing international and EU tax issues were discussed in light of the Informal ECOFIN ministerial meeting in the Netherlands taking place the same day as this meeting.

9. Sarsfield House, Limerick

Revenue gave an update on the Sarsfield House project in Limerick.

10. Civil Service Reform

Issues of mutual interest regarding the civil service reform initiative were discussed.

11. HR and L&D Issues

Ongoing co-operation between the two organisations was acknowledged.

12. Provisional Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for July.

13. AOB

The on-going co-operation between Revenue and the Central Bank was briefly discussed.

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