

Minutes of Main TALC meeting

11 February 2020

Revenue, Bishop's Square, Dublin 2 at 2.30pm

Item 1 Minutes of Meeting held on 11 December 2019

The minutes of the Main TALC meeting were agreed.

Item 2 DWT Real-Time Reporting update from Revenue

The following update was provided by the team managing the public consultation on DWT Real Time Reporting.

“The public consultation for submissions to the DWT real-time regime closed on 12 December 2019. A total of 20 submissions were received from various stakeholders across the sector including public and private companies, intermediaries, accountancy bodies and representative bodies. A comprehensive review of all submissions was conducted to identify and consider the key themes raised.

As part of this consultation, there has been extensive bilateral stakeholder engagement with entities that made submissions and other stakeholders. An open consultation forum will be held in the coming weeks with an emphasis on engagement with private companies and their agents. Invitations will be extended to stakeholders and, for event management purposes, attendance will be subject to booking.

A consultation summary is expected to be published in the coming weeks and stakeholder engagement will continue throughout the entire project.”

Updates on the DWT project will be an agenda for Main TALC in future as the project progresses. TALC will remain the forum for engagement on technical and administrative matters. Revenue asked practitioners to submit concerns/comments in advance of the next Main TALC meeting. Practitioners requested that the feedback statement be discussed at the next meeting.

Item 3 Revenue's Statement of Strategy and Corporate Priorities 2020

Revenue highlighted several items that are part of its new Statement of Strategy and Corporate Priorities in 2020. The discussion included

- Further development of the sectoral approach to the management of Revenue's casebase include increasingly tailored approaches to the management of risk,
- further building of digital interaction on real time compliance opportunities and designing out risks of non-compliance where possible,
- progressively increasing the pre-population of tax returns,
- refining the range of intervention types,
- collections remaining a priority and the new Debt Management System intended to further strengthen compliance.

Item 4 TALC structures and sub-committees

The ITI representatives spoke to a paper they had submitted in response to a request for suggestions on how well the sub-committee structure works and any suggestions on how it might be improved. The primary elements raised in the submission were:

- Greater clarity and awareness of each sub-committee's remit.
- Main TALC to strengthen its oversight role over sub-committees. Specifically each sub-committee to submit both its annual work programme and a concise summary of each meeting to Main TALC for review.
- Sub-committees to be in a position to invite relevant experts from either Revenue or practice who are not regular members to address particular topics in their remit (The meeting notes that this is standard practice for Revenue officials at technical sub-committees)
- Promoting the outcomes and value of TALC through a joint communication at year end.

The meeting agreed these proposals, noting that they broadly reflect the agreed 2010 TALC guidelines. It was agreed that the 2010 guidelines would be updated to reflect the discussion and circulated for sign-off at the next meeting. In the meantime chairpersons and secretaries of sub-committees are to be reminded of the 2010 guidelines and invited to submit their workplans and meeting summaries for inclusion with the papers for the next main TALC meeting.

Revenue raised the issue of items appearing on the agenda for two or possibly more sub-committees. The overlap between MyEnquiries TALC subgroup and Collections TALC was highlighted as an example. It was agreed that the MyEnquiries subgroup would be formally recognised as a subgroup of Collections TALC and report via this forum. Practitioners expressed concern about the formalities of subgroups and the fact that official minutes are not taken. It was also suggested that Collections TALC review the number of meetings held annually and considering reverting to four meetings a year. The title of the current TALC Audit subcommittee was discussed. Proposals for a re-branding included TALC Compliance and TALC Interventions. Final position agreed is TALC Compliance Interventions.

It was agreed that iXBRL TALC would be subsumed into the Collections TALC sub-committee and that iXBRL TALC will be reformed when required.

Item 5 AOB

No items discussed under AOB.

Attendees

Revenue	CCAB-I	ITI	Law Society
Brian Boyle (Chair)	Sharon Burke	David Fennell	Pat Bradley
Barry O'Dwyer (Secretary)	Kimberley Rowan	Anne Gunnell	Caroline Devlin
Eugene Creighton	Brid Heffernan	Mary Healy	
Joe Howley	Brian Purcell	Pat Mahon	
		Kieran Twomey	
		Tom Maguire	

Apologies

Paul Dillon, CCAB-I