

**Report of Tax Strategy Group Meeting on 3 November 2009**

**Minutes of the meeting on 20 October 2009**

**(TSG 09/18)**

1. The minutes of the meeting of 20 October were agreed.

**Vehicle Registration Tax (VRT)**

**(TSG 09/19a)**

2. The paper was presented to the Group and a general discussion on the issues followed. The group noted how the decline in new car sales has significantly affected VRT yield. Other items covered included the introduction of a car scrappage scheme, a VRT export refund scheme and Commission on Taxation recommendations.

**General Excise Duties (Tobacco and Alcohol Products)**

**(TSG 09/19b)**

3. The Group was briefed on the yields and current issues in relation to excise on tobacco and alcohol products. A number of issues were discussed including the change in rates in recent years, cross border price and differentials across products and recommendations by the Commission on Taxation.

**Tax Incentives/Expenditures**

**(TSG 09/20)**

4. This paper was supplied to the Group for information purposes. It provided information, including yields and costs, on Tax Relief and Tax Incentive schemes.

**Pension Taxation**

**(TSG 09/21)**

5. A paper dealing with the current issues in relation to pensions taxation policy was presented to the Group. The Group was informed of a number of recent developments that inform consideration of future policy in this area. These included; the Green paper on Pensions, the Commission on Taxation Report, the Renewed Programme for Government and the National Pensions Framework.

**Attendance list and Next Meeting**

6. The attendance list for the meeting is attached. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 November 2009, in Room 0.2, South Block, Government Buildings, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2.

**Rory O'Kelly**

**4 November 2009**



## TSG Attendance List, 20 October 2009

### **Department of Finance:**

Derek Moran  
Paul Ryan  
Pat Murphy  
Gary Tobin  
Vincent Palmer  
John Day  
Donal Murtagh  
Karen Keating  
Áine De Baróid  
Seamus Milne  
Jim Stafford  
Rory O'Kelly

### **Department of the Taoiseach:**

Donall Geoghegan  
Joe Lennon  
John Shaw

### **Revenue Commissioners:**

Eugene Creighton  
Michael O'Grady  
Philip Brennan

### **Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment:**

Paul Kealy  
Gerard Monks

### **Department of Health and Children**

Jim Breslin

**Department of Social and Family and Family Affairs**

Brian O'Raghallaigh

**Office of the Attorney General**

Caroline Daly

**Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government**

Michael Layde

Oliver O'Connor

Clare Dunne

**Apologies:**

Jim O'Brien

Jim Breslin

Michael Layde