

Report of Tax Strategy Group Meeting on 14 September 2010**TSG Rota 2010****(TSG 10/01A)**

1. The changes to the amended rota were noted.

Economic Framework for Budget 2011**(TSG 10/02)**

2. The Economic paper presented to the Group gave an update on the current economic situation and set out the medium term macroeconomic outlook as currently envisaged. Topics covered included recent developments in the external environment, assessment of the outlook for the period 2010 – 2014 and the Department’s view regarding the importance of adopting appropriate fiscal measures to restore long term sustainability to the public finances, thereby reassuring financial markets that Ireland can continue to meet its liabilities.

National Minimum Wage**(TSG 10/03)**

3. A paper on the National Minimum Wage was presented to the Group. Items covered by the paper included the background to the introduction of the National Minimum Wage, international comparisons within the EU, the effect on youth unemployment and recent developments involving the Labour Court.

Replacement Rates 2010**(TSG 10/04)**

4. The paper was presented to the Group and is a follow on from the paper “Replacement Rates and Unemployment” which was published by the Department prior to Budget 2010.

Capital and Savings Taxation Issues**(TSG 10/05)**

5. This paper sets out the current position covering a range of Capital Taxes, including Capital Gains Tax, Capital Acquisitions Tax, Stamp Duties covering financial cards and financial instruments, DIRT and the Domicile Levy. The Group discussed the issues that have been raised or likely to be raised in the context of Budget / Finance Bill 2011, including recommendations made by the Commission on Taxation.
6. Thanks were expressed by the Chairman on behalf of the Group to three members who are stepping down, Ms. Marie O’Neill (Department of Social Protection), Ms. Clare Dunne (Department of Enterprise, Trade and Innovation) and Mr. Michael Layde (Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government). The Chairman also welcomed four new

members joining the Group, Mr. Brian Whitney (Department of Enterprise, Trade and Innovation), Mr Denis Moynihan (Department of Social Protection), Mr. John McCarthy (Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government) and Mr. Stephen O'Connor (Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources).

Attendance list and Next Meeting

7. The attendance list for the meeting is attached.

8. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28 September 2010, in Room 0.2, South Block, Government Buildings, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2.

Rory O'Kelly

15 September 2010

TSG Attendance list, 14 September 2010

Department of Finance:

Jim O'Brien

Derek Moran

Cathy Herbert

Paul Ryan

Pat Murphy

Vincent Palmer

John McCarthy

David Moloney

John Conlon

Joan O'Shea

Liam Smith

Rory O'Kelly

Department of the Taoiseach:

Dónall Geoghegan

John Shaw

Martin Fraser

Revenue Commissioners:

Michael O'Grady

Eugene Creighton

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Innovation:

Brian Whitney

Paul Kealy

Department of Social Protection:

Brian O'Raghallaigh

Denis Moynihan

Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

Stephen O'Connor

Office of the Attorney General

Paula O'Hare

Apologies:

Joe Lennon – Department of An Taoiseach

Peter Clinch – Department of An Taoiseach

Caroline Daly – Office of the Attorney General

Philip Brennan – Revenue Commissioners

Jim Breslin – Department of Health