

## **Report of Tax Strategy Group Meeting on 27 September 2011**

### **Minutes of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011** (TSG 11/07)

1. The minutes of the meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> September were agreed.

### **Pay Related Social Insurance** (TSG 11/08)

2. The Department of Social Protection presented this paper setting out recent developments in PRSI and the context for further changes against the background of the current operating deficit in the Social Insurance Fund. The Group noted the commitment in the Programme for Government to maintain the existing level of rate of social welfare payments including social insurance payments. A general discussion in relation to the options for increasing income to the SIF took place following the presentation.

### **Taxation of Property** (TSG 11/09)

3. The Taxation of Property paper dealt with the taxation of immovable property. The paper looked at the history of property taxation in Ireland, Stamp Duty and outlined the current and possible future developments in property taxation in light of the forthcoming legislation to introduce a “household charge”. The Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government presented a separate paper to the Group titled “Household Charge”.

### **Tax Administration Issues** (TSG 11/10)

4. The Tax Administration paper reviewed the general area of Revenue Powers. The following issues were covered; tax collection and enforcement, measures to counter tax evasion and the shadow economy activities, tax avoidance, improving the tax administration systems and policy developments in non-tax areas impacting on tax collection. It was noted that illegal trading in mineral oils and tobacco smuggling represented a serious threat to the Exchequer.

### **Residence Issues** (TSG 11/11)

5. It was agreed to defer the presentation of this paper until the next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

**Attendance list and Next Meeting**

6. The attendance list for the meeting is attached.
  
7. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 4 October 2011, in Room 0.2, South Block, Government Buildings, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2.

**Rory O'Kelly**

**29 September 2011**

**TSG Attendance list, 27 September 2011**

**Department of Finance:**

Ann Nolan

Derek Moran

Jim O'Leary

Pat Ring

Des O'Leary

Liam Smith

John Day

Deirdre Aherne

Rory O'Kelly

**Department of Public Expenditure and Reform**

John Conlon

Ronan O'Brien

**Department of the Taoiseach:**

Andrew McDowell

John Shaw

**Revenue Commissioners:**

Michael O'Grady

Eugene Creighton

**Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation:**

Ciarán Conlon

Paul Kealy

**Department of Social Protection:**

Brian O'Raghallaigh

Denis Moynihan

Mary Kennedy

Aideen Mooney

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Tánaiste)**

Colm O'Reardon

**Office of the Attorney General**

Caroline Daly

**Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government:**

Des Dowling

Ciaran Conroy