

Body Publishes Summary of Progress for the Period April to September 2011

Last month the Implementation Body sought an update from sectors on the progress made on implementing the Action Plans in each sector over the period April to September 2011.

The Body has been considering the reports received and, to assist the public and other interested bodies, has produced a [short summary document](#) highlighting the main areas of progress reported by each sector for this reporting period. The document also updates on a number of public service-wide developments, including the ongoing reduction in public service staff numbers, which are on course to achieve end 2011 targets.

The [full progress reports](#) submitted by each sector are also available on this website.

Commenting on the launch of the progress summary the Chair of the Implementation Body, Mr. PJ Fitzpatrick, stated;

“The job of the Implementation Body is to ensure that there is no let up in the implementation of the action plans in place for each sector under the Agreement. Today’s report shows that progress continues to be made across sectors and that the Croke Park Agreement continues to be an active enabler for change and reform.

The Chair also emphasised that much remains to be done, given the fiscal and other challenges facing the country and the need for public service bodies to maintain quality services at a time when such services are needed by so many people and businesses. He thanked those responsible for driving the implementation of the reform programme on the ground across the public service for their efforts to date.

All Action Plans will have to be revised in the coming weeks to reflect the outcome of the Comprehensive Review of Expenditure, the Government’s new Public Service Reform plan, also being launched today, and decisions arising from next month’s Budget.

In Spring 2012, the Implementation Body will examine the savings achieved during the second year of the Agreement as well as the progress made on Action Plans over the next reporting period October 2011 to March 2012.

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