

**Report on Minutes of the Education Finance Board
20th July 2011**

Date	Topic	Decision
20.7.11	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes The Chairperson summarised the meeting with the Assistant Secretary General and the Principal Officer of the Department of Education and Skills (DES) which was held on 20th July 2011.</p>	
	<p>Criteria A discussion took place as to the best method of informing all applicants to the fund of the current situation whereby the depletion of the fund was almost complete. Communication was identified as a key essential to a successful handover to the new Trust and to the wind-down of the fund. It was agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft notices would be drawn up which would include the functions of the Board; the limitations of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (Amendment) Act 2005; the date order of applications and the possibility that their application may not receive funding. • A notice would be issued for former residents directing them to the Department of Education and Skills website in which the draft legislation for the Residential Institutions Statutory Trust (DES) would be available. • Draft versions would be emailed to the members in order for applicants to the fund to be informed as soon as possible. • In the light of the probable early depletion of the funds available to the Board, the annual review of the Criteria, which normally takes place at this time, would be deferred. 	
	<p>Publicity As agreed at the meeting on 19th July 2011, the members once more emphasised the necessity of informing the former resident support groups of the depletion of the fund and requesting their assistance in notifying their members of the current situation.</p>	
	<p>Staffing The Chairperson stated that the expertise and experience which members of the staff of the Board had accrued over their period of service with the Board had been brought to the attention of the DES at their meeting.</p>	
	<p>AOB There was no business for this item.</p>	
	<p>Next meeting It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 23rd August with an Audit Committee meeting to be held on the same date.</p>	