

**Report on Minutes of Education Finance Board
19th July 2011**

Date	Topic	Decision
19.7.11	<p>Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2011 were approved.</p>	Approved
	<p>Matters arising from Minutes The Board was informed that this meeting would concern itself primarily with preparation for the meeting with the Department of Education and Skills (DES). In the first instance the Board would deal with the wind-down strategy for the EFB, to include a discussion on the documentation provided by the DES on the new Statutory Trust and the Board's considered view which would be made known at the meeting with the DES.</p>	
	<p>Notification of Motions No Notices of Motions were received for this meeting.</p>	
	<p>Correspondence Letter to Chairperson acknowledging the Board's work to date and advising that the Government has approved the drafting of legislation for the Statutory Fund which provides for the dissolution of the EFB.</p> <p>The following documentation, received with the above letter, was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press release from DES wherein the Minister expressed disappointment with the level of contributions offered by religious congregations. • Report on consultation process re the proposed Statutory Fund. • General Scheme of a Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Bill 2011. • Copies to Board of letter to Minister for Education and Skills and of an Evaluation of the proposed Statutory Fund from the Alliance Victim Support were also noted. <p>A discussion on the documentation followed and the agreed actions will be put in place once the wording of the notice to applicants had been approved by members. It was also agreed to notify the support groups and ask for their continued support in letting their members be aware of the current level of funding available.</p>	
	<p>Approvals, Appeals and Queries There were 203 approvals in respect of 183 applicants to a total value of €173,417.98. The breakdown of the approvals is as follows: former resident 51 (25.12%); child 98 (48.27%); grandchild 47 (23.16%); spouse 7 (3.45%). The country analysis is: Ireland 154 (75.86%); UK 34 (17.75%); Australia 1 (0.49%); USA 4 (1.97%); Sweden 1 (0.49%); Canada 2 (0.99%); Germany 1 (0.49%) New Zealand 6 (2.96%).</p>	
	<p>Criteria The Board was alerted to the header on the assistance form on the EFB website which may give rise to data protection and confidentiality issues in contravention of paragraph 32 (5) of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (Amendment) Act 2005.</p>	It was agreed that the heading would be removed from the assistance form for all future applications and it would be removed from the website version also.

	It was agreed to defer the Review of the Criteria for Awarding Grants 2010 until after the meeting with the DES.	
	Publicity A report was given on the meetings with Irish SOCA and the Aislinn Education Centre.	
	Finance NTMA Report: The total Fund value at 30/6/11 is €2,443,896.66 There was a request for a draw-down from the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA) to CDVEC. City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee (CDVEC) Financial Statement to June 2011. Crowleys DFK fee for assistance during C&AG on-site audit.	Noted and agreed. Noted Noted and agreed.
	IT and Communication Requirements The Board agreed the quote for the printing of 200 copies of the Annual Report of the Education Finance Board 2010.	
	Staffing It was agreed that this item would be discussed once more when the meeting with the DES had taken place.	
	AOB There was no business for this item.	
	Next Meeting It was agreed that the Board would reconvene on 20 th July subsequent to the meeting with DES.	