

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2020**

The Committee met in **Public** Session at 11:33 a.m. in Committee Room 3, a quorum being present.

The following Members were present:

**Deputies:** Brian Stanley (C); Colm Burke; Jennifer Carroll MacNeill; Matt Carthy; Cormac Devlin; Alan Dillon; Neasa Hourigan; Paul McAuliffe; Marc MacSharry; Catherine Murphy; Verona Murphy.

**Permanent**

**Witness:** Comptroller and Auditor General, Mr. Seamus McCarthy (remote witness)

**Apologies** Imelda Munster

**1. Witnesses Examined**

**Department of Social Protection**

- Mr. John McKeon, Secretary General
- Mr. Tim Duggan Deputy Secretary (acting)
- Mr. Ciarán Lawler Assistant Secretary

**Department of Social Protection (remote witness)**

- Mr. John Conlon, Assistant Secretary

**Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (remote witnesses)**

- Mr. David Moloney, Assistant Secretary, DSP Vote Section
- Ms Jenny Connors, Assistant Principal, DSP Vote Section

**Matters for discussion**

- Appropriation Account 2019
  - Vote 37 – Employment Affairs and Social Protection
- Financial Statements 2019
  - Social Insurance Fund
- Report on the Accounts of the Public Services 2019
  - Chapter 4 – Control over Welfare Payments

It was agreed that the Clerk would request any follow-up information and carry out any agreed actions arising from the meeting. It was also agreed to note and publish the opening statements and briefing provided to the Committee for the meeting.

The Committee adjourned at 1:33 p.m. until 18 November 2020.



Brian Stanley, T.D.  
Chairman  
18 November 2020