

# Key appointments under 'Building Momentum' agreement

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**The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Michael McGrath, today (Thursday, May 6) welcomed the establishment of the body that will examine "issues arising in addressing the additional working hours as provided for in the new public service agreement Building Momentum 2021-2022".**

The establishment of an independent body to examine additional working hours for public servants is a key commitment in the new public service agreement.

The Body, which will be chaired by Mr Kieran Mulvey, former Director General of the Workplace Relations Commission, will examine the issues arising in addressing the additional working hours for public servants provided for by the Haddington Road Agreement. It is to bring forward recommendations by end 2021.

The Government has also appointed Mr Kevin Duffy, former Chair of the Labour Court, as chair of two bodies that are part of the governance structures of the agreement. These are charged with dealing with "problems, issues of interpretation and major disputes - the Public Service Agreement Group (PSAG) and the Tripartite Implementation Body (TIB)".

Minister McGrath said the independent body to examine the additional working hours for public servants arising from the HRA is an important part of the new public service pay agreement.

Meanwhile, he said the PSAG and TIB bodies have a "crucial role to play in ensuring the smooth implementation" and interpretation of the agreement. (See ['DPER & unions close to finalising sectoral bargaining units, key chairs agreed' in IRN 14 - 15/04/2021](#))