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Following the publication of the Board’s National Pensions Review, this forum is being held to elicit the views of the many stakeholders who contribute towards the formulation of pension policy in Ireland.

It is hoped that the forum will act as a catalyst for thought provoking debate on the pension issues facing the country in the years and decades ahead and that it will provide good feedback from interested parties on the positions they are likely to adopt to the different approaches which might be considered.

Registration from 8am with Tea/Coffee on arrival

Forum Commences	
09.00	<i>Chairperson and Opening Remarks</i> Séamus Brennan TD Minister for Social Affairs
09.10	<i>EU Commissioners Address</i> Vladimír Špidla Commissioner for Employment Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
09.20	<i>National Pensions Review</i> Anne Maher Chief Executive Officer The Pensions Board

Pension Options

09.30	<i>The way forward for UK pensions after the Pensions Commission report</i> Alison O'Connell, Director UK Independent Pensions Policy Institute
09.50	<i>The Australian Mandatory Pension System</i> Donald Duval Chief Actuary Aon Consulting UK
10.10	<i>The National Pensions Review and Tax Incentives for Pensions</i> Gerry Hughes Research Professor Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI)
10.30	<i>Pensions for the future – Another View</i> Brendan Keenan Group Business Editor Independent Newspapers
10.45	Questions and Answers
11.00	Tea/Coffee Break

Social Partners/Stakeholders Response

11.25	<i>Chairperson and Opening Remarks</i> Tiarnan O Mahoney Chairperson The Pensions Board
11.30	<i>Irish Business and Employers Confederation (IBEC)</i> Danny McCoy Director of Economic Policy
11.45	<i>Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU)</i> David Begg General Secretary
12.00	<i>Pension Providers</i> David Went Group Chief Executive Irish Life and Permanent
12.15	<i>Pensioners</i> Robin Webster Chief Executive Officer Age Action Ireland Ltd.
12.30	Questions and Answers
12.50	<i>Closing Remarks</i> Séamus Brennan TD Minister for Social Affairs
13.00	Forum closes
13.00	Lunch in the Castle Hall Dining Suite

Pension Forum Speakers



Séamus Brennan TD

Séamus Brennan was appointed Minister for Social and Family Affairs in September 2004. Since his election to the Dáil in 1981, he held a number of cabinet portfolios including transport, education, tourism and communications. He has also been Minister of State at the Departments of the Taoiseach, Defence, Enterprise and Employment and Industry and Commerce.



Vladimír Špidla

Vladimír Špidla was appointed EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities in 2002. Since his appointment he has sought to advance social justice by reforming the EU's labour markets and social protection systems. Born in the Czech Republic, he entered politics in 1990 and held a variety of political offices, including Prime Minister.



Tiarnan O Mahoney

Chairperson of The Pensions Board, Tiarnan O Mahoney is the founder and Chief Executive of International Securities Trading Corporation. He also served for almost 20 years as Director and CEO of Anglo Irish Bank. He graduated from UCD with a Bachelor of Commerce in 1981 and a Masters of Business Administration in 1989.



Anne Maher

Anne Maher is Chief Executive of The Pensions Board. She is a board member of the Irish Accounting and Auditing Supervisory Authority, the Health Insurance Authority and the Professional Oversight Board for Accountancy (UK). She is also a member of the FTSE Policy Group, a Governor of The Pensions Policy Institute (UK), and a member of the EU Committee of European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Supervisors.



Alison O'Connell

Alison O'Connell was appointed as the first Director of the Pensions Policy Institute in 2002. Her main research interests include reform options for state pension provision, the balance of state and private provision, and longevity issues such as state pension age. She was educated at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, King's College, London, and is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries.



Donald Duval

Donald Duval joined Aon in 1996 and became Chief Actuary in 2000. Prior to joining the company, he was Australian Government Actuary from 1991 to 1996 at the time when Australia introduced the mandatory pension system. Donald is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of Australia, and an Associate of the Society of Actuaries in America.



Gerard Hughes

Gerard Hughes is a Research Professor at the Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin and a Visiting Professor at the Department of Economics, University College, Cork. He was a co-author of the ESRI survey of Occupational and Personal Pension Coverage 1995 and a founder member of the European Network for Research on Supplementary Pensions.



Danny McCoy

Danny McCoy is Director of Economic Policy at the Irish Business & Employers Confederation (IBEC). He is currently a member of the National and Economic and Social Council, a board member of FÁS and the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland.



David Begg

David Begg is General Secretary of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions. He is a Director of the Central Bank, a member of the National Economic & Social Council (NESC), and of the Council of the ESRI. He is a Governor of the Irish Times Trust.



David Went

David Went is Group Chief Executive of Irish Life & Permanent plc – the Group formed from the merger of Irish Life plc and Irish Permanent plc. Irish Life & Permanent is the third largest financial institution in the country.



Robin Webster

Robin Webster has been the Chief Executive of Age Action Ireland since its establishment in 1992 as the independent national network on ageing and older people in Ireland. A social science graduate, he has lectured at Trinity College Dublin and in the Open University in Ireland.