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# **Economic Statistics Review Group Report**

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**Briefing on Report and CSO Response**



# ESRG – Report

- Report welcomed
- 13 recommendations across 5 main themes
  - **Level Indicators**
  - **Structural Indicators**
  - **Cyclical Indicators**
  - **Communications**
  - **Co-operation**
- Focus on insight into domestic economic activity



# Implementation

- Multi-year programme to deliver recommendations
  - Short-term (during 2017) and longer-term deliverables
- CSO will take incremental approach – initial development, focusing on annual analyses and then review
- Focus in 2017 will be on:
  - Modified Gross National Income indicator GNI\*
  - Large Case vs Other firms view in Sector Accounts
  - Additional detail on intellectual property products (IPP), aircraft leasing & contract manufacturing



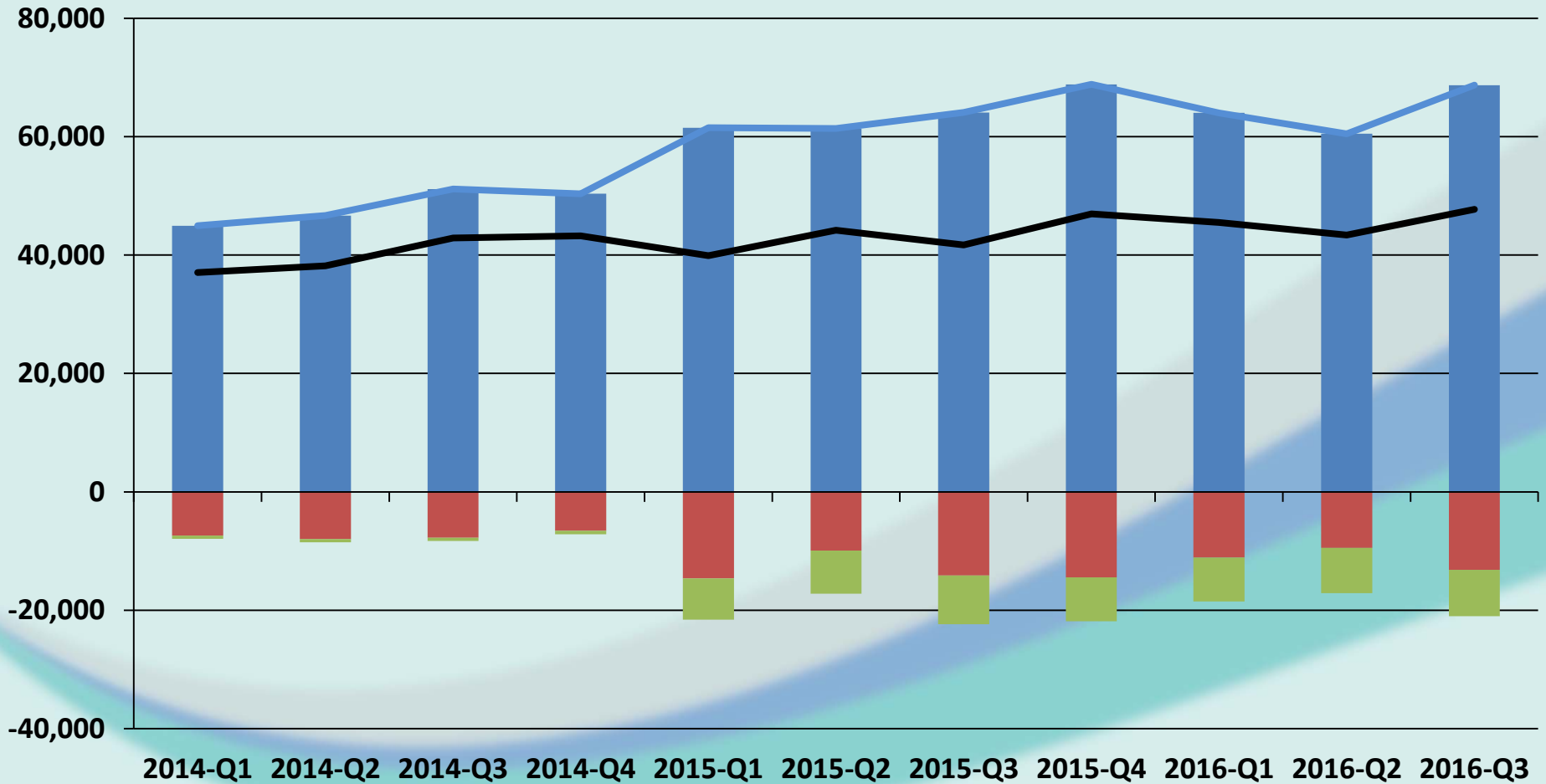
# Level Indicator

- Gross National Income\* (GNI\*)
  - GNI adjusted for retained earnings of re-domiciled firms and depreciation on foreign-owned domestic capital assets
- Modified measure of the size or level of economy
- Additional and useful input to economic modelling and analysis, including use “under the line” for ratio analysis
- Top-down approach to developing GNI\*
  - Annual series initially in mid-2017, with focus on re-domiciled firms and depreciation related to intellectual property products
  - Longer-term: quarterly series at current and constant prices



# Level Indicator - Illustration

GNI \* Proxy: GNI less Depreciation for Large Case firms



■ GDP ■ NFF ■ LCU — GNI\* — GDP



# Structural Indicators

- Insight into foreign-owned MNE vs Domestic ownership view of the economy
- Initially, CSO to include breakdown of the non-financial sector into Large Case and Other firms in October 2017 annual sector accounts
  - Large Case firms dominate the non-financial MNEs
- Longer-term:
  - Expand the breakdown for foreign-owned MNEs beyond the Large Cases firms
  - Expand the breakdown into other presentations of the national accounts data



# Example: Extended Sector Accounts

**S11**  
Non-  
Financial  
Corporations

**S11**  
Foreign-  
owned  
MNEs  
incl. Large  
Case firms

**S11**  
Domestic  
incl. Irish  
MNEs

**S12**  
Financial  
Corporations

**S13**  
Government

**S1M**  
Households  
and NPISH

**S2**  
Rest of  
World



# MNE & LCU Dominance 2015 Data







# Structural Indicators

## MNE vs Domestic

- Foreign-owned vs domestic view of economic structure
- Initially use Large Case vs Other firms split
- Ultimately build up from the micro (company) data for all foreign-owned firms

Estimated split of foreign/domestic value added (2014) based on sources of foreign marker

Total Gross Value Added (€bn)	Foreign-owned firms (€bn)	Domestic firms (€bn)	% Foreign-owned
177	42 (Large Case firms)	135	24.0%
177	58 (Large Case + all other firms with foreign marker)	119	32.9%



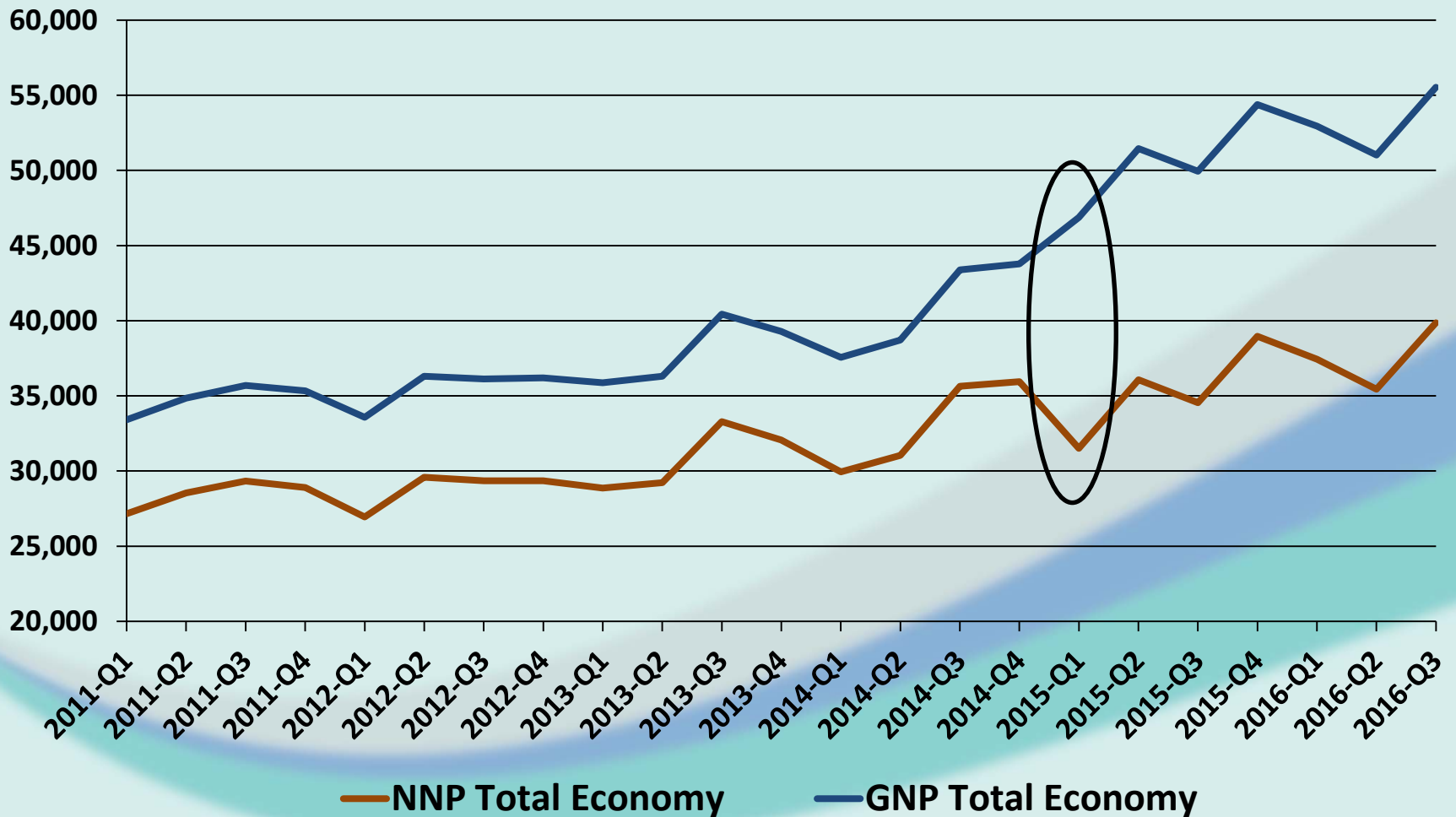
# Cyclical Indicators

- Expanded component analysis of Expenditure side of National Accounts
  - Additional detail on globalisation-related activities
- To support development of additional measures of underlying investment, additional detail in mid-2017 on
  - Intellectual property product relocations
  - Aircraft leasing
  - Re-domiciled firms
  - Contract manufacturing in Exports and Imports data
- With the Structural Indicators, will give good information of effect of globalisation on Irish economy
- Longer-term work: annual and quarterly Net National Product (NNP) at current and constant prices



# Net National Product

## GNP and NNP





# Key Messages

- CSO welcomes report and thanks the Chair and members
- Focus of the Group - analyses or indicators that would provide a better understanding of the domestic components of highly globalised Irish economy
- GDP and GNP continue to be the international standard indicators
- GNI\* proposed to address the specific nature of the Irish economy
- Additional structural and cyclical measures recommended to give users more broad-based information on the Irish economy
- Implementation will be incremental with some of the new measures available in mid-2017 at time of annual National Income and Expenditure results
- Progress will be kept under review and feedback will be sought from users on developments