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Preasráiteas Press Statement

Economic Statistics Review Group (ESRG) Progress Update

Development of a broader suite of domestically focused indicators and information to supplement internationally agreed indicators

Last year, the CSO convened the Economic Statistics Review Group (ESRG)¹ whose purpose was to develop recommendations on how best to meet the statistical needs of users of CSO statistics, in particular national users, and to provide guidance on the development of a broader suite of domestically-focused economic indicators and information to supplement internationally agreed measures of economic activity (GDP, GNP).

The group met between September and November 2016 and submitted a report to the Director General of the CSO on 23rd December 2016. A response to this report is currently in development.

The CSO intends to publish the report, along with the CSO's response and submissions received by the Expert Group at a joint press conference with the Chair of the ESRG, Philip R. Lane, Governor of the Central Bank, on Friday February 3rd. Invitations will issue in due course for the press conference.

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