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# SME and Entrepreneurship Taskforce

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment,  
Kildare Street, Wednesday, 5 September 2024,  
4-5.30pm

## Attendees

### DETE:

Minister Burke  
Minister Calleary  
Minister Higgins  
Pauline Mulligan

### Taskforce Members:

Neil McDonnell  
Oliver Tattan  
Paula Fitzsimons  
David Broderick  
Donal Leahy  
Tommy Gill  
Kevin Buckley  
Veronica Murphy  
Ian Talbot  
DC Cahalane  
Oonagh O'Hagan  
Carol Lynch  
Anne Cusack

### Other:

Fiona Flynn (Department of Finance)  
Colin O'Connor (Department of Finance)  
Sonia O'Loughlin (Department of Finance)

### Secretariat:

Ross Church  
Patrick Sinnott  
Ashley Long  
Hazel Carroll  
Cecile Lhullier

## Opening remarks

Minister Burke opened the meeting by outlining the agenda items and gave an overview of the recently announced SME Package.

Minister Calleary spoke about areas under his remit and urged members to encourage uptake of the digital supports available through their members.

Minister Higgins commented on the value of the Taskforce and some of the priority areas under her remit.

## Items

Under the first agenda item, Patrick Sinnott presented work underway to enhance the SME Test. Members noted their views on the implementation of the action points and shared their positive opinions on the SME Test. They noted they are looking forward to see this implemented across Government.

Under the second agenda item, Connor O'Donovan and Darren O'Reilly presented on the National Enterprise Hub (NEH) and gave a live demonstration of the NEH. The presentation and the NEH received praise from the Taskforce and it was noted that it is a great achievement for the Taskforce as it was one of the priorities from the beginning of its work. Conor noted the launch date of the National Enterprise Hub and extended an invitation to the Taskforce members

## Closing remarks

Minister Burke thanked the Taskforce for their attendance and engagement and noted the next Taskforce meeting will take place in July 2024.