



Central Statistics Office  
An Phríomh-Oifig Staidrimh

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Low Pay Commission and the Central Statistics Office to provide an independent member of the Steering Committee to oversee a Research Partnership between the ESRI and the Low Pay Commission.**

*Noting that the functions of the Central Statistics Office include the collection, compilation, extraction and dissemination for statistical purposes of information relating to the economic, social and general activities and conditions in the State.*

*In addition, noting that the Central Statistics Office shall have authority to co-ordinate official statistics compiled by public authorities to ensure, in particular, adherence to statistical standards and use of appropriate classifications, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) therefore:*

1. Agrees to provide an independent member of the Steering Committee to oversee a Research Partnership between the ESRI and the Low Pay Commission.
2. Agrees that this person shall make themselves available, where possible, to attend meetings as scheduled by the secretariat of the Steering Committee and shall contribute to the high-level oversight, where possible, to be provided by the Steering Committee.
3. Notes that this member shall be limited to providing input of a Statistical and Technical nature only and shall not, under any circumstances, contribute to, or participate in, any decisions of the Low Pay Commission regarding the setting of pay rates.
4. Notes that any reports of the Low Pay Commission are independent and that the Central Statistics Office does not have any role in determining any policy related matters, public utterances or other commentary issued by the Low Pay Commission.
5. Notes that the independent member shall still be subject to the provisions of the Statistics Act, 1993 and nothing in this MOU shall limit the provisions of that Act.
6. Notes that any amendments to this agreement must be recorded in writing and signed by both the Low Pay Commission and the CSO while noting that nothing in this agreement (or in any amendment thereto) may be invoked to remove or alter any statutory obligation of either organisation.

Signed: *Brian Pugh*

Date: 5/10/2016

*On behalf of the Central Statistics Office*

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Date: 29/9/2016

*On behalf of the Low Pay Commission*

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