

## **All Island Tourism Statistics Technical Meeting - minutes**

### **CSO/NISRA/Faílte Ireland**

**26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Faílte Ireland Offices, Dublin**

**Attendees: CSO:** Paul J Crowley, Patsy King, Mairead Griffin.

**NISRA:** Joanne Henderson, Patricia Wyers.

**Faílte Ireland:** Bernie Morris

#### **(1) Tourism Methodology**

##### **i. NI residents taking trips through Dublin/Ireland ports**

NISRA requested permission from CSO to include quarterly figures for Dublin Airport and the overall Republic of Ireland airport figures in their forthcoming air transport publication. Figures would be total passenger figures ie inbound and outbound. CSO indicated that there may be a break in the series once CAPI was introduced.

CSO agreed that NISRA could publish the requested figures.

##### **ii. HTS – new grossing methodology**

Work on the new grossing methodology is partially complete. HTS will continue to be calibrated to PCI at a total level but the main impact will be on age band information. The possibility of HTS developments being introduced in tandem with PCI developments was discussed. A decision on the timing of the HTS changes will be made in the next few weeks.

##### **iii. Update on PCI**

Work in the PCI is progressing well and the contract is currently out for signature. It is anticipated that any development work will be given priority. CSO indicated that there will a dual runs in quarter 3 and quarter 4 of 2016 (subject to availability of resources) with a view to going live in quarter 1, 2017. Work is ongoing on grossing methodology.

#### **(2) North/South Publication**

A number of suggested changes were discussed. Where agreed, these changes will be implemented into the next draft. In particular, the next draft will replace the summary section with a series of bullet points and information will be presented graphically where appropriate.

**Action point:** CSO will provide NISRA with a further draft with suggested amendments for consideration.

**Action point:** A teleconference call between CSO and NISRA to further discuss the North/South Publication is to be held on the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### **(3) Next meeting of the Liaison Group**

The next meeting of the Liaison group is due to be held in Northern Ireland around May/June 2016 and will be chaired by NISRA.

**Action point:** NISRA will organise a suitable venue for the next Liaison group meeting.

### **(4) Any other business**

NISRA indicated that the NI tourism statistics were due to be assessed as National Statistics in January.