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Postponement of RIA Board Meeting to Monday, 25 June, 2001

Dear Mr O'Raghallaigh

We have just been advised that the presentation of the 2001 Estimates of Expenditure for the Justice Votes to the Oireachtas has been scheduled by the Dail for Thursday 14th June - the date scheduled for the next meeting of the Reception and Integration Agency Advisory Board.


Given the intense Oireachtas interest in the work of the Agency and asylum seekers issues generally, the Director and his senior staff are required to be present or on standby for the Minister's presentation and subsequent question and answer session. As such we will not be in a position to attend the Board meeting on that date.

In the circumstances, the Chairman has re-scheduled the meeting for **Monday 25th June starting at 11.00 am and finishing by 4.00 pm.** The meeting will be held in the **Shelbourne Hotel** (St Stephen Suite) and lunch will be provided. The later start is in order to facilitate members of the Board who have to travel long distances to Dublin.

our response to my letter of 11th May regarding prioritising of the Advisory Board's work would be welcome.

My apologies for this change on the date but we have no control over this - particularly on Dail sitting days.

Yours sincerely,


Noel Waters
Director