

**Dearbhú Cáilíochta agus Cáilíochtaí Éireann**

**Quality and Qualifications Ireland**

**APPROVALS AND REVIEWS COMMITTEE**

Notes of the 46th meeting of the QQI Approvals and Reviews Committee, held **on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2025 online via Microsoft Teams.**

**Participation:**

Dr Sean Duignan (Chair)  
Dr Elaine Boyd  
Ms Carol Hanney  
Dr Anna Murphy  
Prof Maria Hinfelaar  
Ms Laura Flynn  
Mr Gerry O'Sullivan  
Mr Ronan O'Loughlin  
Prof Fiona Farr

**In attendance:**

Ms Karla Keogan (Acting secretary)  
Ms Mairéad Boland  
Ms Mary Grennan

**Apologies:**

Mr Tony Pettit

**1: APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Committee approved the agenda for the meeting. Dr Anna Murphy declared a conflict of interest for item 5 - Focused review under section 34(1)(b) of the quality and qualifications act 2012: SOLAS and agreed to excuse herself from this item.

**2: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 12<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2025**

The Committee approved the minutes of the ARC meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2025.

**3: NOTES OF THE MEETING OF 12<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2025**

The Committee approved the notes of the ARC meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2025 which will be published on the QQI website.

**4: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**5: FOCUSED REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF QA PROCEDURES FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF PHASES 4 AND 6 OF THE ADVANCED CERTIFICATE CRAFT – ELECTRICAL UNDER SECTION 34(1)(B) OF THE QUALITY AND QUALIFICATIONS ACT 2012: AN TSEIRBHÍS OIDEACHAIS LEANÚNAIGH AGUS SCILEANNA (SOLAS)**

Mairéad Boland joined the meeting to present item 5.

Dr Anna Murphy was excused for item 5.

**5.1 Approval to publish the final report of the focused review of an tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna (SOLAS) under Section 34 (1)(b) of the 2012 Act.**

Following an in-depth discussion, the Committee accepted the recommendation of the QQI executive to approve the review outcomes and publish the final report of the focused review of SOLAS under Section 34 (1)(b) of the 2012 Act, with revisions to the report proposed by the executive. The Committee also accepted the recommendation of the QQI executive to publish the review terms of reference and provider response submitted by SOLAS.

The committee agreed that a requirement of this decision would be that the QQI Board is fully briefed on the business item before publication of the final report.

#### **6: TRUSTED IRELAND**

Mary Grennan joined the meeting to discuss item 6.

The committee discussed the sample of HE and ELE reports circulated to the committee prior to the meeting. The committee will share observations on the sample reports after the meeting and decide if another meeting is required to plan for the TrustEd applications.

#### **16: ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

As there was no other business, this concluded the business of the meeting.

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_