

Economics Development Group Meeting 2 14th May 2015	
Agenda: Feedback on the consultation on the Background Paper for Economics	Documentation/Discussion: The group discussed the findings from the consultation on the background paper for economics. The consultation report will be published shortly. The findings from the Predictability Report in the Irish Leaving Certificate relating to Economics were noted (Available from the State Examinations Commission website: examinations.ie)
Emerging trends in economics education	There has been much discussion around what is the best approach to economics education happening internationally and these trends were discussed among the group.
Developing the rationale and aim of the revised Leaving Certificate Economics specification	Members were asked to briefly discuss the rationale for studying economics with particular reference to its impact on skills and values development. Members were then asked to summarize what is fundamental for a student to know, understand, value and be able to do at the end of Leaving Certificate Economics.
Course structure	Group considered suggested structures and provided observations and feedback on these structures.
These emerging issues were identified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is important to balance the breadth and depth of content in the revised specification ▪ The revised specification needs to accommodate skills development and active teaching methodologies ▪ Debates regarding how best to teach economics are ongoing internationally 	
Next meeting: The next meeting of the group is scheduled for 16th September 2015 .	