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## Irish Red Cross

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Mr. John Mc Guinness, TD  
Chairman,  
Public Accounts Committee.

### Re: Public Accounts Committee Hearing 13th October 2011/Irish Red Cross

Dear Deputy Mc Guinness,

Reference the above hearing which I watched with interest and concern.

May I take this opportunity to commend members of the PAC for their robust, knowledgeable and sustained questioning of Mr. Michael Howard, Secretary General, Department of Defence regarding the Irish Red Cross. I was, however, deeply alarmed and concerned with many of the responses given by Mr. Howard who on the one hand seemed to take on the role of Irish Red Cross spokesperson while on the other denying any responsibility or accountability for the actions and behaviors of the Society.

I intend to write formally to the Public Accounts Committee where I will include relevant correspondence that I have submitted to the Department of Defence over the past eighteen months informing them in detail of the financial irregularities, mis-governance and misuse of resources endemic within the Irish Red Cross.

Given that Mr. Howard has stated the allegations made by me are groundless I would welcome the opportunity to refute on public record his assertions. I wish to let you know that I am fully prepared to appear before the PAC in formal session and answers questions, defend my allegations about overseas funds going to domestic accounts etc and counter much of what Mr. Howard said on the 13th October. I have a detailed and extensive knowledge of the Irish Red Cross and as such their leadership has gone to every length to silence me. They know I know and tell the truth and only the truth. As a result I am viewed as a very serious threat to their controlling cabal and their decades long power base. It was deeply disturbing to have to witness last Thursday the Department of Defence unconditionally defend the Society and to assure the Irish public of the integrity of their donations when given to the Irish Red Cross. This was grossly irresponsible and negligent in my view.

In the interests of fairness and transparency I ask you to consider allowing me appear on record before PAC. In the event this is not possible at a formal PAC hearing I am available to meet with you and/or members of the PAC in an informal manner where I can brief you in detail and answer questions you may have.

I appreciate that members of the PAC do not know me and to assist in this regard I have attached my CV which outlines my academic and professional background.

Thank you again to the Public Accounts Committee for very thoroughly addressing this important matter last Thursday. Please feel free to copy this email to PAC members.

Yours sincerely,

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