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Ms Eimear Lavelle
Committee Secretariat
Committee of Public Accounts
Leinster House
Dublin 2.



Dear Ms Lavelle,

I refer to your letter of 14th November in connection with correspondence from Mr Paul Russell, IDA Clients, Belgium, regarding 'alleged corruption in the IDA and Enterprise Ireland' which was noted by the Committee of Public Accounts at its meeting of 10th November 2011.

In November, 2010, in light of Mr Russell's continuing concerns about his interactions with the State enterprise agencies over several years, this Department requested that an investigation into the matter be instigated. Following a tendering process, Enterprise Ireland engaged a firm of consultants (Deloitte) to investigate the allegations. Seven areas of complaint were investigated independently. The Report found that the evidence did not support the allegations. A copy of the Deloitte Report was forwarded to the Committee of Public Accounts, by this Department, for its consideration and was noted by the Committee at its meeting of 13th October 2011.

Following further correspondence received by the Committee from Mr Russell on 25th October 2011, the Committee requested a note outlining whether any new information has become available. While Mr Russell has reiterated his allegations and does not accept the findings of the independent report, he has not provided any new information. In the circumstances, this Department does not intend to take further action.

Yours sincerely

John Murphy
Secretary General.