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Dear Mr. Joe, O'Flynn,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011, which I received on the 26<sup>th</sup> April.

I appreciate you informing me that you have forwarded my colleague's letter to your Head of Finance and Administration with a view to assisting with the queries raised by the HSE on the SIPTU report.

I note your observation that the figure quoted in Dr. Smith's letter for expenditure (in excess of €5,236,299) is erroneous. In her letter, Dr. Smith has outlined how the wording used in the SIPTU report relating to shop steward training costs could appear to indicate total shop steward training costs of €3.9m ( i.e. 13,000 training days (section 11.3) at an average cost of €300 per day (section 11.4)) might possibly indicate to a reader of the SIPTU report a total expenditure in excess of €5,236,299. In her letter, my colleague has stated that the figure of €5,236,299 is subject to your clarification of the interpretation of training costs as outlined above and would need to be clarified.

The HSE is anxious that the queries and points of clarification it has raised on the SIPTU report are progressed in a speedy manner. My colleague, Dr. Smith, and I are willing to meet with you and / or your colleague Mr. Naughton at your earliest convenience with a view to progress this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Sean McGrath,  
National Director of Human Resources.

*c.c.: Dr. Geraldine Smith, Assistant National Director of Internal Audit, HSE.*