

Oifig an Árd Runaí
An Roinn Cumarsáide
Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha
Baile Átha Cliath 2



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16 October 2012

Mr. Ted McEnery
Clerk to the Committee
Committee on Public Accounts
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Dear Mr. McEnery

I refer to your letter, dated 21 September 2012, requesting certain information relating to my role as Accounting Officer.

Please see enclosed material in respect of this Department and relevant agencies under the remit of the Department. I note you have requested material from Inland Fisheries Ireland separately and consequently have not included material from that Agency, which I understand is being forwarded to you separately by the Chief Financial Officer of Inland Fisheries Ireland.

If you have any queries or require any further information, please contact my Private Secretary, Ms. Margaret Mulhall (Tel: 01 678 2032) in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aidan Dunning', followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

Aidan Dunning
Secretary General

Details in respect of Clerk to PAC letter, dated 21/09/2012 – Allowances DCENR & Agencies

DCENR						
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Child W	7	€1,637	€113	(1)	1/1/2010	N
Private Secretary A - to Minister - to Secretary General	7	€80,927	€9,827 - €20,685 €5,203 - €10,951	(1)	1/1/2010	Y Y
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Allowances payable by DCENR are common to more than one Department. These allowances were accordingly reviewed by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in the context of the recent review of allowances and DCENR was not required to prepare a Business Case in respect of the allowances. As part of the overall review, the Delegates allowance which was payable in DCENR and in other Departments was discontinued.

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