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Committee of Public Accounts  
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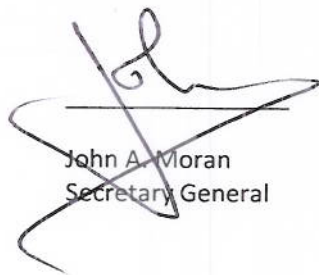
Dear Ms Maguire,

I wish to refer to my letter to the Public Accounts Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> April in which I committed to review the records provided to the Committee by my predecessor during the latter half of 2010.

In the interim, the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Brendan Howlin TD, announced that Government has approved the legislative proposals for a comprehensive statutory framework for inquiries by the Oireachtas. The Houses of the Oireachtas (Inquiries, Privileges and Procedures) Bill 2013 was enacted earlier this week (July 24<sup>th</sup>). The Bill establishes a comprehensive statutory underpinning for the Oireachtas to conduct inquiries within the current constitutional framework.

In anticipation of an inquiry early in the next Dáil term, I have asked the Department's new Chief Financial Officer, Greg Dempsey, to assemble a team who will collate relevant material that may be requested. My Department therefore, will be in a position to comply fully with any requests made by such an inquiry. I would not like to prejudice the role of a future inquiry by releasing further records to a body other than the Inquiry. I trust the Public Accounts Committee understands my position.

Yours sincerely

  
John A. Moran  
Secretary General