



PAC-R-947

Correspondence 3B.7
Meeting 85 – 23/05/2013



Ceann Oifig
Sráid Jonathan Swift
Baile Átha Troim
Co. na Mí

Head Office
Jonathan Swift Street
Trim
Co Meath

Teil/Phone: (046) 942 6000
Facs/Fax: (046) 948 1793
Íosghlao/LoCall 1890 213414
Suíomh gréasáin/website: www.opw.ie

Ted McEnery
Clerk of the Committee
Committee of Public Accounts
Leinster House
Dunlin 2

22nd May 2013

Re: Cost of the provision of a suite of offices for the Minister of State, Mr. John McGuinness T.D. in the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment in 2007.

Dear Mr. McEnery,

I refer to your email of the 17th May in relation to the matter referenced above.

As stated in my letter of the 16th May, there are no direct comparator projects completed within the period from 2005 to 2007. There are also no directly comparable projects since 2000.

There are however a couple of projects, shown on the attached table, where similar, though less extensive, refurbishment works were carried out in 2003.

I have also included information in relation to the former Taoiseach, as requested. As stated in answer to an FOI request on this topic in 2008, the cost for this fit-out was €186,100 plus €66,400 for furnishings.

Yours sincerely


Clare McGrath
Chairman

		Comparator table			
Project	Cost (exc. VAT)	Whether : (a) a Minister(b) a minister of State(c) other office holder (d) senior officials	Protected structure: Yes/No	Year	
1 Refurbishment of offices for Minister and staff at Department of Transport.	€154,417.10	Minister of Transport	No	2003	
2 Refurbishment of offices for Minister of State and staff at Department of Transport.	€121,455.52	Minister of State for Transport	No	2003	
3 Refurbishment of offices for former Taoiseach and staff.	€186,100.00	former Taoiseach	No	2008	