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Mr Ted McEnery  
Clerk to the Committee  
Committee of Public Accounts  
Leinster House  
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Dear Mr McEnery

I refer to the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee which took place last week on the 13<sup>th</sup> February.

At that meeting, the Chairman made reference to one of my colleagues who he named and who he indicated is under investigation by SOLAS. I wish to advise that the investigation to which he averted is currently underway and is dealing with matters raised by that colleague. It is being carried out by an independent, external expert.

SOLAS has a duty of care to all colleagues who are involved in this process, including the colleague who was named last week. We intend to continue to discharge our responsibilities to all such colleagues. We strongly advise that no conclusion can or should be drawn at this stage. SOLAS cannot and, specifically, I cannot, comment on a process which is underway as we must await the outcome of the current investigation and any due process which may be required on its completion.

Yours sincerely

Paul O'Toole  
Chief Executive Officer