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Mr. John McGuinness T.D.,
Chairman,
Committee of Public Accounts,
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Dear Chairman,

I refer to your letter of 19 November 2014 in relation to matters recently considered by the Public Accounts Committee.

I can confirm to the Committee that full disclosure of information has been made to the Revenue Commissioners, the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement, the Gardaí and the Moriarty and Mahon Tribunals since 2004 under Section 21 of the Companies Act 1990 in relation to information gathered under Section 19 of that Act.

It is a matter for those bodies to decide what, if any, action to take in respect of the information disclosed. I note that some of those bodies have commented on these matters recently. If any of those bodies request any further assistance I would be happy to further engage with them on that process.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Richard Bruton T.D.,
Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation

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19th November, 2014.

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Dear Minister,

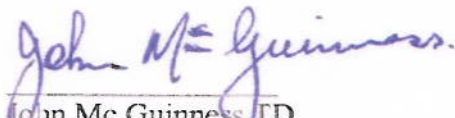
I have been directed by the Committee to write to you in connection with a dossier of information that was sent last week to me and to all Members of the Committee under the Protected Disclosures 2014 by an official of your Department. The information relates to an alleged scheme of tax evasion that had operated in Ireland by Guinness & Mahon (Ireland) Limited and Ansbacher (Cayman) Limited and which was the subject of an investigation under Section 19 of the Companies Act 1990.

At a private meeting on Wednesday last, the Committee took legal briefing on the issue and agreed to write to you requesting that you refer the dossier and any supporting evidence of tax evasion to the Revenue Commissioners so as to ensure that these matters are fully investigated. In that regard, the Committee was advised that it could not furnish the information contained in the dossier to the Revenue Commissioners.

The Committee also agreed to refer the dossier of information to An Garda Síochána in accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act 2011.

I would be grateful if you would examine this matter and let the Committee know the steps you have taken to have the allegations contained in the dossier fully investigated. I will copy this letter to the Chairman of the Revenue so that her office is aware of the request of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,



John Mc Guinness TD
Chairman

cc to Ms. Josephine Feehily, Chairman of the Revenue Commissioners.