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Ms. Niamh Maguire Committee Secretariat Committee of Public Accounts Leinster House Dublin 2

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Dear Ms. Maguire,

I refer to your letter of 16th May last and in relation to point number 4 - anonymous correspondence received by your office regarding Cork Institute of Technology (CIT).

I am writing to you to give you an update on the current position. My Department requested the Higher Education Authority (HEA) to continue to engage with CIT in relation to an analysis of the issues raised in the anonymous correspondence. The issues raised were referred to the Audit Committee of CIT who took legal advice on the matter. It is understood that a report will be submitted to CIT's Audit Committee which will go before the Governing Body in early December. The HEA will be appraised of the position after the Governing Body's meeting and will advise my Department of the position.

I will update you on the position as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Seán Ó Foghlú

Secretary General