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T.D.
Chair of the Committee of Public Accounts
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Re: Draft Audit Report on EU Funded Programmes/Projects - Reporting of suspected fraud.

Dear *Ehceim,*

I wish to advise that on today's date I received a report from the Head of Internal Audit, Mr. Niall Kelly titled "EU Funded Training Programmes/Projects" Audit Report dated June 2017.

In line with his obligations under Section 59 of the Criminal Justice Theft and Fraud Offences Act 2001, to report suspicious fraudulent activity, Mr. Kelly advised there is sufficient suspicion that fraud may have been committed in regard to the issues examined in his audit report.

As of today's date the matter has been referred to the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission pursuant to Section 85 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005, as amended.

Please also be aware I have reported the matter under Section 41(1)(b) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 to the Secretary General, Department of Justice of Equality, for the information of the Minister for Justice and Equality.

I have also forwarded the matter under Section 41A.(1)(b) of the Garda Síochána Act to the Policing Authority.

I understand Mr. Kelly has forwarded copies of his report to the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General and OLAF. The Chair of the Audit Committee has also been informed and the report will be examined at the next Audit Committee Meeting scheduled for 27th June.

Yours sincerely



**NÓIRÍN O'SULLIVAN
COMMISSIONER OF
AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA**

19th June 2017