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An Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna

**Office of the Secretary General**  
Department of Education and Skills

Ms Margaret Falsey  
Committee of Public Accounts Secretariat  
Leinster House  
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Dear Ms Falsey,

I refer to my previous correspondence of 19<sup>th</sup> July last regarding anonymous correspondence submitted to the Committee of Public Accounts in relation to the alleged use of taxpayer's money by Mr Seán Mac Donncha, Principal of Scoil Chuimsitheach Chiaráin, Carraroe, Co. Galway in the building of a boat on school premises from September 2016 to April 2017.

The Department arranged for the Financial Support Services Unit (FSSU) to undertake a financial audit of the school's accounts. This was in order to provide independent assurance that the school's funds were being spent appropriately and to evaluate the financial procedures at the school and to make any necessary recommendations.

I now wish to update the Committee that the FSSU carried out an audit of school expenditure for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. Based on the audit carried out the FSSU did not find any evidence to support the allegations made in the anonymous correspondence received by the Committee of Public Accounts.

Yours sincerely,

Seán Ó Foghlú  
Secretary General