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Committee Secretariat,
Committee of Public Accounts,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

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Dear Ms. Falsey,

I refer to your letter dated 8th March 2018 regarding the non-competitive tendering of €3.16m of goods and services. I attach a breakdown of this €3.16m.

This breakdown details:

- the good or service procured in Column A
- further explanation of the nature of that good or service in Column B
- the value of the 2015/16 payments relating to that good or service in Column C
- the value of the tenders relating to those goods or services that were completed in 2016/17 in Column E

The circumstances that gave rise to the above were a combination of:

- the expiry of previously publicly procured contracts
- the backlog of tender exercises which could not be completed within the required timescale and
- delays in planned tendering by the Office of Government Procurement (OGP).

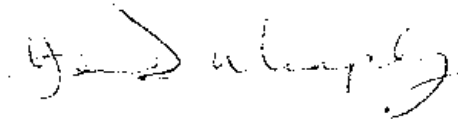
These circumstances were also noted in the Statement of Internal Control included in the Institutes Financial Statements for 2015/16.

DIT continues with a range of actions to continuously improve the levels of compliance with procurement requirements.

These include:

- The development and updating of the Institute Corporate Procurement Plan
- Continuous engagement with the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) to avail of their tender exercises and established frameworks
- The recruitment of an additional staff member to expedite the rate of tendering the non-compliant spend areas in prioritised order.
- Improvements to systems and processes to flag potential non-compliance before entering into commitments to purchase
- Running a series of workshops with all departments in DIT to reiterate the requirements of public procurement policies

Yours sincerely,



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