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Deputy Seán Fleming, T.D.
Committee of Public Accounts
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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Commission of Investigation (certain matters relative to a disability service in the South East and related matters)

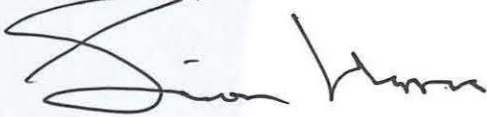
Dear Deputy Fleming,

I am writing to advise you of a determination made by Marjorie Farrelly, S.C., Sole Member, Commission of Investigation (certain matters relative to a disability service in the South East and related matters) in respect of the scope of the Commission's investigation. The Sole Member wrote to me in February to bring the matter to my attention, and, following recent correspondence, she confirmed that she has no objection to my writing to you to advise you of the Commission's determination.

The Commission is an independent statutory body established for the purposes of carrying out an investigation in accordance with its terms of reference and is independent in carrying out that function. The terms of reference by which the Commission carries out its work are a matter for interpretation by the Commission only.

The Sole Member has determined that the material sent to her by the PAC is outside the scope of its first phase investigation. The first phase of the investigation is due to conclude on the 15th May 2018 and at the conclusion of this work, the Sole Member will specify the scope of further investigation to be undertaken by the Commission when it moves onto phase 2 of its investigations.

Yours sincerely



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Minister for Health

cc. Kieran Lenihan
Committee Clerk