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Margaret

Thank you for your e-mail.

Benefacts is a private company, limited by guarantee, that is grant funded by this Department under a three year funding agreement. Benefacts is not a public body, a state agency or a body under the aegis of this Department. The Department's grant funding is governed by Circular 13/2014 Management of and Accountability for Grants from Exchequer Funds.

The Secretary General can discuss any issues arising from the Department's grant funding of Benefacts with the Public Accounts Committee at his upcoming appearance on the Department's Appropriation Account 2016.

Regards

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From: Margaret Falsey [mailto:Margaret.Falsey@Oireachtas.ie] On Behalf Of PAC Sent: 02 May 2018 12:02 To: David Feeney <David.Feeney@per.gov.ie> Subject: Benefacts

Hi David,

As discussed, please the extract from the meeting last week and the reference by Deputy Alan Kelly to a rep from Benefacts to attend the meeting on 10 May 2018.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Regards Margaret Falsey PAC Secretariat 016183074

Deputy Alan Kelly: First, on 10 May, we are meeting with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. I would like us to specifically request the chief executive of Benefacts, an agency under the remit of that Department, to attend that meeting. Representatives of Benefacts appeared before the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and the Taoiseach. I was very concerned by many of the issues that were raised there. This will not add any

further work to the work programme.

Chairman: Is the agency funded by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform?

Deputy Alan Kelly: Yes. Second, when will the committee address the issue of consultants' pay?

Chairman: On the invitation to Benefacts, are there particular issues which the Deputy wants to raise with the agency?

Deputy Alan Kelly: Yes, issues in regard to funding, expenditure on IT contracts, tendering, future funding and so on.

Chairman: I will ask the secretariat to liaise with the Deputy on the details.

Deputy Alan Kelly: I will forward the transcript of the meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and the Taoiseach to the Chairman

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