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Ms. Margaret Falsey Committee Secretariat Committee of Public Accounts Leinster House Dublin 2

By e-mail only

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

Dear Ms. Falsey,

I refer to your correspondence dated 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 on behalf of the Committee of Public Accounts regarding the procurement of external services for the proposed independent review of the Reval 2017 projects.

As indicated previously, this Office conducted a procurement process in conjunction with the Office of Government Procurement (OGP). The procurement competition was run using Lot 1 of the OGP's "Framework for the Provision of All of Government (AoG) Business & Management Consultancy and Advisory Services". The specific requirements for the assignment were issued on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to the eighteen Framework Members. Ten of the Framework Members indicated an interest. However, no tenders were ultimately received.

Following further consultation with the OGP, which has provided helpful support and assistance throughout the process, this Office concluded that tenders could be forthcoming if the project was retendered. Accordingly, a further procurement exercise commenced on 12<sup>th</sup> April in conjunction with OGP to appoint a party to carry out the review exercise. The closing date for receipt of tenders was 30<sup>th</sup> April with two tenders received. The process for evaluating these tenders is now underway and it is anticipated that a contract will be entered into shortly.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

John O'Sullivan

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