



Review of the Spin-out and Sale of Companies from Telecommunications Software & Systems Group (TSSG) at Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT)

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History: This message has been replied to.

Hi Margaret,

Thanks for your email.

The Committee will recall that when the HEA appeared before the Committee in May, we advised that following the circulation of the draft report to a number of individuals we had received extensive feedback including objections that required the HEA to seek further legal advice. Based on this legal advice and its consideration by the HEA Board's Finance and Governance Committee, the HEA is consulting with the Department of Education and Skills in order to progress this matter.

Regards,

Neil

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**Subject:** RE: HEA Reports

Hi Neil,

Can you give me an update on the Independent Review of the Spin-out and Sale of Companies from Telecommunications Software & Systems Group (TSSG) at Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) by Mr Michael McLoone?

The Committee will have its first meeting after the summer break and I expect that the Members will be looking for an update on this.

Kind Regards  
Margaret Falsey  
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▼ Neil McDermott ---20/03/2018 11:23:54---Hi Margaret Apologies for not replying sooner.

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Hi Margaret

Apologies for not replying sooner.

The HEA-commissioned Independent Review of the Spin-out and Sale of Companies from Telecommunications Software & Systems Group (TSSG) at Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) by Mr Michael McLoone is proceeding with its work and will be brought to a conclusion as soon as is practicable.

Regards,  
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Hi Neil,

Further to your email below and by request from the Committee, I am writing to you regarding the WIT Report.

As you have outlined below the Report was due to publish in February. Can you provide an explanation for the delay in the publishing of this Report to the Committee as soon as possible?

Kind Regards  
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▼ Neil McDermott ---16/01/2018 15:42:57---Hi Margaret, Thank you for your email. The position is as follows:

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Hi Margaret,

Thank you for your email. The position is as follows:

In relation to the IP report, this has been completed and is due to be submitted by the end of the month as a memo to Government. It will then be sent to the PAC and published immediately thereafter.

In relation to the WIT report, the HEA has received the report from the reviewer, Mr Michael McLoone, and it is currently going through a due diligence process (including legal review). We are hoping to circulate the report to key stakeholders such as WIT, PAC, etc and publish it in early to mid-February.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Regards,

Neil

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**Subject:** HEA Reports

Hi Neil,

The Clerk has asked me to contact you in regard to the following HEA Reports

1. IP Protocol Report - Has this Report been published and when will it be made available to the Committee?
2. Have you got a date for the completion of the WIT Report?

You can contact me at any time if you have any questions.

Kind Regards  
Margaret Falsey  
PAC Secretariat  
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