

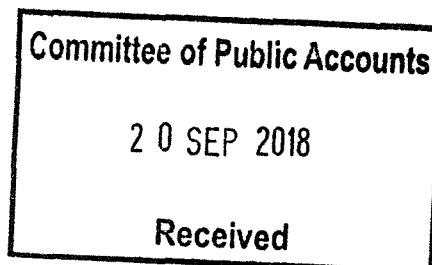


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Mr Seán Fleming TD
Chairman
Committee of Public Accounts
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Dear Seán

I refer to your letter of 5 July, following the Committee's examination of the C&AG Report 2016 and the Appropriation Accounts 2016 as relating to the Tax Appeals Commission (TAC) on 28 June.

My Department undertook to supply the Committee with further information as raised during the course of the Committee's examination. The Committee Secretariat wrote to my Department on 4 July requesting additional information on the staffing of the Tax Appeals Commission, including the dates of staffing and resource sanctions and the procedures that are followed for appointment, and my Secretary General responded to the Committee Secretariat on 16 July setting out in detail the information that the Committee requested (letter reference: PAC32-I-1008).

I am very conscious that an effective tax appeals system is an essential part of a fully functional tax administration system. It is my intention to ensure that the TAC is appropriately resourced and structured to fulfil its function and provide an effective, transparent and robust service for taxpayers.

To this end I have commissioned an urgent staffing, governance and operations review of the TAC by an independent reviewer. The results of this review are expected this month and the findings will inform my decision making in relation to the TAC.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform