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Dear Secretary General,

I refer to the Committee meeting of 28 June 2018, transcript available [here](#), page 29.

The Committee discussed governance arrangements in the Education Sector and agreed to request a detailed report on the timely submission of financial statements of education organisations which receive over €1 million in funding from the Department where this would constitute more than 50% in overall funding (this does not include Third Level Institutions or ETBs).

The note should also include a schedule of dates for when the accounts were received for the last three years.

Please use the reference number of this correspondence in your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Subject: Submission of accounts by bodies funded by the Department of Education & Skills

Dear Ms Falsey,

I refer to your letter dated 2 July 2018 requesting a note indicating when the Department received the financial statements from bodies in receipt of €1 million in funding where this constitutes more than 50% of the overall funding. The Committee Secretariat has asked that this exclude Education and Training Boards and higher education institutions (we have excluded universities and IoTs and other bodies in receipt of funding via the Higher Education Authority but have included other entities which are in receipt of direct funding from this Department).

I am attaching details of when the Department received accounts for each of the past three years of account for the bodies in question. Unless otherwise noted, the end of the calendar year represents the end of the accounting period.

Yours sincerely

Seán Ó Foghlú
Secretary General

Submission of accounts to the Department of Education & Skills by bodies in receipt of more than €1 million where this accounts for more than 50% of funding

Table 1: Non-Commercial State Agencies (NCSAs): Date accounts received by DES

	2017 accounts	2016 accounts	2015 accounts
An Chomhairle um Oideachais Gaeltachta agus Gaelscoileanna (COGG)	Draft accounts 03/04/2018	Draft accounts 23/05/2017	Draft accounts 19/04/2016
SOLAS	31/05/2018	31/05/2017	17/06/2016
Educational Research Centre <i>(Established as a statutory body in September 2015)</i>	Draft accounts 28/02/2018	Draft accounts 28/02/2017	N/A
Grangegorman Development Agency	Draft accounts 28 February 2018	12/02/2018	27/01/2017
National Council for Curriculum and Assessment	Draft accounts 16/03/2018	Draft accounts 25/01/17	31/03/2016
National Council for Special Education	Awaiting certification by C&AG	28/07/2017	26/07/2016
Skillnets	30/06/2018	11/05/2017	20/06/2016
State Examinations Commission	Draft accounts 30/4/18	30/12/17	-
Higher Education Authority (Inclusive of the Irish Research Council)	Awaiting certification by C&AG	03/07/2017	01/07/2016

Note: There are NCSAs under the aegis of the Department in receipt of more than €1 million from DES, but where this funding does not represent more than 50% of their total funding. For completeness these are included at table 1a.

Table 1a: Non-Commercial State Agencies (NCSAs) in receipt of more than €1 million where this does not represent more than 50% of the body's funding: Date accounts received by DES

	2017 accounts	2016 accounts	2015 accounts
Léargas	16/05/2018	11/05/2017	10/05/2016
Quality and Qualification Ireland*	Draft accounts 28/02/2018	08/02/2018	10/10/2016

Table 2: Other bodies in receipt of more than €1 million from DES: Date accounts received by DES*

	2017 accounts	2016 accounts	2015 accounts
Clare Education Centre	06/03/2018	31/03/2017	23/03/2016
Dublin West Education Centre	05/04/2018	03/05/2017	21/04/2016
Monaghan Education Centre	21/03/2018	13/04/2017	04/04/2016
Music Generation	22/06/2018	30/06/2017	30/06/2016
HEAnet	24/7/2018	Accounts submitted to HEA	Accounts submitted to HEA
Childvision	12/07/2018	11/12/2017	30/11/2016
Marino Institute of Education (<i>accounting year end 31 July</i>)	08/12/2017 for 2016/17 accounts	02/02/17 for 2015/16 accounts	09/03/16 for 2014/15 accounts
Dublin Dental Hospital	Awaiting certification by C&AG	11/07/2017	27/02/2017
Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies	06/07/2018	11/07/2017	01/07/2016
Royal Irish Academy of Music	Draft accounts received end-April 2018	21/12/2017	26/01/2017
National College of Ireland (<i>accounting year end: 30 June</i>)	25 July 2018 for 2016/17 accounts	28/10/2016 for 2015/16 accounts	06/11/2015 for 2014/15 accounts

* Not included: Carlow College, which is a private charitable institution which receives funding to cover tuition fees for a limited number of eligible students under the Free Fees Initiative.