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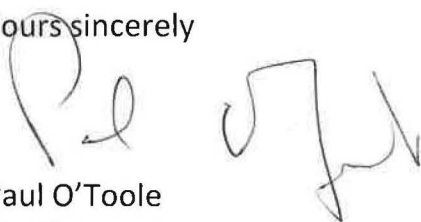
Dear Pat

Re. Periodic Report no. 5 – Update on items referenced at meeting of 18 October 2018

Your email of 26 February refers requesting an update on items referenced at the Public Accounts Committee meeting on Thursday 18 October 2018. The update on these items is as follows:

1. Independent Review of Certain Matters and Allegations Relating to the University of Limerick (Dr Richard Thorn, October 2017)
The latest report from UL to the HEA in respect of the period ending 31 December 2018 indicates that the University has implemented 9 of the 10 recommendations from Dr. Thorn's report on the University of Limerick. The remaining recommendation is in progress.
2. Attorney General's Advice on the Review of Spin-Out Companies at WIT
The letter of 18 December 2018 from the Department of Education and Skills to the Committee refers (PAC32-I-1195) which provided a summary of this advice.
3. Review of the relationship between CIT and certain named companies
The letter of 22 February 2019 from the HEA to the Committee refers (PAC32-I-1331). A draft report of the review has been prepared by Mazars consultants. The HEA is reviewing this draft and will revert to the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive