



8<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Ms Éilis Fallon  
Committee Secretariat  
Committee of Public Accounts  
Leinster House,  
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**Re: PAC32-I-1332**

Dear Ms Fallon,

Thank you for your letter received on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 concerning the Residential Tenancies Board's ("RTB") employer contributions to the Single Public Service Pension Scheme ("SPSPS") covering employees in the public sector recruited on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

This letter addresses the key points raised by the Committee of Public Accounts ("Committee") and provides context to the discussions we have been having with our parent Department on this matter. The RTB is happy to furnish any additional information which the Committee may request.

- We were formally notified by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) of our obligation to make employer SPSPS contributions in a letter from them to the Department of Housing dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018. For several weeks prior to this we had been in dialogue and correspondence with the Department of Housing about whether or not we were liable and how the liability might be funded.
- The RTB has confirmed to the Department of Housing, who have in turn confirmed to DPER, that we will make the required employer SPSPS contributions from 2019 onwards.
- We do not expect that making employer SPSPS contributions from 2019 onwards will have a material impact on our provision of services.

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- The issue of arrears prior to 2019 is currently under consideration by DPER in the context of the Report on Single Public Service Pension Scheme (“Single Scheme”) Employer Contributions. We await further advice from DPER. We estimate that arrears of c. €175K, up to the end of 2018, are outstanding.
- The RTB will continue to work collaboratively with our parent Department and with DPER until the issue is fully resolved.

I hope this information addresses the questions raised by the Committee. Please do not hesitate to contact me if the Committee requires any clarification or further information.

Yours sincerely,

Rosalind Carroll  
Director