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Committee of Public Accounts
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Dear Ms Fallon,

I refer to your correspondence of 3 April 2019 requesting follow up information in relation to:

1. An update regarding compensation paid in cases of prisoners who died from self-inflicted injuries in custody since 2017 and,
2. Any potential claims or claims already lodged in respect of an outbreak of tuberculosis within the Irish Prison Service.

As the Committee is aware, the State Claims Agency (SCA) manages the following types of personal injury (clinical and non-clinical) and property damage claims on behalf of its client State authorities, their servants or agents, including this Department or the Irish Prison Service:

- Injury to employees
- Injury to a member of the public
- Clinical negligence
- Third-party property damage

I have been informed by the State Claims Agency that there has been no payments made since 2017 in relation to prisoners who died from self-inflicted injuries in custody.

The SCA has further advised that they have received 100 Irish Prison Service claims in respect of Tuberculosis. Of these 66 have concluded as of 25/01/2019. I have requested the State Claims Agency to provide further information in relation to any compensation costs available to them and I will revert further to the Committee when this information is to hand.

Yours sincerely,

Aidan O'Driscoll
Secretary General

17 April, 2019