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Office of the Secretary General, Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection

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Ms. Margaret Falsey Committee of Public Accounts Secretariat Committee of Public Accounts Leinster House Dublin 2

Dear Ms Falsey,

I refer to your correspondence regarding a submission received by the Committee in respect of a protected disclosure made to the Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection in relation to St. Munchin's Community Centre, Kileely Court, Limerick.

An investigation of the issues raised was undertaken by this Department under the Protected Disclosures Act 2014. The alleged issues related to funding provided by this Department under the Job Initiative (JI) scheme.

The Department has concluded its examination of the issues raised. A number of minor areas for improvement were identified in relation to governance, purchasing control and attendance records which were accepted by the management of St Munchins. The Department has liaised and met with the JI scheme in respect of these issues. The matter is now closed regarding the submission made.

Although this Department considers that the risks are being managed, we will continue to monitor the scheme to ensure that all commitments given are implemented.

Yours Sincerely

John McKeon

Secretary General