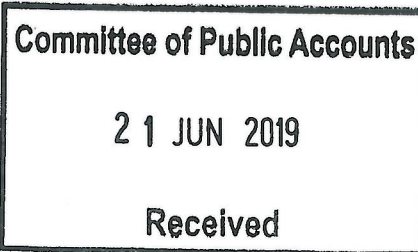


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Presentation of Annual Financial Statements

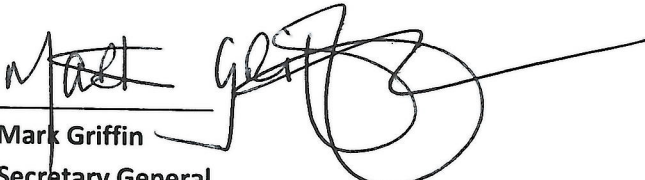
Dear Deputy,

I refer to your letter dated 28 May 2019 in relation to the timely presentation of the 2018 Environment Fund Account for audit to the Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG).

The Environment Fund was established under the Waste Management (Amendment) Act 2001, Section 12 of which sets out the Department's responsibility for the preparation and submission of the Environment Fund Account for audit. There is, however, no specific statutory deadline for the presentation of this Account to the C&AG.

Last year, the Department and C&AG officials agreed bilaterally that the Environment Fund Account would be submitted by 30 June each year. Arrangements have been put in place to ensure that this timeline can be met, and the Department will present the 2018 Environment Fund Account to the C&AG before the end of this month.

Yours sincerely,


Mark Griffin
Secretary General