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From: Mary Donohoe <M.Donohoe@epa.ie>
Sent: 20 June 2019 15:43
To: Public Accounts Committee
Subject: RE: Correspondence from the Public Accounts Committee

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Dear Éilis

In relation to the additional information sought, I can confirm that Irish Water has a comprehensive annual drinking water monitoring programme in place to assess drinking water quality for a wide range of microbial, chemical and other indicator parameters. These results are submitted to the EPA immediately if there is a water quality failure or otherwise on an annual basis. This information is used to produce the annual EPA Drinking Water Report. The associated annual monitoring reports can be accessed on the EPA's website (link provided here <http://www.epa.ie/researchandeducation/research/safer/>).

Irish drinking water is at low risk of containing illicit and/or legal drugs because the majority of wastewater discharges in Ireland (the potential source of drugs to drinking water) occur in the estuarine or marine environment and are therefore downstream of drinking water abstractions and, hence, are not included in the routine drinking water monitoring programme. Therefore, EPA does not hold any data in relation to specific illicit and/or legal drugs in Irish water supplies.

Should the Committee require anything further on this matter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Mary

Mary Donohoe
Board Secretary
Office of Director General

From: Public Accounts Committee [<mailto:PAC@oireachtas.ie>]
Sent: Friday 14 June 2019 13:52
To: Mary Donohoe <M.Donohoe@epa.ie>
Subject: RE: Correspondence from the Public Accounts Committee

Dear Ms. Burke,

The Committee considered your correspondence at the meeting of 30 May 2019.

In relation to point 2, regarding illicit drugs, please note the Committee requested further information regarding the monitoring of drinking water supplies in Ireland, particularly in relation to data held by the EPA regarding the level of drugs, illicit or otherwise, in Irish water supplies.

Kind regards,

Éilis Fallon

From: Public Accounts Committee
Sent: 02 May 2019 14:59

To: 'm.donohoe@epa.ie'

Subject: Correspondence from the Public Accounts Committee

Dear Ms. Burke,

Please find attached correspondence from the Public Accounts Committee.

Kind regards,

Éilis Fallon

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