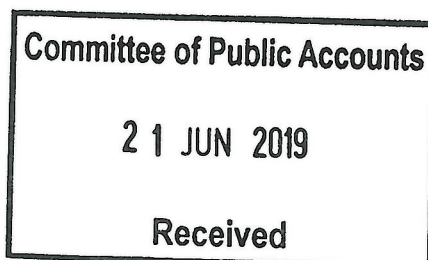


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17 June 2019

Seán Fleming  
Committee Chairman  
Committee of Public Accounts  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2



Ref: PAC32-I-1459

Dear Seán,

Thank you for your letter dated 28 May 2019.

I wish to confirm that our 2018 accounts were prepared and ready for submission however, it would not have been best practice for PHECC to submit our accounts in advance of an audit by the OCAG.

Please see enclosed previous correspondence in relation to the presentation of PHECC 2017 accounts where a similar situation arose.

We have no issue submitting our accounts in advance of an audit if requested to do so.

We hope this answers your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

  
Richard Lodge  
Director

## Barry O'Sullivan

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**From:** Barry O'Sullivan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2018 2:58 PM  
**To:** 'Patrick.Fannin@Oireachtas.ie'  
**Cc:** Beth Breslin; 'Con Foley'  
**Subject:** RE: Request from the Committee of Public Accounts

**Importance:** High

Hi Patrick,

Apologies for the delay in responding. The Director, Mr Peter Dennehy has resigned from his position in PHECC and his final day is next Friday. I was not aware of this correspondence until it was brought to my attention a few minutes ago.

The PHECC Financial Statements were submitted to OCAG when requested in June.

In January this year I engaged with OCAG about a scheduled audit date set in June 2018 and referenced previous correspondence from the PAC re timeliness in presentation of accounts and requested an earlier date. (See below)

OCAG in response stated " That letter just requires PHECC to have its accounts prepared by 31 March 2018. It doesn't actually set an obligation for the audit to begin by that date, though we will of course aim to have the audit completed and certified as early as possible. " (See below also)

Since then the audit has been deferred now until July. Previous experience would indicate that OCAG will not complete the audit until nearer the end of the year.

As you can appreciate the timing of the commencement date and the subsequent completion date of the audit are not within our control. I will immediately forward the audited Financial Statements once OCAG have approved them.

Slán

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17/01/2018 10:40

To: Ronan O'Regan' <[ronan\\_o'regan@audgen.irlgov.ie](mailto:ronan_o'regan@audgen.irlgov.ie)>  
cc: Brian Murphy' <[Brian.Murphy@audgen.irlgov.ie](mailto:Brian.Murphy@audgen.irlgov.ie)>, "Foley, Spain  
([DCFOLEY@telefonica.net](mailto:DCFOLEY@telefonica.net))" <[DCFOLEY@telefonica.net](mailto:DCFOLEY@telefonica.net)>  
Subject: Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and timely presentation of financial accounts -  
2017 Financial Statements

Hi Ronan.

Thanks for your email and welcome back.

The June date you propose is fine however I emailed Brian Murphy previously, (see below) regarding a recent communication from the PAC to the Director, indicating concern regarding timely presentation of financial accounts (see attached).

Your proposed date in June would not facilitate meeting our obligations in relation to our timely presentation of the annual financial statements and the desideratum of the PAC.

We welcome your suggestions and are prepared to assist to facilitate compliance with this request from the PAC.

Slán

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**From:** Ronan O'Regan [[mailto:ronan\\_o'regan@audgen.irlgov.ie](mailto:ronan_o'regan@audgen.irlgov.ie)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 12:13 PM

**To:** Barry O'Sullivan <[barry@phecc.ie](mailto:barry@phecc.ie)>

**Subject:** Re: Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and timely presentation of financial accounts - 2017 Financial Statements

Hi Barry,

Thanks, its nice to be back.

That letter just requires PHECC to have its accounts prepared by 31 March 2018. It doesn't actually set an obligation for the audit to begin by that date, though we will of course aim to have the audit completed and certified as early as possible.

Thanks

Ronan

Slán

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**From:** Beth Breslin

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 27, 2018 2:17 PM

**To:** Barry O'Sullivan <[barry@phecc.ie](mailto:barry@phecc.ie)>

**Subject:** FW: Request from the Committee of Public Accounts

**From:** Patrick Fannin [<mailto:Patrick.Fannin@Oireachtas.ie>] On Behalf Of PAC

**Sent:** Wednesday 27 June 2018 14:08

**To:** Beth Breslin <[beth@phecc.ie](mailto:beth@phecc.ie)>

**Subject:** Fw: Request from the Committee of Public Accounts



Beth, please see attached request from the Committee.

An auto response (see below) was received but we have not received anything further.

Can you let me know when to expect a response please.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

With regards,

Pat.

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auto response

Thank you for your enquiry, which will be forwarded to the relevant department within PHECC.

Please allow up to 5 - 10 working days for a response.

----- Forwarded by Patrick Fannin/Staff/Oireachtas on 27/06/2018 14:03 -----

From: PAC/Oireachtas  
To: [info@phecc.ie](mailto:info@phecc.ie)  
Date: 15/06/2018 15:49  
Subject: Request from the Committee of Public Accounts  
Sent by: Patrick Fannin

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FAO: Mr Peter Dennehy

Please see attached request from the Committee in relation to the timely presentation of annual financial statements for audit to the Comptroller & Auditor General.

It would be appreciated if you arranged a response as soon as possible please. This letter originally issued by post on 18 May 2018 and a response was not received.

Please contact us by email should you require further information.

With regards,

Pat.

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*(See attached file: Letter re overdue accounts 18 May 2018 Pre-hospital.pdf)*

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