



**Ref: PAC32-I-1474**

Ms Ellis Fallon,  
Committee Secretariat,  
Committee of Public Accounts,  
Leinster House,  
Dublin 2.

2 July 2019

Dear Ms Fallon

I refer to your correspondence dated 21 June 2019, which was received in this Department by email on 26 June.

I would like to confirm that I am making arrangements to respond in full to all of the queries raised, with a deadline of 10 July 2019, i.e. 10 working days from our receipt of your letter on 26 June.

I should signal that one element of the request for further information, relating to subvention payments and overclaims in the Early Years area, will take somewhat longer than 10 working days to produce, as it involves a significant extraction of records by Pobal, relating to some 4,600 providers. In this regard I note the comments of the Chair of the Committee during the meeting of 13 June, where he requested that this supplementary information be of an appropriate volume for practical review and consideration by the Committee.

With this in mind, I propose that the information requested would be provided in a manageable format by county total as set out in the tables below:

**Table 1: Payment and overclaims in Programme Year by county 2017/2018:**

County	CCS Payments	CCS Overclaims	ECCE Payments	ECCE Overclaims	TEC Payments	TEC Overclaims
Dublin	€X	€X	€X	€X	€X	€X

**Table 2: Payment and overclaims in Programme Year by county 2018/2019:**

County:	CCS Payments	CCS Overclaims	ECCE Payments	ECCE Overclaims	TEC Payments	TEC Overclaims
Dublin	€X	€X	€X	€X	€X	€X

These tables will be accompanied by additional information including data regarding not-for-profit services.



I trust that this format and approach would be satisfactory. If the Committee requires the information in a different or more detailed format we can do so, but I hope that the format proposed will provide sufficient detail for the Committee to obtain the information it requires.

I will revert by 10 July with all of the other information requested in your letter of 21 June, and will keep you informed of progress in relation to the Early Years payments information above, in the event that it takes longer to compile.

I hope that this approach is acceptable.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary General

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