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Mr. Kieran Lenihan
Clerk to the Public Accounts Committee
Committee of Public Accounts
Leinster House
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Your ref.: PAC32-I-1530

Dear Chairman,

Further to the Committee's invitation to discuss the Data Protection Commissioners' accounts for 2018 please see below the proposed attendance from the Commission and the Department.

Data Protection Commission.

Helen Dixon, Commissioner
John O'Dwyer, Deputy Commissioner
Anna Morgan, Deputy Commissioner
Graham Doyle, Deputy Commissioner
Graham Geoghegan, Assistant Commissioner

Department of Justice & Equality

Richard Fallon, Principal Officer, Civil Justice & Equality, Governance
Seamus Carroll, Principal Officer, Civil Justice & Equality, Legislation

As the accounts in question are prepared in compliance with the Commission's independent responsibilities under the data protection acts as opposed to my responsibilities as accounting officer I believe the Commissioner is best placed to assist the Committee with their consideration of the accounts in question. Senior officials from the Department will attend to cover any governance issues which might arise in connection with the accounts. The Committee may wish to note that the Commissioner will in the near future become the accounting officer for a separate Vote in realisation of the legislative intent of section 25 of the 2018 Act.

I will of course be in a position to address any issues arising when the appropriation account for 2018 is concluded and comes before the Committee in due course

Yours sincerely,



Aidan O'Driscoll
Secretary General

24 September, 2019