

**An Roinn Leanaí
agus Gnóthaí Óige**
Department of Children
and Youth Affairs



Ms Eilish Fallon
Committee Secretariat
Committee of Public Accounts
Leinster House
Dublin 2

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**Re: Additional information following examination of Appropriation Account 2017 -
Vote 43: Children and Youth Affairs – State Claims Agency**

Dear Ms Fallon

I refer to recent correspondence regarding additional information required by the Committee following the appearance of this Department in relation to the 2017 Appropriation Account.

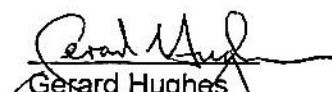
One of the areas requiring additional information related to the number of active claims for the Minister being managed by the State Claims Agency (SCA).

The SCA has advised that, at 30 June 2019, there were 316 active claims being managed with an estimated total liability of €67.9 million. These claims relate to the Child and Family Agency (254 claims), Oberstown Children Detention Campus (58 claims) and the Department itself, (4 claims).

The Committee should be aware that the estimated liability is the SCA's best estimate of the ultimate cost of resolving a claim. It includes all foreseeable costs such as settlement amounts, claimant legal costs and defence costs (such as fees payable to legal counsel, engineers, consultants etc).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely


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