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Chairman, a chara,

I refer to the PAC meeting of March 29th 2018 at which the Committee discussed the C&AG Report 2016 Chapter 15: Galway Art House Cinema and Vote 33 – Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. At that meeting I undertook that my Department would conduct a post-project review of the Pálás cinema project in Galway. I can now confirm that the review has been completed and I will submit it to the Committee shortly.

The review is currently awaiting publication by DPER with the budget on October 8th as one of the DPER 2019 Spending Review papers. As you are aware, the Spending Review papers are published by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform with the budget each year. Once they have been published, I will formally submit the report to the Public Accounts Committee. As the paper has been through the DPER Spending Review process, it has been peer-reviewed by IGEES and DPER, thereby ensuring that the methodology employed and conclusions reached are fully in line with the requirements of the Public Spending Code.

I propose to formally submit the paper to the Committee on October 9th. I trust that this in order.

Yours sincerely

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