

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF FRIDAY, 22 JANUARY 2021

The Committee met in **Public** Session at 1:02 p.m. (online remotely), a quorum being present.

The following Members were present:

Deputies: Brian Stanley (Chairman); Colm Burke; Jennifer Carroll MacNeill; Matt Carthy; Cormac Devlin; Alan Dillon; Neasa Hourigan; Paul McAuliffe; Imelda Munster; Catherine Murphy; Verona Murphy.

Permanent

Witness: Comptroller and Auditor General, Mr. Seamus McCarthy.

Apologies: Seán Sherlock.

1. Witnesses Examined

Department of Environment, Climate & Communications

- Mr. Mark Griffin, Secretary General
- Mr. Ciarán Ó hÓbáin, Assistant Secretary for Communications
- Ms Lisa Keyes, Principal Officer

Department of Public Expenditure & Reform

- Mr. Brendan Ellison, Principal Officer

Department of Environment, Climate & Communications (Remote witnesses)

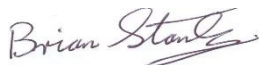
- Mr. Philip Nugent, Assistant Secretary for Waste and Natural Resources
- Mr. Robert Deegan, Principal Officer
- Mr. Frank Maughan, Principal Officer
- Mr. Fergal Mulligan, National Broadband Plan Programme Manager

Matters for discussion

- Appropriation Accounts 2019
 - Vote 29 – Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment

It was agreed that the Clerk would request any follow-up information and carry out any agreed actions arising from the meeting. It was also agreed to note and publish the opening statements and briefing document provided to the Committee for the meeting.

The Committee adjourned at 3:03 p.m. until 28 January 2021.



Brian Stanley, T.D.
Chairman
29 January 2021