

**Public Accounts Committee
Comptroller and Auditor General**

Report on the Account of Public Services 2019

- 11. Measuring performance for Exchequer spending on social housing**
- 12. Progress under the Land Aggregation Scheme**
- 13. The Pyrite Remediation Scheme**

**Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
Opening Statement by Graham Doyle, Accounting Officer**

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Chairman, Members, I am pleased to be here again this afternoon, as Accounting Officer, to assist the Committee in its examination of three areas covered in the Comptroller and Auditor General's Report, on the 2019 Public Service Accounts, specifically, performance measurement for Exchequer funding on social housing, progress under the Land Aggregation Scheme and the Pyrite Remediation Scheme.

I am joined in the Committee Room by John O'Connor, Chief Executive, of the Housing Agency, given the role of the Agency in the implementation of both the Land Aggregation Scheme and the Pyrite Remediation Scheme. I am also joined by a number of colleagues from the Department: Marguerite Ryan, Finance Officer is also present in the Committee room, Sarah Neary, Principal Advisor, Built Environment Advisory Unit, Barry Quinlan, Assistant Secretary, Housing Division and David Kelly, Principal Officer, Housing Finance and Delivery Co-ordination Section are attending virtually.

In order to provide some useful background and context for Committee Members, Mr. O'Connor will now make a short presentation on the Land Aggregation and Pyrite Remediation Schemes. Thereafter, together, we look forward to discussing the relevant areas of the Comptroller and Auditor General's 2019 Report with you all.