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Committee Secretariat
Committee of Public Accounts
Leinster House
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**Re: Delay in the submission of the audited financial statements of Dundalk Institute of Technology
for 2018/19 to the Department**

Dear Ms Fallon

I am writing in accordance with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Circular 07/2015, which, as you will be aware, requires that financial statements should be submitted to the relevant Department within one month of the audit certificate on the accounts being issued by the C&AG. As you will be aware the Circular includes a requirement whereby if circumstances arise that result in a delay beyond the time limits set out that the Clerk of the Public Accounts Committee be notified.

In that context, I draw your attention to the financial statements for Dundalk Institute of Technology for the year ended 31st August 2019. The C&AG certified the financial statements on 22nd December 2020 however the Department did not receive them until 7th April 2021.

The Department followed up with the Institute to seek an explanation for the delay. The Institute advised that the delay in submitting the audited statements to the Department within the required timeframe was due to an administrative oversight. The Institute has confirmed to the Department that procedures are in place to prevent a re-occurrence of this delay.

I trust the above clarifies the position for the Committee.

Yours sincerely



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