

**An Roinn Iompair**  
Department of Transport



22 June 2021

Éilis Fallon  
Committee Secretariat  
Committee of Public Accounts

**Your reference – SO430 PAC33**

Dear Éilis,

Your letter of 9 June refers concerning Circular 7 of 2015 to Accounting Officers, dated 28 May 2015, entitled Timely Production and Submission of Accounts of Bodies and Funds audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General and the Laying before the Houses of the Oireachtas Special Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General, and in particular that the requirement of the Circular had not been met with regard to the Commission for Railway Regulation Accounts 2019.

The Commission for Railway Regulation (CRR) submitted their 2019 Annual Report, without Financial Statements, to the Department of Transport on the 31st of March 2020. The Annual Report was approved by the Minister on the 16th of June 2020. It was noted by Cabinet on the 26th of June 2020, and then laid before the Oireachtas on the 1st of July 2020.

The C&AGs audit of CRRs 2019 Financial Statements was completed on the 21st of December 2020. The Financial Statements were then submitted to the Department by the CRR on the 15th of January 2021. The Financial Statements were approved by the Minister on the 10th of March and then laid before the Oireachtas on the 12th of March 2021.

The delay in submitting the CRR accounts was due to other business pressures at that time, particularly in relation to Covid-19.

This Department will make every effort to comply with the requirements of Circular 7 of 2015 for the future

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General