



23 June 2021

Ms Éilis Fallon
Committee of Public Accounts
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Dear Ms Fallon,

I refer to your letter of 9 June, 2021 regarding submission of the 2019 Annual Report and Financial Statements of the National Economic and Social Development Office (NESDO).

The 2019 NESDO Financial Statements were signed off on 22 December last by the C&AG and received in the Department of the Taoiseach on 12 January. Following approval by Government at its meeting of 16 February, the Annual Report and Financial Statements were laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas on 25 March by my Department on the understanding that this would have been within the required timeline.

I understand that clarification has now been received to indicate that in fact this was 3 days late. I apologise for any inconvenience caused due to this misunderstanding.

Yours sincerely

Martin Fraser
Secretary General