An Roinn OideachaisDepartment of Education



Ms Éilis Fallon Committee Secretariat Committee of Public Accounts Leinster House Dunlin 2 D02 XR20

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Dear Ms Fallon

Your letter dated 24th May 2021 refers.

The Department's Planning and Building Unit has actively sought to engage with the management authority of Gaelscoil an tSlí Dála, Co Laois on this matter. In September 2020, the Department wrote to the school management authority advising them to submit an application for permanent accommodation and also seeking details of the proposed site for the permanent accommodation (ownership and size) which the Department understands is being provided by the Patron. The Department contacted the school authority again in March 2021, seeking the requested information to enable the matter to be progressed as quickly as possible.

As soon as the requested information is received, the Department will be in a position to progress a permanent building project for the school, and the Department will continue to work closely with the school authority to this end.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary General