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Department of Education



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Committee of Public Accounts  
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Dear Ms Fallon

I refer to your letter of 1 June 2021 arising from meetings of the Committee on Tuesday 11 May and Tuesday 25 May 2021 in respect of the Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board (Caranua).

I can confirm that the Department has contacted the three individuals in respect of whom the Committee has raised concerns. In doing so, the Department has sought and received their permission to respond further to the Committee on relevant details. The Department has also provided each of the individuals concerned with details of the questions that have been raised with the Department by the Committee in respect of their particular case – in the case of two individuals this was in the form of written correspondence while one individual has expressed a preference for verbal contact only.

As outlined in my letter of 19 April 2021, the Department will now seek the permission of the Board of Caranua to respond to the Committee, subject to the ongoing agreement of the individuals concerned. As advised previously, the Department will be precluded in any correspondence from identifying the individuals explicitly by name.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary General