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Dear Chair

Thank you for your letter of 8 June 2021. In response to the queries raised please see below the following information:

With regard to the Committee's discussion as to the ongoing audit being conducted by Revenue, beyond noting the Committee's disappointment, we regret that we cannot make public details of a review which is ongoing. Given that the voluntary disclosure may or may not align with final outcome, it would not be prudent to put this in the public domain.

1. Details of financial settlements that have been made with workers who were misclassified.

As per the process agreed with the various stakeholders, in terms of the implementation of the Eversheds review, only the review and formal reclassification and ratification of employment status is concluded. Therefore no financial settlements of this nature have been made.

2. The cost of any retrospective PRSI payments that have to be/have been made. As above, given where we are at in terms of the phased process of Eversheds implementation, any arising issues in terms potential retrospection liabilities have yet to be determined. Therefore no retrospective payments have been made, and future liabilities will be determined by the Scope and Revenue audit which is ongoing.

As regards the request that RTÉ conduct a comparative review of the remuneration of Irish-speaking workers at Raidió na Gaeltachta and their counterparts at RTÉ, we can confirm that RTÉ is currently running a public tender to engage an expert partner, with specific experience in the media sector, to carry out a full evaluation of all staff roles and grades in RTÉ. Irish language roles will be part of this review which will commence on completion of the tender process – this process is the fulfilment of the commitment regarding role review given at the Committee session of 27 April 2021. We trust that the Committee understands a separate role review process would not be an efficient use of resources, or an appropriate approach in the context of an organisation-wide scope of review.

Yours sincerely

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