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Ms. Eilis Fallon
Committee Secretariat
Committee of Public Accounts
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PAC Meeting – 25th May 2021

Dear Ms. Fallon,

Thank you for your emailed letter of 9th June 2021 in relation to the above.

I will of course keep the Committee updated on progress. The current situation is that the closing date for the receipt of tenders has been extended to 21st June 2021. This was due a request for an extension made by potential applicants following circulation of additional information which had been requested by them.

I have reviewed the pages of the Committee meeting transcript that you referred to and I have summarised the points that I need to address as follows: -

- i) The overall figure provided was €18 million with the money being reused for other purposes.
- ii) Money was provided to install CCTV at seven racecourses.
- iii) The procurement process has gone on for three years.
- iv) The timeline for completion of the project

I will go through each of these points in the order set out above.

i) The overall figure provided was €18 million with the money being reused for other purposes.

This may have been a misquote by the Chairman, but the sum allocated for CCTV installation was never €18 million. The amounts provided were €60,000 in the IHRB budget in 2018 and €80,000 in the HRI budget in 2019. As you know the €60,000 was not spent, and therefore lapsed, and the €80,000 was transferred to the IHRB budget in July 2019 and was reallocated to fund the introduction of online licensing.

ii) Money was provided to install CCTV at seven racecourses.

This is not correct. As the €60k allocated in 2018 was not spent the money went back into central funds. So, the €80,000 provided in 2019 was in effect a proposed restart with funding being provided to install CCTV at four tracks.



iii) The procurement process has gone on for three years.

This is not correct. The invitation to tender was only published on 4th May 2021. What is correct is that the initial proposal to install CCTV systems was included in the budget three years ago in 2018.

iv) The timeline for completion of the project

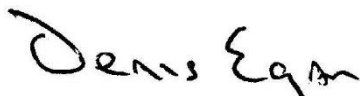
The timeline is as follows: -

- Invitation to Tender published (4th May 2021).
- Closing date for submission of Tenders (21st June 2021 extended)
- Tender Evaluation to be completed and notification to tenderers (9th August 2021)
- Mandatory Standstill period (23rd August 2021)
- Conclusion of Contract (30th August 2021)

We are working to conclude the process as quickly as possible while also ensuring full compliance with the procurement process and that the appropriate solution is obtained. However, the number of tenders and the complexities of the submissions may impact on the above timelines. While the installation of the hardware is fairly straightforward, once the appropriate technical specification is met, there are a number of matters to be considered in this project including the storage of footage and method by which footage can be accessed at the location and remotely.

I trust the above is in order and please contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE