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

Re: PAC Meeting – 6th July 2021

Dear Ms. Fallon,

I refer to previous correspondence in relation to the above including your letter of 28th July 2021.

As advised the closing date for the receipt of tenders was extended to 21st June 2021. The number of tenders received exceeded the IHRB's expectations and a detailed evaluation of tenders has begun. Presently, this complex evaluation is at an advanced stage, and there have been a number of requests for clarifications issued to tenderers. This has extended the evaluation process pending receipt of the responses. We are currently awaiting what we hope is a final round of clarifications in order to allow us to fully evaluate the tenders received.

I would like to draw the committee's attention to the fact that there are 25 unique sites with differing infrastructure and requirements. While at a rudimentary view, the CCTV cameras may be considered relatively easy to install, the associated infrastructure for each unique site is far more complex and needs to carefully considered before the award of this competition. Moreover, consideration needs to be given to ensure that the footage can be accessed on-site live and also stored to be accessed remotely as needed and in compliance with GDPR requirements. We hope to be in receipt of the final clarifications shortly and to be able to complete the evaluation process. We will update the committee when the evaluation process has been completed.

Could I also take the opportunity to let you know that I am retiring from the IHRB on 30th September 2021 and Cliodhna Guy is taking over as interim CEO. Cliodhna's email address is <u>cliodhna.guy@ihrb.ie</u>.

I would like to thank the PAC for the courtesy shown to me when I was CEO.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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Denis Egan CHIEF EXECUTIVE



