



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

Your Ref: SO483 PAC 33

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Dear Ms. Fallon,

I refer to your letter of 15th July 2021 in relation to the ongoing discussions between the OPW and the Landlord of Miesian Plaza.

As scheduled, a further meeting was held between both parties on the 3rd of June to establish if a resolution, satisfactory to both parties, might be reached in relation to the measurement standard used as a basis for the rental calculation in the Miesian Plaza lease. The meeting focused on this single item agenda - the resolution of the measurement issue.

While the meeting was constructive, it was agreed that further discussions would be necessary to progress matters. It is anticipated that this further meeting will happen in mid-August.

The OPW fully appreciates the work carried out by the Public Accounts Committee, however, the Committee will understand that all meetings with the Landlord on this issue are held on a confidential / without prejudice basis. These discussions are at a very sensitive stage and the Committee will appreciate that any information that might emanate from the meetings could jeopardise any chance of a satisfactory outcome. This would be an outcome that neither the Committee nor the OPW would want.

Therefore, it would be preferable that statements or minutes would not issue until these discussions have had an opportunity to progress. You might note that the minutes of the meetings were also the subject of a recent Freedom of Information request and the records were withheld under the provisions contained in the Act.

I trust the Committee will understand our position on this occasion and I will keep you informed of any progress.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maurice Buckley".

Maurice Buckley
Chairman