



R0904 PAC33

Ms. Sarah Cremin
Committee Secretariat
Committee of Public Accounts
Leinster House
Dublin 2
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15 November 2021

Re: Your ref SO574 PAC33

Dear Ms. Cremin,

I refer to your letter of 28 October 2021 regarding the meeting of the Committee of Public Accounts on 7 October 2021 and the correspondence from Deputy Seán Sherlock to the Committee dated 29 September 2021 in relation to the use of public funds by An Taisce.

I would like to confirm that no such payments have issued from the Department to An Taisce in respect of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media Functions.

Any payments that were made to An Taisce from the previous Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht would have been made exclusively by the Heritage Division of that Department. Responsibility for the Heritage functions no longer resides in the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media as this was transferred to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as part of the transfer of functions in 2020.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Katherine Licken', is written over a horizontal line.

Katherine Licken
Secretary General