



22 November 2021

Ms Sarah Cremin
Secretariat
Committee of Public Accounts
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Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (Vote 29)
Ref: S0591 PAC33

Dear Ms Cremin,

I refer to your letter dated 9 November 2021 in relation to Circular 7/2015 (Timely Production and Submission of Accounts for bodies / funds audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General and the Laying before the Houses of the Oireachtas Special Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General).

The explanatory note requested in relation to the delay with the 2019 and 2020 accounts for the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) is provided below.

Body	Year of Account	Date of audit report	Date received by Department	Noted by Government	Date presented to the Oireachtas
CRU	2019	26/05/2020	12/06/2020	28/10/2020	17/11/2020*
CRU	2020	21/05/2021	29/06/2021	12/10/2021	18/10/2021

*The 2019 accounts were re-laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas on the 1st November 2021 as it was found that these accounts were originally submitted with the incorrect audit certificate date.

The delay in laying these accounts before the Houses of the Oireachtas was primarily due to internal delays in the Department.

Should you require any clarification or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Deirdre King in my Department, by email at deirdre.king@DECC.gov.ie or by phone at 087 7053711.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Griffin
Secretary General