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Éilis Fallon
Committee Secretariat
Committee of Public Accounts.

Dear Éilis,

In line with the requirements of circular 7/2015, I wish to draw to the attention of the Committee to a delay in the laying of the 2020 Financial Statements of the Charities Fund and the Charities Regulatory Authority.

The Charities Regulator submitted its 2020 Financial Statements to this Department on 28 May 2021, in line with the requirements of the Charities Act 2009. Separately, the Charities Regulator submitted its Annual Report for 2020, also in line with the Act, on the 21st June 2021.

The Department made appropriate arrangements to lay the Annual Report before the Oireachtas, and this was completed on the morning of 15th July, coinciding with the Report's publication. Unfortunately, the requirement to separately lay the 2020 Financial Statements was overlooked at that time, and this oversight was noted recently.

Arrangements to lay the 2020 Financial Statements before the Houses of the Oireachtas have now been made and I can confirm these documents were laid on 25th November 2021.

I regret this delay and have taken steps to avoid a similar occurrence in the future.



I am happy to provide any further information that may be required to assist the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin McCarthy
Secretary General