



An Roinn Oideachais
Department of Education

Ms Sarah Cremin
Committee Secretariat
Committee of Public Accounts

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Dear Ms Cremin,

I refer to your letter of 15 November requesting information in tabular form on non-compliant procurement referred to in the Appropriation Accounts for 2020 for Vote 26. Please find below a table setting out the information sought.

Associated Value €	Goods/Services	Supplier(s)	Reason
227,658	Multi-supplier framework agreement for the provision of Irish language translation services.	Framework agreement with 13 active suppliers namely; Ionad Foghlama Chléire Teoranta, Caoimhe Mairtin, Ling Language Technology, Central Translations NI LTD, Fionnuala Ní Mhúirí, The Language Room LTD, Mairtin O Curraoin, Premier Irish Translation, Deaglan O'Caomh, Snasta, Claire Rowland, Stealth Translations Ltd and Europus	This service was retendered in 2019, but the competition was cancelled for legal reasons and re-commenced in 2020. In order to ensure continuity of service, those with contracts under the previous framework had their contracts extended.
160,000	Support and maintenance of existing school routers	Agile Networks	Work with the OGP on a new arrangement started in mid-2018 and was finalised in October 2020. In the interim the provision and maintenance of routers to the school sector, as part of the School Broadband Programme, continued to be a critical service, particularly during the Covid-19 crisis. The contract was

			extended to ensure continuity of function and communication for schools.
50,050	Stationery supplies	Codex Office Supplies Ltd.	The OGP centralised stationery contract was terminated with short notice in May 2019 and replaced in late 2020. In the intervening period, orders were placed with a supplier pending the delivery of a replacement OGP framework. Comparative price analysis was undertaken for some of these orders to ensure value for money.
39,176	Interpreter and translation service to non-English speaking pupils (and their parents) undergoing NEPS assessment or intervention	Inter.Ling	The contract has been extended for business continuity reasons pending the provision of a centralised arrangement by OGP.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you. Please contact my office if you require further details on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary General