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Ms Sarah Cremin
Committee Secretariat
Committee of Public Accounts
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Dear Ms Cremin

Thank you for your letter of today's date regarding the Committee's consideration on 9 December 2021 of my letter of 29 November in relation to non-compliant procurement.

I can confirm that this Department will respond to the Committee's request, involving (a) more detailed information on a confidential basis of the contracts involved and (b) a note outlining progress on replacing the system of Direct Provision.

I might add for information that the Joint Committee on Public Petitions has held a number of meetings on in the last few months on Direct Provision, and that I met with the Committee in November to brief them on the work that we are doing to implement the White Paper proposals that seek to end Direct Provision and replace it with a new system of international protection. My response to the Committee of Public Accounts will include an updated version of the material supplied to the Joint Committee on Public Petitions.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary General

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