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Dear Sarah,

I refer to your correspondence dated 13 December 2021, regarding a request made at the meeting of the Committee of Public Accounts on 25 November 2021, where it was agreed to request the Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment to provide details of the number of people classified as self-employed including a breakdown by sector.

However, the query is outside this Department's statutory remit. The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment remit includes responsibility for employment rights and the enforcement of same. In this regard, persons who consider themselves employees are entitled to refer a complaint to the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC) if they believe that their statutory employment rights have been breached.

The classification of persons as self-employed is a matter for Revenue and the Department of Social Protection who should be in a position to provide the information that the Committee has requested.

I trust this is of assistance.

Dr Ornaigh Quinn  
Secretary General