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**From:** president@ul.ie  
**Sent:** Wednesday 16 February 2022 14:59  
**To:** Public Accounts Committee  
**Cc:** Public Accounts Committee  
**Subject:** Re: Correspondence from the Committee of Public Accounts

**Categories:** Correspondence for future meetings

Dear Ms Cremin

Thank you for your letter dated 10 January 2022 (Ref: S705 PAC33), which has just come to my attention due to it ending up in my Spam folder. I apologise for this and have taken the necessary steps to ensure such correspondence is directed to the appropriate area in future.

You have asked for an update on two items:

**A progress update in relation to the KPMG report**

The KPMG report was received by the University and circulated to key individuals named in the report. The University subsequently received legal correspondence from one of the individuals seeking the report to be withdrawn and not circulated with a threat of interlocutory action. The University has passed the correspondence to our external legal advisors and has been advised not to circulate the report until the content of the letter is reviewed and responded to. We are currently in the process of seeking a view from KPMG and expect this in the next week or so at which point legal advice will be updated. I will update you on progress as soon as I can.

**Who drew up the terms of reference**

The HR Director issued a draft terms of reference to the Independent chair of the Audit and Risk committee for review. The final terms of reference were prepared based on the feedback and were then reviewed by our legal advisors before they were issued to KPMG as the basis for the review.

I will update the committee as soon as we have progressed matters with the legal advisors, which we are hopeful will be in the very near future.

Yours sincerely

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