



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

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Dear Ms. Cremin,

I refer to your letter of 23rd February 2022, in relation to security arrangements for private residences.

An Office of the Information Commissioner appeal finding was issued to OPW, following a freedom of information request relating to expenditure on security at private residences in 2021.

It was determined that providing any breakdown of information on the scale or quantum of the security measures undermines the security provisions. Releasing any information on the individual costs gives an insight into the level and extent of the security measures on individual sites, thereby potentially placing people and property at risk.

Following the Office of the Information Commissioner determination, I can confirm the aggregate expenditure for security at private residences during 2020 was €213,024 followed by €707,787 in 2021.

Yours sincerely,

Maurice Buckley
Chairman