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Ms Sarah Cremin

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Committee of Public Accounts

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Dear Ms Cremin,

I refer to your letter dated 16 May 2022 requesting further clarity for the Public Accounts Committee regarding the investigation into contractors engaged by RTE.


In response to the two questions, I can advise as follows:

- Approximately 60% of the examinations to date have resulted in decisions to reclassify workers, previously classified as self-employed, as employees. RTE has not appealed every case, but some cases are being appealed. There are currently appeal notifications in hand from RTE for approximately 29% of all cases determined. This represents 48% of cases where workers were deemed to be employees for social insurance purposes (i.e. Class A decisions). No appeals have been received by individual workers to date in respect of cases determined as being class S (self-employed). No appeal decisions have yet been made, in most cases further detail is awaited from RTE.

- As previously indicated, the scale of the Department's investigation in RTE is significant and involves retrospective analysis of the engagement of many workers. As a consequence, and as previously explained, it will take some time to examine all of the workers involved. We have indicated our intention to update the Committee on this work later this year.

I trust this clarifies the position for the Committee. The Department is available to provide any further assistance required.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John McKeon', is written over the typed name and title.

John McKeon
Secretary General