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Committee of Public Accounts,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2,
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Your Ref: S0972 PAC33

Dear Sarah

Further to our acknowledgement letter dated 22nd August 2022, please see attached our response to your query.

In our response, we have outlined the non-compliant procurement within National Museum of Ireland (NMI) to the value of €758,900 in the 2020 Financial Statements and accounts, and the relevant information in tabular form to include contracts or otherwise that were non-compliant with procurement guidelines in 2020, the associated expenditure, goods/services, supplier(s), the reason(s) for the non-compliance, and plans to rectify the procurement issues.

If you require any further information we would be happy to provide.

Yours sincerely,

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Director
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Non-Compliant Procurement	Associated Expenditure	Types of Goods / Services	Supplier	Reason for Non-Compliance	Remedial Action Taken
1	€83,700	Emergency Signage due to Covid-19.	<i>Red & Grey</i>	Emergency signage required for NMI sites as required for Covid-19 compliance.	Subsequent signage procurement has been compliant with NMI processes.
2	€758,900	Security	<i>Synergy Security Solutions Ltd.</i>	Covid-19 restrictions created logistical problems with site visits and similar issues. The development of contract specifications was impacted by uncertainty created by Covid-19.	Following fully compliant procurement process a new Tender was awarded to <i>Manguard Plus</i> in June 2021 and implemented soon afterwards.