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Dear Ms. O'Farrell,

I refer to your letter of 30 December 2022 in relation to non-compliance with procurement guidelines in respect of the Prisons Vote, Vote 21.

I attach a tabulated report of the current status of the contracts to the value of €5,608,548 as referenced in the Appropriation Account for 2021.

Yours sincerely,

  
Oonagh McPhillips  
Secretary General

## Public Accounts Committee, January 2023

The 2021 Appropriation Account for the Prisons Vote (Vote21) was prepared in March 2022 and included 18 instances of non-compliant procurement valued at €5,608,548.

The updated position in relation to these contracts is as follows:

Current Position	Number	Value	Percentage (Value)
Contract in place	18	€5,608,548	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>€5,608,548</b>	<b>100%</b>

Further detailed information is contained in the table below.

Number	Supplier	Subject of Contract	Value €	Reason for non- compliance	Current Position. January 2023
1	Locumotion Ltd	Prisoner Healthcare Services - Doctor Services	1,464,227	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Contract extended to ensure continued essential service provision. New tender elongated due to detailed consideration of policy for future delivery of GP services. This resulted in a new recruitment process for employed GPs with external supplementary locum support continued. Tender was then progressed and completed.	Contract in Place
2	Lynas Foodservice Ltd	Prisoner Supplies - Ambient Foods	1,188,515	<b>Contract Extension:</b> issue of new tender had to be delayed due to security issues which necessitated additional security related requirements to be included in the new tender specification.	Contract in Place

3	Eir	ICT - Telecommunications	934,596	<b>Contract Extension:</b> A replacement tender was due to be tendered in 2020 but could not be progressed due to resourcing issues. Tender process now concluded.	Contract in Place
4	Heaney Meats	Prisoner Supplies - Meat Products	605,686	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Contract extended due to COVID and legal issues which led to delay in new contract award following OGP tender competition in early 2020. Process now concluded.	Contract in Place
5	Starrus Eco Holding	Estate Management - Waste Management Services	338,233	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Delay due to requirement for mini competition to be concluded as part of OGP Framework requirements and to fit in with OGP timelines.	Contract in Place
6	Lynas Foodservice Ltd	Prisoner Supplies - Frozen Foods	205,522	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Issue of new tender had to be delayed due to security issues which necessitated additional security related requirements to be included in the new tender specification.	Contract in Place
7	Call Us Limited	Prisoner Supplies - Prisoner Clothing	188,063	<b>Contract extension:</b> Extended due to delay. Tender issued in partnership with OGP in 2020 but tenderers could not comply with the specification. Revised specifications issued and tender process now complete.	Contract in Place
8	Key Guard Security Ltd	Offices & Buildings - Security Services	155,254	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Delay due to issues identified following initial tender competition late 2020. Tender process had to be repeated and was concluded in 2021.	Contract in Place

9	Pallas Foods	Prisoner Supplies - Meat Products	118,401	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Extended due to COVID and legal issues which led to delay in new contract award following OGP tender competition in early 2020. Process now concluded.	Contract in Place
10	Fastcom	ICT - Alerting, Monitoring & Notification Services	92,127	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Delay due to change from OGP-led tender process to in house tender process; process now completed.	Contract in Place
11	Harmonstown Motors (Ford)	Fleet - Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs	65,514	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Supplier pulled out of OGP-led contract during extension period for commercial reasons leaving no viable alternative but to negotiate with relevant dealership until new contract in place following subsequent OGP led tender; process now completed.	Contract in Place
12	Dublin Tunnel Commercials Ltd	Fleet - Maintenance of Heavy Vehicles	48,806	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Delay in re tendering due to resourcing issues; process now concluded.	Contract in Place
13	Lloyds Pharmacy	Prisoner Services - Pharmacy Services Shelton Abbey	47,163	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Contract extended to ensure continued essential service provision. Delay in retender process due to resourcing issues/COVID; process now concluded.	Contract in Place
14	Dromahair Village Pharmacy Ltd	Prisoner Services - Pharmacy Services Loughan House	41,948	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Contract extended to ensure continued essential service provision. Delay in retender process due to resourcing issues/COVID; process now concluded.	Contract in Place
15	Air Products	Prisoner Services - Workshop Welding Gases	29,462	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Delay in re tender process due to resourcing issues; process now concluded.	Contract in Place

16	O'Mahoney Meats	Prisoner Supplies - Meat Products	28,548	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Extended due to COVID and legal issues which led to delay in new contract award following OGP tender competition in early 2020. Process now concluded.	Contract in Place
17	Acorn Framing	Prisoner Services - Workshop Framing Supplies	28,442	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Delay in re tender process due to resourcing issues; process now concluded.	Contract in Place
18	O'Mahoney Meats	Prisoner Supplies - Eggs	28,041	<b>Contract Extension:</b> Extended due to COVID to ensure continuity of supply until new contract in place. Retendered and process now complete.	Contract in Place
	<b>Total</b>		<b>5,608,548</b>		