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From: Director MBRS <director.mbrs@ucd.ie>
Sent: Thursday 12 January 2023 20:05
To: Transport Secretary General
Cc: Public Accounts Committee; Keith Walsh (Transport)
Subject: Re: Correspondence from the Committee of Public Accounts

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Dear Secretary-General Pratt,

Thank you for the copy of your correspondence with the Secretariat of the Committee of Public Accounts.

The matter of the presentation of the Accounts from 2020 had indeed been discussed with your Department at the Governance Oversight meeting on 22nd December 2022 when the debate of the PAC of 1st December 2022 came to our attention in the Bureau. The very late completion of the audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General for 2020 did delay substantially the completion of the Accounts for 2020. This may have contributed to the oversight you mentioned in presenting those 2020 Accounts. This timing for completion was improved significantly by the C&AG for the 2021 accounts and we have expressed our thanks to the C&AG's office in that regard.

The Bureau is most grateful to you and Dr. Keith Walsh for closings promptly this question which arose from the PAC about the Accounts from 2020 as promised by Dr. Walsh and his colleagues on 22nd December.

The earlier correspondence from your Department of 22 September 2022 to the PAC had been noted recently by me on the public record of the PAC and only this week has been considered here in the Bureau. I have put in place with our senior team a significant change in format and timing of reporting information required from the Garda stations concerning necessary Evidential Breath Test statistics for the Annual Report 2021 so that that particular issue of an earlier completion of the Annual Report is now being addressed for 2021 and future years. The compilation of these data on intoxicated driving forms an important part of the public information on this aspect of road safety but is an increasingly complex undertaking with our partners, an Garda Síochána, but our new and improved process will address the timing of this data compilation to align with reporting timelines insofar as is practicable going forward.

Working together in collegial co-operation, the Bureau and the Department will endeavour to address the reporting timelines and requirements as you have said in your letter and we will keep the Department updated accordingly on the Bureau's process through our Senior Administrator/Board Secretary.

If there is any further assistance we can give, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With Kind Regards.

Yours Sincerely.

Denis Cusack.

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On 12 Jan 2023, at 18:34, Transport Secretary General <Secretary.General@transport.gov.ie> wrote:

Dear Ms Cremin,

Please find attached letter from Secretary General, Mr Ken Spratt, for your attention.

Kind regards,

Niamh

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Dear Mr. Spratt,

Please see enclosed correspondence from the Committee of Public Accounts.

The Committee requests that this information be forwarded within ten working days.

Please let me know if you are not in a position to respond in this timeframe.

Kind regards,

Sarah

Sarah Cremin

Cléireach Sóisearach

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