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Department of Tourism, Culture,
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

Oifig an Ard-Rúnaí
Office of the Secretary General

Sarah Cremin
Committee Secretariat
Committee of Public Accounts
Leinster House
Dublin 2

12 January 2023

Dear Sarah,

I refer to your letter dated 29 December 2022, Ref: S1116 PAC33 in connection with the timely submission of Accounts to the Houses of the Oireachtas as required (under Circular 24 of 2021 to Accounting Officers), of the 2021 Crawford Art Gallery Accounts, 2021 National Museum of Ireland Accounts and the 2021 Irish Museum of Modern Art Accounts.

The position in regard to the aforementioned bodies is as follows:

- **Crawford Art Gallery Annual Report and Accounts 2021**

The Annual Report and Financial Statements (AR&FS) of Crawford Art Gallery for 2021 was signed by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the 24 June 2022. The Financial Statements were presented by Crawford Art Gallery to the Department on the 07 July 2022 and the Annual Report was presented on the 21 July 2022. They were subsequently presented to Government and noted at the Cabinet meeting of 02 November 2022 prior to being laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas on 04 November 2022. In accordance with the terms of the Circular, the Clerk to the Committee of Public Accounts was notified by email dated 14 October 2022 of an unavoidable delay with respect to Crawford Art Gallery AR&FS for 2021. (Copy attached).

- **National Museum of Ireland Annual Report and Accounts 2021**

The Annual Report and Financial Statements of National Museum of Ireland for 2021 was signed by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the 30 June 2022 and were presented by the National Museum of Ireland to the Department on the 16 August 2022. They were subsequently presented to Government and noted at the Cabinet meeting of 02 November 2022 prior to being laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas on 04 November 2022.

- **Irish Museum of Modern Art Annual Report and Accounts 2021**

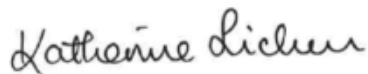
The Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA) for 2021 was signed by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the 24 May 2022. The Financial Statements were presented by IMMA to the Department on the 09 September 2022 and the Annual Report was presented on 14 October 2022. They were subsequently presented to Government and noted at the Cabinet meeting of 22 November 2022 prior to being laid before the Houses of the Oireachtas on 28 November 2022.

While the audit certs are received by the National Cultural Institutions from the C&AG, the submission of these to the Department can sometimes be delayed due to delays in the preparation and submission of the Annual reports, which accompany the Annual Financial Statements. The Department has discussed this with these organisations to ensure that such delays can be prevented in future years.

I have also established systems to monitor progress on Annual Reports and Accounts and ensure that the Clerk to the Committee of Public Accounts is informed of any delays and that the process for approving Annual Reports and Accounts and laying them before the Houses of Oireachtas will improve over the coming year.

Should you require anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Katherine Licken
Secretary General

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From: Joe Healy <Joe.Healy@tcagsm.gov.ie>
Sent: Friday 14 October 2022 18:29
To: External - John Jordan (Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media; Gráinne Ní Ghallachóir
Cc: Patricia A. Murphy
Subject: FW: Sarah Cremin - Notification to the PAC in respect of the laying of accounts under Circular 24/2021

John / Grainne

FYI below as discussed

Thanks

Joe

From: Joe Healy
Sent: Friday 14 October 2022 18:27
To: 'pac@oireachtas.ie' <pac@oireachtas.ie>
Subject: FAO: Sarah Cremin - Notification to the PAC in respect of the laying of accounts under Circular 24/2021

Sarah,

My name is Joe Healy, Finance Officer for the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media.

I am writing to you with regard to the laying of Annual Accounts to the Houses of the Oireachtas to inform you of a delay with respect to the laying of the 2021 Annual Accounts of Crawford Art Gallery, the National Concert Hall and the Arts Council as required under Circular 24 of 2021 to Accounting Officers.

The 2021 Arts Council Annual Accounts were laid on 12 October 2022 with a delay of six days. The National Concert Hall Annual Accounts for 2021 are on the Government agenda for Tuesday 18 October 2022 meeting and will be laid directly after the meeting. In relation to the 2021 Annual Accounts for the Crawford Art Gallery which were due to be laid by 7 October 2022 have been delayed and we anticipate that these will be laid by the end of this month.

I trust this clarifies the current position to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Healy

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