



15th March 2023

Mr. Sam Keenan  
Committee Secretariat  
Committee of Public Accounts  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

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Dear Mr. Keenan,

I refer to my letter dated 14 February 2023 in which I responded to a number of issues raised by the Committee for Public Accounts in the course of its meeting on 27 October 2022.

The Committee had asked about **the number of those in direct provision who have status that are working**. In my previous response, I advised that the Department was not currently in a position to provide this information but that the Department of Social Protection had indicated that it may be in a position to generate a report from its data sources.

I am happy to advise that the Department of Social Protection has now provided the information relevant to question asked by the Committee.

The number of **adults over the age of 18 that have status and are living in IPAS accommodation** as of the 14<sup>th</sup> February was **3,660**.

Of the 3,660 relevant individuals, the Department of Social Protection was able to identify PPSNs for 3,564 (97%).

Of the 3,564 individuals identified, **2,239 (62.8%)** are currently employed and 330 (9.3%) were employed in the last 6 months. This data is as of the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

I trust the above responses are of assistance to the Committee. Please let me know if the Department can provide any further information on this or any other matters.

Yours sincerely



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