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Department of Rural and  
Community Development



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Committee of Public Accounts,  
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Ref: S1189 PAC 33

Dear Sarah,

I refer to correspondence dated 10 February, ref: S1189 PAC33, and subsequent follow-up correspondence received from the Clerk to the Committee, dated 14 March, in relation to the role of Pobal and the scoping exercise on the potential for a National Funding Platform of community and voluntary organisations which have a funding relationship with the State.

I can confirm that Pobal was only commissioned to conduct the scoping exercise referred. The high level purpose of the scoping exercise was to explore options for a database that would reduce the administrative burden on grantees and funders.

The scoping exercise for the project has been completed and is under consideration by my Department.



Any decision to move forward with the project would subsequently require a thorough and transparent procurement process in line with the Public Spending Code, in order to identify the project lead.

I trust the Committee finds this information useful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Mary Hurley'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mary Hurley,  
Secretary General.