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Dear Ms Cremin,

I refer to your correspondence of 24 March 2023, regarding the 2021 Annual Accounts of Sport Ireland Facilities DAC.

Sports Ireland Facilities DAC is a subsidiary company of Sport Ireland and it has been the practice of the Department, where possible, to simultaneously lay the annual accounts of Sport Ireland Facilities DAC and Sport Ireland before the Houses of the Oireachtas. Accordingly, both sets of accounts for 2021 were submitted to the Department on 16 November 2022 and both were laid before the Houses on 14 December 2022.

Generally, both sets of accounts are signed off by the C&AG around the same time. However this was not the case in respect of the 2021 Sport Ireland Facilities DAC accounts which were signed on 8 July 2022 but regrettably not submitted to the Department until 16 November 2022, along with the accounts for Sport Ireland as outlined above. The Department will engage with Sport Ireland and Sports Ireland Facilities DAC to ensure that such delays are not repeated in the future.

As previously advised, I have established systems within the Department to monitor progress on Annual Reports and Accounts. I have also arranged for the Department to write to all relevant State bodies, advising them of the requirement to submit annual accounts to the Department within one month of the C&AG certification. The Department is acutely cognisant of the reporting requirements outlined in Circular 24 of 2021 and will continue to make every effort to complete this process within the required timeframe.

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

Yours sincerely,

Katherine Licken
Secretary General