

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

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Dear Ms Cremin,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 April 2023.

The Committee has requested “*whether any sanctions have been applied regarding breaches of the licence referenced in the correspondence [of 28 February 2023] and, if not, why not*”. As requested and advised in my correspondence of 28 February 2023, eight incidences of breaches by Premier Lotteries Ireland (PLI) were found between the commencement of the Licence in November 2014 and the end of 2021.

The Regulator has the statutory power to apply a “name and shame” sanction of publishing details of breaches (which is not a power available to all regulators). Details of each incident and the breaches determined were published in each instance, in the Regulator’s annual report for the relevant year.

The Regulator has a contractual power to withhold monies from payments due to the Operator under the Licence, for failures to comply with the Act or Licence, where the circumstances of the breach and its impact meet a specific set of criteria set out under Clause 22 of the Licence. The Regulator considers whether to apply this sanction in each and every case of a breach. The criteria were not met in each of the eight cases.

Any breach of the Act or Licence is considered on its merits, and following due process, with the aim of ensuring compliance and a properly run National Lottery. Details of any breaches will continue to be published in the annual report of the Regulator each year as will details of any financial or other sanctions applied.

I trust the above is of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,



Carol Boate
Regulator of the National Lottery