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Dear Sarah,

I refer to your letter of 17<sup>th</sup> October by way of follow up to the Committee of Public Accounts meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October with regard to providing the Committee with elements of the NewERA report assessing the interim funding requirements of RTÉ.

As the Committee members will be aware, the reports prepared by NewERA are specifically for relevant Ministers and contain commercially and financially sensitive and confidential material relevant to the function of the entity on an on-going basis. For these reasons, such reports are not made available publicly, and as such the provision of the report prepared into RTÉ interim funding needs would have wider implications.

However, in order to be as helpful as possible to the Committee and to provide as much clarity as possible around the funding assessment, discussions have been ongoing between this Department, the Department of Finance and NewERA. A number of options are being considered, including provision of the report with the redaction of certain confidential and sensitive information provided to NewERA solely for the purposes of the assessment. This Department is continuing to engage with the Department of Finance and NewERA with a view to bringing the matter to conclusion as soon as possible, and I will be in contact with you further to advise of the outcome of these discussions.

Yours sincerely

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Katherine Licken  
Secretary General