

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2023**

The Committee met in **Public** Session at 09:33 a.m., a quorum being present.

The following Members were present:

**Deputies:** Brian Stanley (Cathaoirleach), Cormac Devlin, Alan Kelly, Paul McAuliffe, Catherine Murphy, Verona Murphy and Marc Ó Cathasaigh.

**Permanent**

**Witness:** Mr. Seamus McCarthy, Comptroller and Auditor General.

The Committee went into **private** session at 09:34.

R2080 PAC33	Correspondence received from Jackie Cahill, Cathaoirleach, Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine, dated 19/07/2023	It was agreed to give consent to the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine to examine the Irish Horse Racing Board's 2021 Financial Statements.
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The Committee agreed the list of invitees to the meeting on 12 October 2023.

The Committee agreed that it would not make an application to exercise the power of compellability for the McKenna Report at this time.

The Committee resumed in **Public** Session at 10:24.

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings of 6 July, 11 July and 13 July 2023 were agreed.

**2. Financial Statements and Accounts**

There were sixty-eight sets of financial statements and accounts laid before the Dáil between 10 July 2023 and 15 September 2023.

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## Departmental funds

1	<b>Finance Accounts</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €80.6 billion	12 Jun 2023	13 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion
2	<b>Local Government Fund Account</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> ) <i>Balance at year end: €203 million</i>	2022 €886 million	27 Jul 2023	30 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion
3	<b>Credit Union Fund</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> ) <i>Balance at year end: €19.7 million</i>	2022 €338,000	28 Aug 2023	8 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion

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<b>State bodies (and subsidiaries)</b>					
4	<b>Child and Family Agency</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €981 million	15 Jun 2023	12 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion Attention is drawn to disclosure of material level of non-compliance with procurement rules. ( <a href="#">click here for further information</a> )
5	<b>Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €9.9 million	30 Jun 2023	25 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion Attention is drawn to ongoing discussions between the Office and the Department of Finance about funding of staff pension liabilities. ( <a href="#">click here for further information</a> )
6	<b>Adoption Authority of Ireland</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €8.7 million	9 Jun 2023	26 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion
7	<b>Industrial Development Agency (IDA) Ireland</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €263 million	15 Jun 2023	26 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion
8	<b>Commission for Regulation of Utilities</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €24 million	31 Mar 2023	3 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion
9	<b>Travellers' Protection Fund and Travel agents' and Tour Operators' Bond Accounts</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> ) <i>Balance at year end: €26,300</i>	2022 €130,000	25 May 2023	25 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion

10	<b>Ombudsman for the Defence Forces</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €395,000	30 Jun 2023	9 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion
11	<b>Health and Safety Authority</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €33 million	28 Jun 2023	10 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion
12	<b>Commission for Aviation Regulation</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €4.9 million	26 Apr 2023	15 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion
13	<b>The Gathering Project 2013</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )  <i>Dormant company – subsidiary of Fáilte Ireland</i>	2022 Nil	30 Jun 2023	25 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion
14	<b>Irish Museum of Modern Art</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €11 million	8 Jun 2023	1 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
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15	<b>Pensions Authority</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €11.3 million	20 Jun 2023	4 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
16	<b>National Lottery Fund</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €582 million	30 May 2023	4 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
17	<b>Regulator of the National Lottery</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €1.6 million	30 May 2023	4 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
18	<b>Transport Infrastructure Ireland</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €1.7 billion	29 Jun 2023	7 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
19	<b>Environmental Protection Agency</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €83 million	28 Jun 2023	7 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
20	<b>Science Foundation Ireland</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €237 million	16 Jun 2023	8 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
21	<b>Rásaíocht Con Éireann</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €19.1 million	27 Jun 2023	11 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
22	<b>Greyhound Racing Operations Ireland Limited</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €4.7 million	27 Jun 2023	11 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion

23	<b>Abargrove Limited</b> <a href="#">(click here to view accounts)</a>	2022 €4.4 million	27 Jun 2023	11 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
24	<b>Shelbourne Greyhound Stadium Limited</b> <a href="#">(click here to view accounts)</a>	2022 18,000	27 Jun 2023	11 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
25	<b>Rásaíocht Con Éireann Irish Retired Greyhound Trust</b> <a href="#">(click here to view accounts)</a>	2022 €581,000	25 Jul 2023	11 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
26	<b>Bord Bia</b> <a href="#">(click here to view accounts)</a>	2022 €87 million	20 Jun 2023	11 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
27	<b>Teagasc</b> <a href="#">(click here to view accounts)</a>	2022 €225 million	27 Jun 2023	12 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
28	<b>Moorepark Technology Limited</b> <a href="#">(click here to view accounts)</a> <i>Subsidiary of Teagasc</i>	2022 €3.5 million	14 Apr 2023	12 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
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29	<b>Road Safety Authority</b> <a href="#">(click here to view accounts)</a>	2022 €101 million	26 Jun 2023	12 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion  Attention is drawn to disclosure of material level of non-compliance with procurement rules. <a href="#">(click here for further information)</a>
30	<b>National Transport Authority</b> <a href="#">(click here to view accounts)</a>	2022 €1.7 billion	23 May 2023	14 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion
31	<b>Arts Council</b> <a href="#">(click here to view accounts)</a>	2022 €133 million	30 Jun 2023	15 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion

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#### Financial State bodies

#### National Asset Management Agency (NAMA) subsidiaries - Designated Activity Company (DAC)

32	<b>National Asset JV A DAC</b> <a href="#">(click here to view accounts)</a>	2022 (€630,000)	14 Jul 2023	26 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion
33	<b>National Asset Loan Management DAC</b> <a href="#">(click here to view accounts)</a>	2022 €64 million	14 Jul 2023	26 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion

34	<b>National Asset Management DAC</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 (€404 million)	14 Jul 2023	26 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion
35	<b>National Asset Management Agency Investment DAC</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €241,000	14 Jul 2023	26 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion
36	<b>National Asset Management Group Services DAC</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 (€404 million)	14 Jul 2023	26 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion
37	<b>National Asset North Quays DAC</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €21,000	14 Jul 2023	26 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion
38	<b>National Asset Property Management DAC</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 Nil	14 Jul 2023	26 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion
39	<b>National Asset Residential Property Services DAC</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €10.3 million	14 Jul 2023	26 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion

#### Financial State bodies

40	<b>Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )  <i>Loans issued at 31 Dec 2022: €188 million</i>	2022 €2.1 million	12 Jun 2023	15 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion  Attention is drawn to losses that are expected to arise for the State from a suspected fraud on an on-lender. ( <a href="#">click here for further information</a> )
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<b>Education sector</b>					
41	<b>Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2021/2022 €32 million	12 May 2023	13 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion
42	<b>University of Limerick</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2021/2022 €352 million	12 May 2023	18 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion
43	<b>National University of Ireland</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €4 million	23 May 2023	18 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion
44	<b>SOLAS</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €977 million	30 May 2023	25 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion

45	<b>Munster Technological University</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> ) <i>Note: New body. First period of account.</i>	1 Jan to 31 Aug 2021 €140 million	17 May 2023	14 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion Attention is drawn to disclosure of material level of non-compliance with procurement rules. ( <a href="#">click here for further information</a> )
46	<b>Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands West</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> ) <i>Note: New body. First period of account.</i>	1 Oct 2021 to 31 Aug 2022 €175 million	1 Jun 2023	14 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion
47	<b>Mary Immaculate College, Coláiste Mhuire gan Smál</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2021/2022 €60 million	31 May 2023	18 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion Attention is drawn to disclosure of material level of non-compliance with procurement rules. ( <a href="#">click here for further information</a> )
48	<b>Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> ) <i>Dissolved body – cessation accounts for the period 1 Sep 2021 to 31 Mar 2022</i>	2021/2022 €63 million	31 May 2023	21 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion
49	<b>Royal Irish Academy of Music</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €12.4 million	16 Jun 2023	21 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion
50	<b>Educational Research Centre</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €5.8 million	27 Jun 2023	25 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion
51	<b>An tÚdarás um Ard-Oideachas (Higher Education Authority)</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €2.1 billion	28 Jun 2023	28 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion
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52	<b>Longford and Westmeath Education and Training Board</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €69 million	30 Jun 2023	28 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion Attention is drawn to disclosure of material level of non-compliance with procurement rules. ( <a href="#">click here for further information</a> )
53	<b>Waterford and Wexford Education and Training Board</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €135 million	13 July 2023	29 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion Attention is drawn to disclosure of material level of non-compliance with procurement rules. ( <a href="#">click here for further information</a> )
54	<b>National Council for Curriculum and</b>	2022 €7.1 million	23 Jun 2023	30 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion

<b>Assessment</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )					
55	<b>Dundalk Institute Of Technology</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2021/2022 €77 million	30 Jun 2023	31 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion Attention is drawn to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Going concern</li> <li>• Unauthorised bank accounts</li> <li>• Termination of employment payments. (<a href="#">click here for further information</a>)</li> </ul>
56	<b>St Patrick's College, Drumcondra</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )  <i>Dissolved body – cessation accounts for the period 1 Oct 2021 to 1 Sep 2022</i>	2021/2022 €270	28 Jun 2023	31 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion Attention is drawn to the basis of preparation of the financial statements. ( <a href="#">click here for further information</a> )
57	<b>Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2021/2022 €13.6 million	24 Jul 2023	31 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion
58	<b>Technological University Dublin</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2020/2021 €328 million	25 Nov 2022	6 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion Attention is drawn to disclosure of material level of non-compliance with procurement rules. ( <a href="#">click here for further information</a> )
59	<b>State Examinations Commission</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €94 million	30 Jun 2023	6 Sep 2023	Clear audit opinion

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<b>Health</b>					
60	<b>The Hepatitis C and HIV Compensation Tribunal Special Account</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €27 million	30 Jun 2023	18 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion
61	<b>The Hepatitis C and HIV Compensation Tribunal Reparation Fund</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €5.5 million	30 Jun 2023	18 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion
62	<b>National Cancer Registry Board</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €3.8 million	15 Jun 2023	18 Jul 2023	Qualified audit opinion Accounts give a true and fair view, except that they account for the costs of retirement benefit entitlements of staff only as they become payable (standard for many health bodies).
63	<b>National Haemophilia Council</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €62,000	28 Jun 2023	26 Jul 2023	Clear audit opinion

64	<b>Irish Blood Transfusion Service</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €80 million	20 Jun 2023	1 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion
65	<b>Mental Health Commission</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €22 million	30 Jun 2023	1 Aug 2023	Qualified audit opinion  Accounts give a true and fair view, except that they account for the costs of retirement benefit entitlements of staff only as they become payable (standard for many health bodies).
66	<b>Food Safety Authority of Ireland</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €21 million	30 Jun 2023	10 Aug 2023	Qualified audit opinion  Accounts give a true and fair view, except that they account for the costs of retirement benefit entitlements of staff only as they become payable (standard for many health bodies).  Attention is drawn to disclosure of material level of non-compliance with procurement rules. ( <a href="#">click here for further information</a> )
67	<b>St James's Hospital</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €598 million	30 Jun 2023	15 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion  Attention is drawn to disclosure of material level of non-compliance with procurement rules. ( <a href="#">click here for further information</a> )
68	<b>Dublin Dental Hospital</b> ( <a href="#">click here to view accounts</a> )	2022 €23 million	30 Jun 2023	30 Aug 2023	Clear audit opinion

It was agreed to note the listings of the accounts and statements.

The Committee has a standing agreement to request explanations for any significant non-compliant procurement or delays in laying accounts before the Houses of the Oireachtas. It was agreed to write to the Road Safety Authority, Munster Technological University and St James' Hospital to request further details in relation to non-compliant procurement.

In relation the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman funding of staff pension liabilities, it was agreed to write to Department of Finance expressing the Committee's concern that the matter has not been resolved and request an update of any progress.

The Committee suspended at 11:08.

The Committee resumed in **Public** Session at 11:25.

### 3. Correspondence



Correspondence received		
B – Correspondence from Accounting Officers and/or Ministers and follow up to PAC meetings		Decision
R2014 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Ray Mitchell, Assistant National Director, Health Service Executive, dated 05/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2022 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Graham Doyle, Secretary General, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, dated 06/07/2023	Note and publish.  It was agreed to flag local authority social housing builds as an area of interest for the proposed meeting with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.  It was agreed to request a further breakdown of the figures including: - a breakdown comparing the number of long leases, the number of turn-key acquisitions, the number of direct builds by the local authority and the number acquired through associated housing bodies; - a comparison of the cumulative long-term cost per unit of long-term leases and direct builds; - how is the initial development financed in the case of turn-key acquisitions? Do these developments receive funding from the Home Building Finance Agency and what is the cost to the State; and - what are the housing lists for each local authority.
R2027 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Christy Duffy, Chief Executive, City of Dublin Education and Training Board, dated 07/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2048 PAC33	Correspondence received from Ms Bernadette Cullen, Chief Executive, Tipperary Education and Training Board, dated 10/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2058 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Denis Leamy, Chief Executive Officer, Cork Education and Training Board, dated 12/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2059 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. John Callinan, Secretary General, Department of the Taoiseach, dated 12/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2061 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. John O'Halloran, President, University College Cork, dated 12/07/2023	Note and publish.

Correspondence received		
R2066 PAC33	Correspondence received from Ms Caroline O'Keeffe, Personal Assistant to the Director General, RTÉ, dated 13/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2070 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Kevin Bakhurst, Director General, RTÉ, dated 14/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2072 PAC33	Correspondence received from Ms Catherine Martin T.D., Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, dated 14/07/2023	Note and publish.  It was agreed to request an update on the progress that has been made in relation to further investigations into RTÉ.
R2076 PAC3	Correspondence received from Mr. George O'Callaghan, Chief Executive, Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, dated 18/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2077 PAC33	Correspondence received from Ms Stephanie Redmond, Private Secretary to the Secretary General, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, dated 19/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2078 PAC33	Correspondence received from Ms Eilish Hardiman, Chief Executive, Children's Health Ireland, dated 20/07/2023	Note and publish.  It was agreed to write to Children's Health Ireland and express the Committee's concern regarding non-compliant procurement and request that it implement corrective actions quickly regarding non-compliant procurement of non-medical products and services.  It was also agreed to write to the Minister of Health expressing concern regarding workforce planning and the level of use of agency staff by Children's Health Ireland and ask how this will be resolved in advance of the opening of the National Childrens Hospital.
R2079 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Kevin McCarthy, Secretary General, Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, dated 20/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2081 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Neil McGinley, Corporate Governance Division, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, dated 20/07/2023	Note and publish.

Correspondence received		
R2082 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. David Sweeney, Chief Executive Officer, Beaumont Hospital, dated 21/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2083 PAC33	Correspondence received from Ms Mary Hurley, Secretary General, Department of Rural and Community Development, dated 21/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2091 PAC33	Correspondence received from Ms Katherine Licken, Secretary General, Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gealtacht, Sport and Media, dated 20/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2094 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Ciarán Breen, Director, State Claims Agency, dated 26/07/2023	Note and publish.  It was agreed ask the State Claims Agency the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- whether the audit will be a notified audit; and</li> <li>- whether the audit will include a health and safety audit and to please revert to the Committee with the results.</li> </ul>
R2096 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Government Accounting Unit, Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, dated 27/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2097 PAC33	Correspondence received from Ms Mary Hurley, Secretary General, Department of Rural and Community Development, dated 27/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2098 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. John McKeon, Secretary General, Department of Social Protection, dated 28/07/2023	Note and publish.  It was agreed to ask the Department of Social Protection to explain the rationale for leaving out the legal basis on the information leaflet provided to people at their Public Services Card registration appointment.
R2099 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Kevin Bakhurst, Director General, RTÉ, dated 31/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2101 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Bernard Quinn, National Roads, Greenways and Active Travel Division, Department of Transport, dated 02/08/2023	Note and publish.

Correspondence received		
R2103 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. John Boylan, Public Transport Corporate and Services Division, Department of Transport, dated 02/08/2023	Note and publish.
R2104 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Leo Clancy, Chief Executive Officer, Enterprise Ireland, dated 03/08/2023	Note and publish.
R2105 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Fergus Hannigan, Communications and Public Affairs Manager, Sport Ireland, dated 04/08/2023	Note and publish.  It was agreed to write to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to request information in relation to Question 7 on the criteria for eligibility for the grant for disadvantaged areas and Question 9 on the decision-making criteria for the first round of the large-scale sport infrastructure programme.
R2109 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Liam Sloyan, Chief Executive Officer, National Treatment Purchase Fund, dated 05/07/2023	Note and publish.
R2110 PAC33	Correspondence received from Ms Katherine Licken, Secretary General, Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, dated 10/08/2023	Note and publish.  It was agreed to write to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media requesting that the marking scheme for Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund funded projects include population as a criterion in order to achieve objective resource allocation. The Committee requests the rationale for population not being included in the marking scheme.
R2111 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Ray Mitchell, Assistant National Director, Health Service Executive, dated 10/08/2023	Note and publish.
R2112 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Kevin Bakhurst, Director General, RTÉ, dated 16/08/2023	Note and publish.
R2113 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Kevin Bakhurst, Director General, RTÉ, dated 16/08/2023	Note.
R2114 PAC33	Correspondence received from Ms Bernie McNally, Secretary General, Department of Education, dated 15/08/2023	Note and publish.

Correspondence received		
R2116 PAC33	Correspondence received from Ms Katherine Licken, Secretary General, Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, dated 21/08/2023	Note and publish.
R2117 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Kevin Bakhurst, Director General, RTÉ, dated 21/08/2023	Note and publish.
R2118 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Government Accounting Unit, Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, dated 22/08/2023	Note and publish.
R2121 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Brendan Gleeson, Secretary General, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, dated 23/08/2023	Note and publish.
R2125 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Mark Griffin, Secretary General, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications, dated 23/08/2023	Note.  It was agreed to write to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications to seek an update on the next steps in relation to investigation 3.
R2127 PAC33	Correspondence received from Ms Catherine Martin, Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, dated 25/08/2023	Note and publish.
R2128 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Francis O'Donnell, Chief Executive Officer, Inland Fisheries Ireland, dated 22/08/2023	Note and publish.  It was agreed to write to Inland Fisheries Ireland and request what the regular costs were in the week before and the week after each week that the CEO stayed in Aasleagh Lodge and Aasleagh Cottage.
R2129 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Jim Breslin, Secretary General, Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, dated 28/08/2023	Note and publish.

<b>Correspondence received</b>		
R2131 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Hugh Hume, Commissioner, Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission, dated 04/09/2023	Note.  It was agreed to write to the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission and express the Committee's concern about the length of time it has taken and request information on: - what factors have caused this delay; - the length of time that the 5 garda officers were seconded for, were they full-time and was the investigation their sole focus: and - whether the report regarding EU funds was produced and whether the Committee have sight of it. If not, is there a reason why the Committee cannot see it?
R2133 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Government Accounting Unit, Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, dated 22/08/2023	Note and publish.
R2134 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Paddy O'Keeffe, Chief Operations Officer, Tax Appeals Commission, dated 06/09/2023	Note and publish.
R2135 PAC33	Correspondence received from Ms Catherine Martin, Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, dated 06/09/2023	Note and publish.
R2136 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. David Moloney, Secretary General, Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, dated 08/09/2023	Note and publish.
R2137 PAC33	Correspondence received from Mr. Graham Doyle, Secretary General, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage dated 31/08/2023	Note and publish.
<b>C - Correspondence from and related to private individuals and any other correspondence</b>		<b>Decision</b>
R2018 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 05/07/2023	Note.
R2019 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 06/07/2023	Note.
R2020 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 06/07/2023	Note.
R2021 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 06/07/2023	Note.

Correspondence received		
R2023 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 07/07/2023	Note.
R2024 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 07/07/2023	Note.
R2028 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 04/07/2023	Note.
R2043 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 07/07/2023	Note.
R2044 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 10/07/2023	Note.
R2047 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 10/07/2023	Note.
R2049 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 11/07/2023	Note.
R2050 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 11/07/2023	Note.
R2051 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 11/07/2023	Note.  It was agreed to advise the correspondent of the Committee's decision.
R2052 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 11/07/2023	Note.
R2053 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 11/07/2023	Note.
R2054 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 11/07/2023	Note.
R2055 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 11/07/2023	Note.
R2056 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 12/07/2023	Note.  It was agreed to advise the correspondent of the Committee's decision.
R2057 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 12/07/2023	Note.
R2060 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 12/06/2023	Note.
R2062 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 12/07/2023	Note.
R2063 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 12/07/2023	Note.
R2064 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 13/07/2023	Note.
R2065 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 13/07/2023	Note.
R2067 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 13/07/2023	Note.

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R2068 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 13/07/2023	Note.
R2069 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 14/07/2023	Note.
R2071 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 14/07/2023	Note.
R2073 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 14/07/2023	Note.
R2074 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 17/07/2023	Note.
R2075 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 17/07/2023	Note.
R2084 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 21/07/2023	Note.  It was agreed to advise the correspondent of the Committee's decision.
R2085 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 21/07/2023	Note.  It was agreed to write to the correspondent making him aware that his correspondence has been considered by the committee and that the matter is now on the parliamentary record.
R2086 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 24/07/2023	Note.
R2090 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 20/07/2023	Note.
R2092 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 25/07/2023	Note.  As per R2084 above.
R2100 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 31/07/2023	Note.  It was agreed to advise the correspondent of the Committee's decision.
R2106 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 08/08/2023	Note.  As per R2084 above.
R2107 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 03/08/2023	Note.  As per R2100 above.
R2108 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 08/08/2023	Note.
R2115 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 17/08/2023	Note.  As per R2084 above.
R2119 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 19/08/2023	Note.  As per R2084 above.



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R2120 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 21/08/2023	Note.  It was agreed to write the Board and ask the following: - why existing retired members of the Superannuation Scheme have not been granted a pension increase since 2008; - whether there is a problem with the capacity of the fund; and - are there any increases foreseen.
R2122 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 23/08/2023	Note.
R2123 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 23/08/2023	Note.
R2124 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 23/08/2023	Note.
R2126 PAC33	Correspondence received from Laura Pathe, Clerk, Joint Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media, dated 23/08/2023	Note.
R2130 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 04/09/2023	Note.

#### 4. Work Programme

The Committee agreed its draft work programme as proposed:

It was agreed to schedule a meeting on 26 October 2023 with the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage. It was agreed to request representatives from Uisce Éireann and the Commission for Regulation of Utilities to attend the meeting.

#### 5. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The Committee went into **private** session at 12:30.

Sensitive - for consideration in Private session		Decision
R2045 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 10/07/2023	It was agreed to proceed as agreed by the Committee.

R2046 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 10/07/2023	Note.
R2087 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 14/07/2023	It was agreed to advise the correspondent of the Committee's decision.
R2088 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 24/07/2023	See R2087 above.
R2089 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 25/07/2023	See R2087 above.
R2093 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 25/07/2023	It was agreed to advise the correspondent of the Committee's decision.
R2102 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 28/07/2023	See R2087 above.
R2132 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 22/08/2023	See R2087 above.
R2095 PAC33	Correspondence received from an individual, dated 27/07/2023	It was agreed to proceed as agreed by the Committee.

The Committee **adjourned** at 12:40 until Thursday 28 September 2023.




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Brian Stanley, T.D.  
Cathaoirleach  
28 September 2023