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National Treasury Management Agency

An Ghníomhaireacht um Éilimh ar an Stát  
State Claims Agency

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Dear Ms Cremin

I refer to your letter dated 17 July 2023, requesting responses to various information requests, enumerated below.

I now set out, hereunder, the responses of the State Claims Agency (SCA) in reply to each requested item of information:

1. **A further breakdown of claims relating to Cork Prison, Castlerea Prison, Mountjoy Prison, West Dublin Campus and the Portlaoise Campus, to include the nature and category of claims and the number of claims by staff and by prisoners.**

Please find attached table setting out the detail requested.

2. **Clarification as to whether the figure for the "Portlaoise Campus" includes the Midlands Prison.**

We confirm that Portlaoise Campus includes the Midlands Prison.

3. **The number of claims related to the Portlaoise High-Security Prison.**

The SCA does not draw a distinction between the Portlaoise High-Security Prison and the other prisons within the Portlaoise Campus. To extrapolate the figures pertaining to the High-Security Prison would entail an examination of each individual file.

4. A geographical breakdown of claims relating to Waterways Ireland, including more details on the nature of the claims and details of any cross-border element to the claims in the Northern region.

Please see the attached table which sets out the detail of the various regions and the nature of the claims ie whether from a member of the public, from a staff member or as a result of property damage.

5. Whether the eleven claims related to Casement Aerodrome are historical claims or related to a time period later than 2012 and whether the Agency intends to conduct any further audit on the Casement Aerodrome workshop.

The specific dates over which the claimants alleged chemical exposure having occurred are not well pleaded in some instances. However, there is only one case in which there is an allegation that exposure occurred after 2012 although, on the facts, that appears unlikely.

The SCA's Enterprise Risk Management Unit have scheduled an audit to take place in September 2023 in Baldonnell and that audit will include number 4 hanger and workshops.

With kind regards

Your sincerely



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Director