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**Re: Conservation, restoration and adaptation of the National Monument at nos. 14-17  
Moore Street for use as a 1916 Commemorative Centre**

Dear Ms Smyth,

I refer to your letter of 8 January 2024 in relation to email correspondence received by the Public Accounts Committee from Mr Patrick Cooney, which was considered at a meeting on 25 November 2023. The correspondence related in particular to proposed compensation payments to be made out of the public purse to Moore Street traders for disturbance and loss of earnings as a result of the planned development of Dublin Central.

I can confirm that on 22 July 2015, on foot of Government decisions taken on 31 March 2015 and 6 May 2015, my Department sanctioned the acquisition by the then Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht of 14-17 Moore St for €4m, with a further €6.5m allocated for restoration works.

This Department is not aware of any sanction having issued for a compensation scheme for Moore Street traders for disturbance and loss of earnings arising from the project.

For more detail on the purchase of 14-17 Moore Street and queries in relation to any proposed compensation scheme and 18 Moore Street, I would suggest that the Committee

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, who have policy responsibility in this area and would be best placed to address any further questions the Committee may have.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Moloney', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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David Moloney  
Secretary General  
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