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Ms Catherine Smyth,
Committee Secretariat,
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Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

Re: Ref (S1561 PAC33)

Dear Catherine,

I refer to your recent correspondence to Mr. Bernard Gloster, Chief Executive Officer, Health Service Executive, regarding Kolbe Special School in Portlaoise.

Please find below a briefing on the matter as requested.

If any further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ray Mitchell'.

Ray Mitchell
Assistant National Director
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Briefing Note for the Public Accounts Committee

HSE are committed to working with Kolbe Special School in Portlaoise, both on their new build and existing premises.

By way of background, there are a number of transactions in relation to various works at the Kolbe Special School both to facilitate the new school and the facilitate the installation of a temporary class room on the site of the existing school.

Two SWA1 Forms (ESB Form of Wayleave) to enable ESB Networks progress have been executed and returned by HSE to ESB Networks.

A licence to enable ESB works commence on site has been drafted, reviewed, sent to HSE insures and returned to HSE solicitors for onward transmission to the solicitors acting on behalf of the Kolbe Special School. The 38kv works have completed on site, the overhead lines are now underground. With regard to the 10kv works, they are ongoing and are expected to be completed by the end of February.

In addition to the site for the new proposed school, a licence for works to facilitate the installation of a new temporary classroom on the grounds of the existing Kolbe Centre has been approved by HSE and returned to HSE solicitors for onward transmission to the solicitors acting on behalf of the Kolbe Special School. This licence sets out the contractors obligations when working on a HSE Property. Formalisation of occupancy of the existing school in line with HSE Property Protocol, is also with HSE solicitors for onward submission. All transaction have been approved by HSE and have been reviewed by its insures.

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