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RE: Consideration of the Revised Estimates for the Justice Vote Group

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your attendance at the meeting on 14th February 2023 to assist the Committee in its consideration of the Revised Estimates for the Justice Group of Votes.

The Committee agreed, pursuant to Standing Order 215A(2), to report to you, by way of this letter, on the process leading up to and during the course of its consideration of the Estimates.

This report looks at the process under a number of headings, including:

1. the timeliness of the briefing and departmental engagement;
2. observations on the adequacy/transparency of the briefing and/or areas where it might be improved;
3. any areas of concern in the relevant Votes; and
4. any other comments the Committee might wish to raise re the REV process.

In relation to headings 1 and 2, the Committee wishes to extend its thanks to you and your officials for the provision of detailed briefing and information. This was provided in a timely manner and greatly assisted the Committee in its preparation for the meeting.

In relation to headings 3 and 4, the Committee raised no particular areas of concern and has no additional comments to make, at this time, regarding the Estimates process.

The Committee has now concluded its consideration of the Revised Estimates for this Group of Votes and has communicated this fact to the Dáil.

This report will be laid before Dáil Éireann and copied to the Committee on Budgetary Oversight to assist it in the collation of information and the identification of any common issues across the sectoral Committees.

Cuirfear fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras i nGaeilge

Yours sincerely,



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Cathaoirleach

21st February 2023