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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to confirm that for each year between 2020 and 2025 in respect of the boards of bodies under the aegis of her Department, that the board has a terms of reference; where that is not the case, to identify that body, by reference to year or years where no terms of reference existed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Geoghegan,

I refer to the parliamentary question above and apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Please see the table below for the information in respect of the terms or reference for the boards of bodies under the aegis of the Department.

Aegis Body	Response
Adoption Authority of Ireland	The Roles and Responsibilities and the Functions of the Board of the Adoption Authority of Ireland (AAI) are set out in the AAI's Code of Governance published on the AAI website at AAI Code of Governance - March 2021.pdf
Child & Family Agency (Tusla)	The Boards' Terms of Reference were articulated in its Board Protocol for Board Meetings and Standing Orders from 2020 up until November 2022 when it was superseded by the Board's Terms of Reference and Standing Orders which are still in place.
Gaisce	In the years 2020 - 2025 the Terms of Reference for the board of Gaisce are detailed in the Governance Handbook.
National Disability Authority	For the years 2020 – 2025, the board of the NDA has a Terms of Reference.
Oberstown	The Terms of Reference for the Oberstown Board of Management are set out in the Children Act 2001. The Board has a Governance Handbook which sets out its obligations under the legislation and the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016.



Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Norma Foley". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Norma" and the last name "Foley" clearly distinguishable. A horizontal line is drawn beneath the signature.

Norma Foley, T.D.
Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth