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Dear Deputy Boland,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question 74442/25 of 5th January 2026.

“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the office rental costs per annum for staff in her Department and for each agency or organisation under his remit, in each of the years between 2015 and 2025 inclusive, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

The Department of Children, Disability and Equality’s (DCDE) main office location is Block 1, Miesian Plaza, 50 - 58 Baggot Street Lower, Dublin 2, where it currently occupies office space on Floors 2 and 3 of the building. The Department has occupied this space since May 2018. Miesian Plaza is leased by the OPW and the rent is paid directly by the OPW and not by the Department.

Prior to Miesian Plaza, the Department’s Headquarters was in an office space on Mespil Road which was also leased by the OPW, who paid the rent directly for it.

The Department occupied space in Montague Court from October 2020 until 1 May 2025 when the Transfer of Functions took place. Montague Court transferred back to the Department of Justice on 1 May 2025.

The table (Appendix 1) below shows the rent paid in relation to this office space. Please note rent was paid 3 months in advance and the Department of Justice, from whom the Department took over this office space in October 2020, had already paid for quarter 4 of 2020. Therefore, the rent paid by the Department in 2020 relates to quarter 1 of 2021.

The Department also occupied space in Citywest. There was no rental agreement in place between the Department and the licensors of the Citywest complex, which includes the main Hotel and the Transit Hub. The arrangement in place was a licence agreement which is of a different nature to a rental agreement. The amount paid on this licensing agreement by the Department can also be found in the table in Appendix 1.

In addition, a Commission of Investigation which fell under the remit of the Department operated from 73 Baggot Street Lower, Dublin 2 from January 2015 to March 2021. This building was leased by the OPW, who paid the rent for that building.

The Department also had a number of staff co-located with Pobal at 100 Mount Street from September 2017 to December 2019 working on the development of the National Childcare Scheme. The table below shows the rent in relation to this office space.

A second Commission of Investigation which came under the remit of the Department from 2023 until it was dissolved in May 2025 operated from a building in Dublin 7, at a cost of €495,322.28.

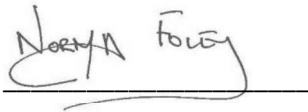
The rental costs related to bodies under the aegis of the Department are outlined in the table in **Appendix 2** at the end of this document.

The Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC) is an independent public body that accounts to the Oireachtas, with a mandate established under the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014 (IHREC Act 2014). They will respond to you directly.

Additionally, I have requested that the Ombudsman for Children's Office (OCO) and the National Disability Authority (NDA) reply directly to you on the matter.

I hope that you find this information helpful.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Norma Foley', is written over a horizontal line.

Norma Foley TD

Minister for Children, Disability and Equality



Appendix 1

Property	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Floors 2 and 3, Block 1, Miesian Plaza, 50 - 58 Baggot Street Lower, Dublin 2.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW
Mespil Road.	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Commission of Investigation, 73 Baggot Street Lower, Dublin 2	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	Paid by OPW	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Floor 2 and 3, Montague Court, 7 - 11 Montague	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	€215,000	€950,182.01	€956,764.59	€1,003,302.90	€1,040,664.71	€195,379.96

