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Mr John McGuinnis T.D.
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Dear Deputy

As Chairman of Pac you are doing a very important job to ensure that public money is spent efficiently. In your examination of the Kildare VEC accounts you have uncovered massive amounts of misspending in the move of the Community School from their base on Limerick Road to the Piper's Hill complex at Killashee.

I wonder if you have examined how this move was carried out and previous efforts by Kildare VEC to facilitate another developer to acquire the site of the site on Limerick Road, efforts that the State Solicitor had to get involved in to prevent the waste of Taxpayers money.

In the case of the move to Killashee, this was a developer led move, which wasn't necessary, in my view, as there was additional adjacent land available, zoned, Educational, which would have allowed Kildare VEC to revamp the old school up to the standard of or better than, the other Secondary schools in Naas. The land owner at Killashee, Mr Weld, had applied for planning permission on the site for permission for among other things, housing. This was refused by the Planning Authorities. Follow on from discussions between Mr Weld and Kildare VEC a joint application was made by Mr Weld and Kildare VEC which now also had the application for the Pipers Hill School.

As regards Procurment procedures it might also be advantageous to examine how Services like Plumbing are decided as close examination of these may prompt questions about conflict of interests.

I would have examined all these areas myself, and have definitive answers, but I now cannot afford the cost of getting these under The Freedom of Information Act.

I hope that what I have said will be f help to you in your deliberations to get better value for our money.

Your sincerely

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