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Ms. Eimear Lavelle,
Committee Secretariat,
Committee of Public Accounts,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2

Dear Ms. Lavelle,

I refer to your recent letter (and attachment from an anonymous source regarding SIPTU) to the HSE.

The anonymous correspondence requested that when the PAC was calling Mr. Matt Merrigan and Mr. Jack Kelly to the PAC that it should also call Mr. Martin McDonald and Mr. Pat Harvey.

I note the request by the Committee for assurance that the individuals mentioned in the anonymous correspondence were part of the HSE's Internal Audit investigation.

I wish to advise that Mr. McDonald was an employee of the HSE and Mr. Harvey was the former CEO of the North Western Health Board and was not an employee of the HSE. Mr. Merrigan and Mr. Kelly are not employees of the HSE, being employed by SIPTU and St. James's Hospital respectively.

Mr. Harvey, as CEO of the NWHB, was Joint Chair of HSNPF from 2000-2004 and Mr. Martin McDonald was joint chair from 2007 to 2010.

The Director (CEO) of HSNPF (Mr. Larry Walsh), as the person with responsibility for the operation of the HSNPF from 2003 to 2009, was interviewed by the HSE Internal Audit team as part of its audits into the HSNPF. Staff of the HSNPF were also interviewed.

Mr. Martin McDonald (HR, HSE) was interviewed by Internal Audit in relation to SKILL / Partnership funding and regarding any trips on which he participated. He was also interviewed by Mr. Turlough O'Sullivan.

As Mr Pat Harvey, Mr Matt Merrigan or Mr Jack Kelly were not staff of the HSE neither of these individuals were interviewed by Internal Audit or Mr O'Sullivan.

I trust this clarifies the matter for the committee.

Yours sincerely,



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