



Mr. John Mc Guinness, T.D.,
Chairman
Public Accounts Committee
Leinster House
Dublin 2

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Dear Chairman

Thank you for your letter of 8 March 2012 in relation to aspects of the selection process for the vacant post of Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG).

In the case of specialist, technical or professional posts the TLAC can delegate the final interview to a separate board. In the case of the selection process for the upcoming C&AG post, the intention is that the PAS would hold interviews to be conducted by a separate board following a shortlisting process. Subject to availability the board membership for the interview will be as follows:

- Ms. Margaret Hayes, a former Secretary General, Barrister and member of the Board of Permanent TSB
- Professor Patrick Honohan, Governor of the Central Bank,
- Mr. John Buckley, former C&AG,
- Mr. Kieran Donnelly, the C&AG of Northern Ireland
- two TLAC nominees, one private sector representative and one public sector representative

I am satisfied that the proposed selection process and the composition of the final board is in conformity with the highest standards of probity

I hope this clarifies the position for you.

Yours sincerely,

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