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**Ms. Niamh Maguire,
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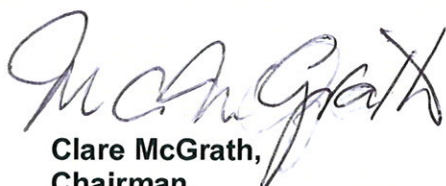
Dear Ms. Maguire,

I refer again to your letter dated 14th February 2014 regarding expenditure incurred by the Law Reform Commission since 2011 on rent and associated costs related to unoccupied office space.

The Law Reform Commission is an independent body with property holding rights and a budget for the provision of its own office space. The Commission notified this Office in 2012 that they had surplus leased space in their premises at Shelbourne Road and the availability of this surplus accommodation was recorded. On receipt of a subsequent request in 2013 for accommodation from the Credit Union Restructuring Board (REBO), this Office coordinated the allocation of the vacant Law Reform Commission space in Shelbourne Road to REBO.

I understand REBO has now signed a sublease with the Law Reform Commission and the accommodation will be occupied in the coming weeks. Under the Government's property reform agenda, the OPW will endeavour to assist other public bodies to utilise their office accommodation more effectively. The above is an example of this approach.

Yours sincerely,


**Clare McGrath,
Chairman,**
28 March 2014.