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**From: Lucia Wilson  
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**To: Eilis Haughey  
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**Subject: Public Accounts Committee Inquiry into Addiction Services**

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Dear Eilis

We wrote to you on the 14 September in regards to the Committee's intention to commence an inquiry into the NIAO's report on '*Addiction Services*'. At its meeting on 1 October, the committee considered a letter dated 29 September from Richard Pengelly, Accounting Officer for the Department of Health, with regards to attending an evidence session on this report.

Mr Pengelly advised that he would not be in a position to provide oral evidence at present due to the increase pressures and workload his department is currently facing in their response to Covid-19.

As a result, the Committee will not be pursuing this inquiry at this time. However, the Committee intend to invite Mr Pengelly to attend an evidence session in the New Year. I will keep you updated on any developments in that regard.

Kind Regards

Lucia

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