



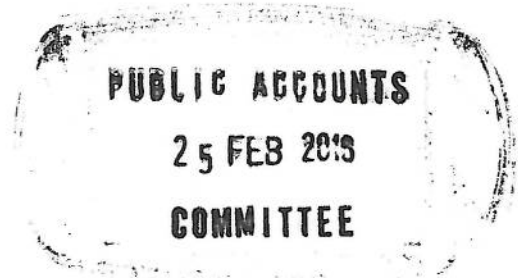
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Ms Lucia Wilson
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Public Accounts Committee
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Your Ref:

Date: 24 February 2016



Dear Madam

Report on the Northern Ireland Events Company
Our Client: Thomas Alan Clarke

We act on behalf of Thomas Alan Clarke who was a director of the Northern Ireland Events Company.

In your Committee's Report published on 24 February 2016 it is stated, on page 10 at paragraph 3, that the Northern Ireland Events Company was "*controlled by a Board of publicly appointed Non-Executive Directors*". At paragraph 39 on page 20 of the Report the Committee notes the "*voluntary nature of these appointments*". Paragraph 40 on the same page 20 states that "*public service on these Boards should not be seen as a means of members furthering their own profile*".

We wish to place on the record that our client's appointment as a director of the Northern Ireland Events Company was a requirement of his employment with the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, and he did not independently apply for the position at any time. Our client was in all respects a nominated representative on behalf of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and had no discretion to act independently of the interests of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board.

We should be grateful if you would confirm receipt and acknowledge the manner in which this correspondence will be dealt with.

Yours faithfully
for ELLIOTT DUFFY GARRETT

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