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Dear Chair

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE EVIDENCE SESSION ON 18 FEBRUARY 2021

Thank you for your letter received by email on 21 February seeking some additional information following our evidence session on 18 February.

In relation to the disposal of the lifts, I can advise the Committee that the contract for the installation of the 52 new lifts included the cost of removing and disposal of the old, faulty lifts. I have been assured that all the old lifts were scrapped and removed from each site for metal recycling, not for reuse.

In relation to the Department's Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (DARAC), the current members are as follows:

- Mary O'Dwyer (Non-Executive Board Member and Chair of DARAC)
- Trevor Conway (Non-Executive Board Member and member of DARAC)
- David Polley (DARAC Member)
- Lisa Rocks (DARAC Member

Mary O'Dwyer and Trevor Conway were appointed in 2018 for three years following a publicly advertised competition for non-executive board members for the boards of all NICS departments.

Departmental audit committees here often also include one or two members appointed from other NICS departments who have an accounting or other relevant qualification and/or relevant financial experience and Dfl follows this approach. Terms of appointment are normally for three years and the process we use is to seek applications from interested and suitably qualified senior officers from other departments. This process was most recently completed in 2020 and the additional

DARAC members, Lisa Rocks from DoJ and David Polley from DfC, were appointed on 1 February 2020 for a three year period.

Yours sincerely

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