

22nd March 2019

Minister Paschal Donohoe T.D.,
Department of Public Expenditure and Reform,
Government Buildings,
Merrion Street,
Dublin 2

Dear Minister,

I am writing in response to your letter dated the 29th of November 2018. In that letter you asked the Commission to indicate when it would expect to have its current work completed on the Defence Forces.

The Commission received the employer submission on the 20th of December. Having finalised a timeline for a number of key inputs and met with and heard oral submissions from the employer and staff sides on the 5th of March, I am now in a position to indicate a date for the completion of this work. The Commission expects to finalise its examination of recruitment and or retention matters in the Defence Forces by the end of quarter two 2019.

The Commission will of course keep you updated on its work programme over the coming period.

Kind Regards,



Kevin Duffy
Commission Chair

CC: Mr Colin Menton, Assistant Secretary, Remuneration, Industrial Relations and Pensions