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Dear Ms Ní Raghallaigh

I refer to your letter of the 1st February 2017 in relation to appointments to the Board of the National Tourism Development Authority (Fáilte Ireland).

State Board appointments are made in accordance with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform guidelines on State Board Appointments. Under these guidelines, the Public Appointments Service (PAS) advertise vacancies on the State Board portal, www.stateboards.ie, is responsible for establishing assessment panels to assess all applications and in turn notifies Departments of all candidates that meet the advertised criteria. These new guidelines apply to all State Boards both commercial and non-commercial. The guidelines will ensure that the public sector benefits from the talent, abilities and commitment of as wide a pool of suitable candidates as possible.

While I fully appreciate the benefit that an elected representative of Dublin City Council could bring to the Board of Fáilte Ireland, the appointment process does not preclude a member of Dublin City Council from applying for membership of the Board through the appropriate channel as outlined above.

I am sorry that I cannot be of more assistance to you in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Minister Shane Ross

Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport