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Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Statement of Strategy 2017-2019

Dear Ms Cullen,

I refer to the email received on 7 July 2016 from Graham Doyle, Secretary General, inviting views on the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Statement of Strategy 2017-2019. Revenue welcomes this opportunity and wishes to make the following comments and suggestions.

The support provided by the Department through the provision of facilities for Revenue’s Customs Service at Ports and Airports is very much appreciated. In this regard, the cooperation of the Department will have added importance and significance in the context of enhanced responsibilities for Revenue’s Customs Service when the UK leaves the EU.

Revenue also wishes to emphasise the good working relationship that exists with the Department on a range of other issues and in particular with the National Transport Authority and the Taxi Regulator. Revenue also acknowledges the on-going dialogue and co-operation between the Department, the Road Safety Authority and Revenue in regards to our shared responsibilities for National Fleet Management. You may wish to consider referencing a continued commitment to the development of this relationship over the lifetime of the Statement of Strategy.

Legislative provisions to facilitate data sharing between Revenue and the Department are already in place. It is suggested that the Statement of Strategy could include a reference to maintaining and broadening such data sharing arrangements between the Department and Revenue.

Revenue wishes to point out that the Corporate Governance Standard for the Civil Service and the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies provide for exemplary compliance with taxation laws. In this context, it is suggested that your next Statement of Strategy include a commitment by your Department, and bodies under its aegis, with all tax and duties legislation and that any Tax Clearance requirements are fully adhered to.
your Department becomes aware of any lapse in such compliance, or where a doubt arises in a particular instance, you should bring it to Revenue’s attention.

I hope you find these suggestions helpful in preparing your new Statement of Strategy.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Joyce
Private Secretary