

Appendix A

Email 5

My second email to the Taoiseach below:

Date: November 24, 2013

Dear Taoiseach

I assume at this stage since I haven't heard back from any Government department on this issue, aside from the customary acknowledgement one receives when sending a communication to the Irish Government, that, with all due respect to you, I will have to seek an answer and fair resolution to my above concerns through other publicly accepted means (email subject "Troubling Issue Nov. 13). Please bear in mind that this issue occurred two years after the beginning of the financial crisis. One would think that this type of possible unjust practice certainly would not occur after the lessons learned after 2008.

I feel this is too important an issue to be ignored, and one that needs to be looked at immediately since it closely relates to the integrity of the Irish Government. I have heard a lot of rhetoric from the current Irish Government since it was elected, and more recently on the run up to exiting the bailout ("Never again will our country's fortunes be sacrificed through greed and short-term gain") about doing the right thing, which I hope is more than just political lip service.

I'm not quite sure if what happened with regards to (name of U.S. based VC firm) is legal or not (it may very well not have been legal? I would like to find out, and if it is legal, then I don't believe it should be), but even being legal does not imply integrity and honesty, which are very important considerations for investors and the future of Ireland. Adhering to only a legal standard is not acceptable for Ireland today, a much higher standard is required (which you would seem to agree with yourself Taoiseach) to inspire confidence in investors and the Irish people that the Government would never even be tempted to consider 'legal shenanigans' or loopholes that unfairly favor one group of investors over another (has that happened here? I would also like to find this out).

Although the current Fine Gael Government does not seem to be implicated in this troubling issue, rather one (NPRF) or both (EI) Government agencies, in that it or they facilitated the awarding of funds to (name of U.S. based VC firm) (possibly at the request of the then Fianna Fail Govt. coincidentally just before its collapse) in a seemingly unfair and unjust manner, it is still however the responsibility of your Government to thoroughly investigate this issue, and if necessary (if found to be unfair and unjust) implement appropriate safe guards, particularly before we officially exit the bailout, to ensure that this

issue never occurs again, including asking for the resignations of those at the highest levels at the NPRF and/or EI who may have acted inappropriately.

If I don't hear back from you by the end of this week, as I've said above, I'll have to seek an answer and fair resolution to this issue through other publicly accepted means. I feel I've given reasonable time for a response, having seen major decisions being made by the Irish Government almost overnight during the crisis. If the Government has the integrity it says it has, it should have no difficulty in giving a definitive honest response, without the need for delays or any other types of complications.

Regards

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