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Dear Sirs,

Please find attached a submission from Greyhound Racing Ireland re the Draft Green Public Procurement Strategy & Action Plan.

Should you have any further queries on this submission , please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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Draft Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan Public Consultation Questions

Q5 Response to Public Consultation on the Draft Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan:

I would like to draw attention to the role of Commercial Semi-State Bodies in the Green Public Procurement (GPP) strategy. It is imperative that more comprehensive guidelines be developed to clarify their specific responsibilities and obligations.

- 1. Corporate Procurement Plans for Commercial Semi-State Bodies:** Is there an expectation for Commercial Semi-State Bodies to produce a Corporate Procurement Plan? If so, should this plan explicitly outline how they intend to comply with the obligations set out in the GPP Strategy and Action Plan. Given their unique operational and commercial mandates, clear guidelines should be provided to ensure alignment and consistency across these entities. Should this Corporate Procurement Plan be submitted under the NewERA Framework “Commitment 4 | Circular Economy and Green Procurement” ?
- 2. Monitoring Implementation Progress:** How will the progress of GPP implementation be tracked and monitored for in Commercial Semi-State Bodies? Will reporting under the NewERA Framework approach be sufficient to gauge the effectiveness of the GPP strategy and ensure they are contributing positively towards our shared environmental goals.
- 3. Inclusion in the GPP Mandate:** Under the proposed mandate of requiring all Public Sector Bodies to incorporate Minimum Sustainability/Environmental Criteria in their tender documents, it should be explicitly stated whether this includes Commercial Semi-State Bodies. Ambiguities in this area could lead to inconsistent application of the GPP principles and criteria across different sectors.

In summary, for the successful adoption of the Green Public Procurement Strategy and Action Plan, it's essential to address and clarify the role, responsibilities, and obligations of Commercial Semi-State Bodies, and the correlation with the NewERA Framework Approach. This will not only strengthen the plan's overall effectiveness but also ensure that all sectors of the public service are actively contributing towards a sustainable future.