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Dear Des

It was good to talk to you yesterday in relation to your concerns in relation to members of the acting profession being chosen for participation on the Tús scheme.

Casual workers of any kind including actors will not be chosen as selection is carried out randomly using a computer programme which is set to discount casual workers. In cases where the casual marker has been inadvertently omitted from a claimants file, the Local Office should be able to rectify the problem.

As I explained participants on the Tús programme are given time off for any casual days or blocks of work that they are able to obtain. The participant comes off the scheme whilst working and comes back on the programme at the same point they had left. This flexibility would seem very suited to those in the acting profession where paid work can be very cyclical.

If you want to pass out the details of the second person you mentioned then I would be happy to look into that case.

Regards

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