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Dear Mr McCarthy,

I was delighted to attend the Open Data event earlier this month at UCC.

In particular, I found your presentation around the FuturICT project very interesting.

As you are aware the Central Statistics Office publishes significant amount of information in an open and user friendly way. However, given the changing nature, complexities and what I term the data deluge in today's world (as described in your presentation) I do not believe our information is connecting with users in the best way possible in order to maximise its value.

The FuturICT project, combining the idea of connecting information in an organic way with a wide ranging team of experts is a very exciting prospect. As such I am very interested in following this project as it progresses and engaging with the project to see how Official Statistics can better inform the world we live in today.

I wish the project every success.

Yours Sincerely

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