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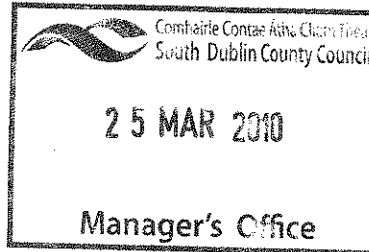
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Dear Ms Maguire

Thank you for your letter of 9th March referring to a Motion passed at a meeting held on 8th March 2010.

I agree with the Members that ensuring a speedy repair of the roads is a road safety issue that needs to be dealt with urgently. That is why I indicated to the Councils early this year that they could spend up to 25% of last year's allocation to repair roads damaged by bad weather. It is also why, within the budgetary allocation given to me, I allowed maximum discretion to Local Authorities this year to focus on repairs to the roads. The road grant allocation which I have made available to South Dublin County Council is meant to supplement the Local Authority's own contribution to repairing the roads. In keeping with the high priority that the Members place on this item I expect that they will substantially increase the priority given to road expenditure this year, within their own budgetary limitations.

Thank you for contacting me.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely,

Noel Dempsey, T.D.,
Minister for Transport.

23rd March 2010

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