29th October 2010

Deputy Dermot Ahern, TD Minister for Justice and Law Reform Office of the Minister for Justice and Law Reform 94 St. Stephen's Green Dublin 2

REF: 24891

RE: <u>Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County</u> <u>Council held on 28th September 2010</u>

Dear Minister,

At the meeting of the Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee held on the 28th September 2010, the following question was adopted and approved by the Members of the Area Committee:

"To ask the Manager if this Committee ever received a response from the Minister for Justice to the motion passed at the December 2009 meeting (item 21140 copy attached) regarding the need for funding to be made available for new and replacement vehicles for an Garda Siochána; and if not, to ask that fresh correspondence be issued to the Minster again requesting a response to the motion previously passed?."

I would be obliged for your comment and response as soon as possible to enable me to revert to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Noreen Fitzgibbon Senior Staff Officer



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13 January, 2011

Dear Ms. Fitzgibbon,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice and Law Reform, Mr. Dermot Ahern, T.D., to refer to your letter of 3rd November, 2010.

The Minister has been advised by the Garda authorities that additional, new Garda vehicles have recently been ordered and that these vehicles are expected to become operational in the near future.

The detailed allocation of Garda resources, including transport, is a matter for the Garda Commissioner in the context of his identified operational requirements. Such requirements are subject to ongoing monitoring and refinement to ensure the optimum use of Garda resources and the delivery of the best possible service to the public.

Yours sincerely,

Private Secretary