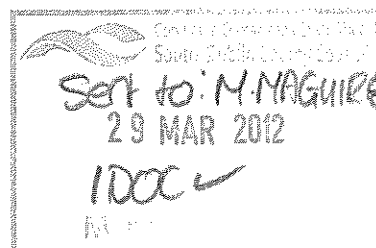




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RE: REP316/JOS/12

Your Ref: Q3/2012

Dear Ms. Maguire,

The Minister for Housing & Planning, Ms. Jan O'Sullivan, T.D., has asked me to refer further to your letter of 15 February 2012 concerning the Clondalkin Community Safety Fora project and the relevant question which has been noted.

As you will be aware, South Dublin County Council has been leading a consultation process with the project in question and has had extensive engagement with interested parties with regard to potential future funding arrangements. The ongoing sustainability of the project should be determined in the context of the reprioritisation of key services within available resources. This should include modification and/or reconfiguration of services and the rationalisation of administration costs, where appropriate.

More broadly, it should also be noted that in the context of a public funding provision of €260 million for drugs programmes across all Departments and agencies in 2011, the Minister of State with responsibility for the National Drugs Strategy is currently undertaking a review of the structures that underpin the National Drugs Strategy at local, regional and



national level, including how the current funding structures can be improved or streamlined, particularly in relation to local and regional drugs task forces. The outcomes of this review are expected shortly and will clarify, inter alia, the position on the most appropriate funding mechanisms for community based drugs projects.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Aisling Glynn'.

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Aisling Glynn  
Private Secretary