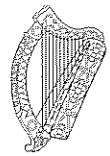




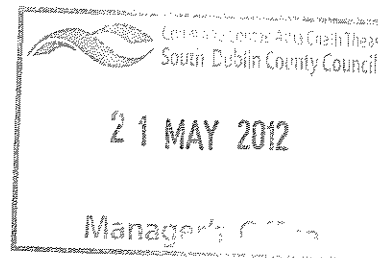
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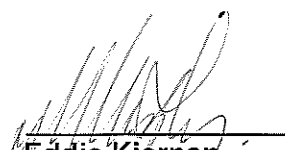
Dear Ms. Maguire,

I have been asked by Mr. Phil Hogan, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, to refer further to your correspondence in connection with the non-principal private residence charge.

As you are aware, the charge on non-principal private residences (NPPR), which is set at €200 per dwelling, is levied and collected by local authorities. It is used to support the provision of local services and the income from the charge is retained by the individual local authorities that collect it.

The Local Government (Charges) Act 2009, which sets out the detail of the €200 charge, was amended in some respects by the Local Government (Household Charge) Act 2011. However, the level of the charge was unchanged and there are no current plans to further amend the legislation. However, please be assured that all matters relating to the NPPR will continue to be kept under review in the Department.

Yours sincerely,

  
**Eddie Kiernan,**  
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