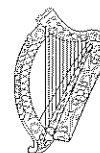




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RE: REP1183/PH/12

Dear Ms Maguire,

I have been asked by Mr. Phil Hogan T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, to reply to your letter in connection with South Dublin County Council's motion of 16 January 2012 in respect a national waiver scheme. Firstly, I would like to apologise for the delay in replying to you, which has been due to an administrative oversight.

As you may be aware, the Programme for Government contains a commitment to introduce competitive tendering for household waste collection, under which service providers will bid to provide waste collection services in a given area, for a given period of time and to a guaranteed level of service.

A public consultation designed to inform the policy development process concluded in September 2011. A large number of responses were received from a broad spectrum of interests. As one might expect, a consensus is not apparent and, on almost all of the relevant issues, a considerable breadth of opinion was expressed including in relation to the issue of waiver schemes. All of the responses received, in addition to a summary document, are available on the Department's website.

Minister Hogan expects to be in a position to finalise proposals for Government in relation to household waste collection in the coming weeks. All policy proposals will be carefully


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considered by Government and will take account of the full range of issues and perspectives, including the matter of waivers for low income households.

Yours sincerely,


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Private Secretary