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Environment, Community and Local Government

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Office of the Minister

10 September 2012

Ms. Mary Maguire
South Dublin County Council,
County Hall,
Town Centre,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24

RE: REP1145/PH/12

Dear Ms Maguire,

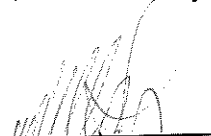
I have been asked by Mr. Phil Hogan T.D., Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, to refer further to your letter in connection with a waiver scheme for refuse collection services. Firstly, I would like to apologise for the delay in responding to you, which has been due to an administrative error.

Minister Hogan has recently published a new national waste policy entitled *A Resource Opportunity*. The policy document states that:

"Taking account of the Government's decision in relation to the household waste collection market structure, the relevant Programme for Government commitment and the requirements of the Waste Framework Directive, including the polluter pays principle, it is intended to introduce a household waste collection waiver scheme and other alternative support schemes for low income households. An interdepartmental working group will be established comprised of representatives of the Departments of the Environment, Community and Local Government; Social Protection; Public Expenditure and Reform; Finance; and the Tánaiste's Office; the working group will report to Government by October with recommendations on measures to minimise the impact of waste charges on low income households."

Minister Hogan intends to establish the interdepartmental working group shortly.

Yours sincerely,


Eddie Kiernan,
Private Secretary

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