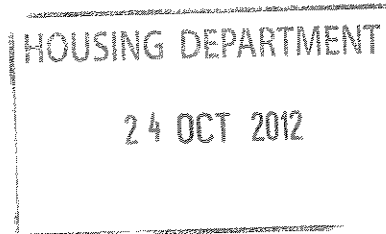


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Minister Reference: 0928113920

22 October, 2012

Dear Ms. Rooney,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice, Equality & Defence, Mr Alan Shatter T.D., to refer to your letter dated 26 September, 2012 regarding Tallaght courthouse.

Under the provisions of the Courts Service Act 1988, management of the courts is the responsibility of the Courts Service which is independent in exercising its functions. However, in order to be of assistance, the Minister has had enquires made and the Courts Service has informed him that in the current economic context it is continually reviewing all aspects of its organisational and operational structures throughout the country, a specific objective of which is to ensure that the Service, in the current environment, can continue to maintain the delivery of frontline court services whilst maintaining an appropriate level of service to court users

The Courts Service has advised that there are currently no specific plans to alter or change the court sittings in Tallaght. However, the Service keeps the number of court venues it maintains under continuous review with no court venue being singled out or exempt from the review process.

The Courts Service has advised that should a review commence in relation to court sittings in Tallaght, there will be prior consultation with interested parties and organisations in the Tallaght area before any decision is taken

Yours sincerely

Damien Brennan
Private Secretary
to the Minister for Justice & Equality