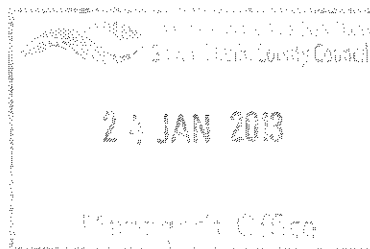




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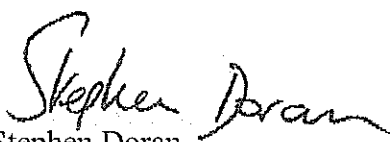
Dear Ms O'Gorman,

The Minister for Health, Dr. James Reilly, T.D., has asked me to thank you for your recent letter concerning abortion legislation.

Last December the Government approved the implementation of the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the *A, B and C v Ireland* case by way of legislation with regulations, within the parameters of Article 40.3.3 of the Constitution as interpreted by the Supreme Court in the *X* case. They also agreed to make appropriate amendments to the criminal law in this area.

I trust that this clarifies the matter for you.

Yours sincerely


Stephen Doran
Private Secretary