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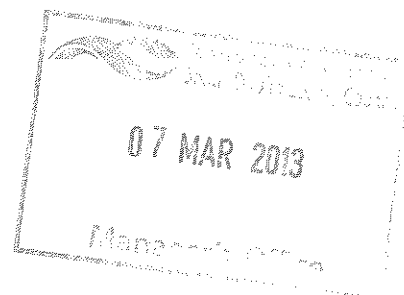
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Dear Ms. O'Gorman,

I wish to refer further to your letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in relation to a motion passed at a meeting of the Council (M3/0213) in relation to signposting.

Firstly, I would like to explain that the improvement and maintenance of regional and local roads in its area, is a statutory function of each road authority in accordance with the provisions of section 13 of the Roads Act, 1993. Works on such roads are a matter for the relevant local authority to be funded from its own resources supplemented by State road grants.

The Regional Roads Signposting Programme was introduced in 2003 in line with a commitment in the 2002 programme for the other Government to standardise and upgrade all regional road signage in the country. This programme is intended to sign all significant junctions on regional roads in County Council areas including junctions with local roads. In urban areas, where street names are displayed at the start of a road, it is permissible to omit the road numbers. This programme is in its final stages and will be completed this year.

It is vital that a consistent approach to signage is undertaken for both locals and tourists. Adequate and appropriate signposting assists people to reach their destination more easily.

Yours sincerely,

Leo Varadkar TD  
Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport