

Ms Frances Fitzgerald TD,  
Minister for Justice & Equality,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Dublin 2.

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*Our Ref.: M7/0215*  
**13<sup>th</sup> February 2015.**

**Re: Motion Passed at Meeting of South Dublin County Council (M7/0215)**

Dear Minister Fitzgerald,

The following motion was PASSED at the meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015:

**“That this Council calls on the Minister for Justice & Equality, to create further legislative measures to protect women who are the victim of domestic violence. Furthermore, for other relevant departments to commit to increasing funding for frontline services. Although, there has been significant changes over the past number of decades in relation to domestic violence in Ireland, women are still not protected enough in their homes. Ireland still has one of the highest rates in all of the countries in Europe for not meeting women’s needs when they seek assistance after the most serious incidents of violence by a partner. Assault is a crime under Irish law; however, Domestic Violence is often treated differently.”**

I should be grateful for your comments at your earliest convenience. Please quote our reference no. on any correspondence.

Yours sincerely,



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Tom O'Neill,  
Meetings Administrator,  
Corporate Services Department.