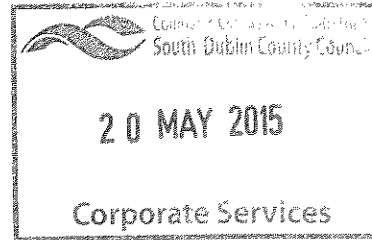




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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE & EQUALITY



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Your reference: M02/0415
Minister's reference: 0217160645

Re: Motion passed at meeting of South Dublin County Council
on 13 April 2015

May 2005

Dear Mr O'Neill

I am directed by the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms Frances Fitzgerald TD, to refer to your letter of 16 April 2015 concerning Garda resources allocated to the South Dublin County Council Area.

The Garda Commissioner is responsible for the detailed allocation of resources, including personnel and vehicles, throughout An Garda Síochána and the Minister has no direct role in the matter. This allocation of resources is constantly monitored in the context of crime trends, policing needs and various operational strategies in place on District, Divisional and Regional levels to ensure optimum use is made of Garda resources and the best possible Garda service is provided to the public.

Decisions in relation to the provision of Garda vehicles are a matter for the Garda Commissioner in light of identified operational requirements and the availability of resources. Responsibility for the efficient deployment of official Garda vehicles in each Division is assigned to the Divisional Officer, who may allocate vehicles throughout the Division as required by operational circumstances.

Last year the Government allocated an additional €10 million for investment in the Garda fleet, €7 million of which was made available in 2014 with the remaining €3 million being provided in 2015. The additional investment of €7 million enabled An Garda Síochána to purchase 370 new vehicles towards the end of last year. These vehicles will be allocated to Garda Divisions in line with the Garda Commissioner's

operational requirements, and the needs of the South Dublin County Council Area will be fully considered when these vehicles are being allocated.

The South Dublin County Council Area lies in the Dublin Metropolitan Region (DMR) and is split between two Garda Divisions, viz. DMR South and DMR West. There are 511 Gardaí and 45 Garda reservists in the South Dublin County Council Area and they are allocated as set out below:

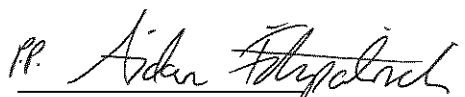
Station	Garda Division in which each station is situated	Number of Gardaí allocated to each station	Number of reservists allocated to each station
Rathfarnham	DMR South	71	5
Tallaght	DMR South	168	10
Clondalkin	DMR West	89	8
Rathcoole	DMR West	21	0
Lucan	DMR West	74	15
Ronanstown	DMR West	88	7
Totals		511	45

(Please note that county boundaries do not coincide with Garda Divisional boundaries.)

All Divisional resources are further augmented by a number of Garda National Units such as the Garda National Drugs Unit, the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB), the Criminal Assets Bureau (CAB) and other specialised units. Furthermore, there are currently 300 recruits training in the Garda College, with another 250 due to commence training later this year. The first batch of recruits will attest as members of An Garda Síochána in May 2015, with the remaining recruits attesting in graduated stages this year and next. Garda management will continue to appraise the policing and administrative strategy employed in the South Dublin County Council Area with a view to ensuring an effective Garda service is maintained and when additional resources next become available the needs of the Area will be fully considered within the overall context of the needs of Garda Divisions throughout the country.

I hope that the foregoing information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



Chris Quattrociocchi
Private Secretary to the
Minister for Justice and Equality