

23rd April 2015

Deputy Frances Fitzgerald, TD
Minister for Justice and Equality
Department of Justice and Equality
94 St. Stephen's Green
Dublin 2

REF: 43804

RE: Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 15th April 2015

Dear Minister,

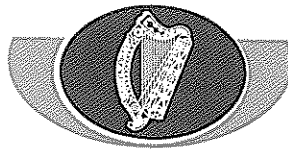
At the meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee held on the 15th April 2015 the following motion was passed by the Members:

"This Committee calls on the Minister for Justice to give extra resources to the local Garda Síochána to help deal with increasing crime in the area."

I would be obliged for your comments and response as soon as possible to enable me to revert to the Committee.

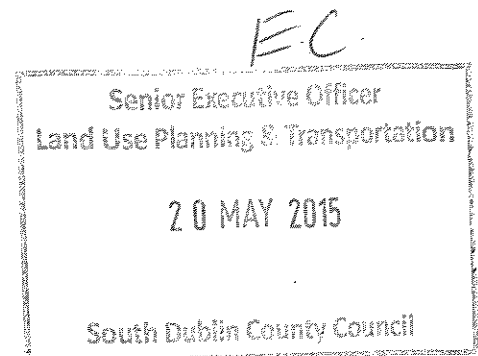
Yours sincerely,

Edel Colgan
Senior Staff Officer



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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE & EQUALITY

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County Hall
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Dublin 24



Your reference: 43804
Minister's reference: 0427111403

Re: Motion passed at Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting on
15 April 2015

18 May 2015

Dear Ms Colgan

I am directed by the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms Frances Fitzgerald TD, to refer to your letter of 23 April 2015 concerning Garda resources allocated to the Clondalkin area.

The Garda Commissioner is responsible for the detailed allocation of resources 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.

With regard to transport, 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 Clondalkin area will be fully

considered when these vehicles are being allocated.

There are 89 Gardaí attached to Clondalkin Garda Station, along with 8 Garda reservists and 10 civilian staff. 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.

Since September 2014, a total of 300 recruits have commenced training in the Garda College, with another 250 due to begin training later this year. The first cohort of 99 recruits attested as members of An Garda Síochána earlier this month, with the remaining recruits to attest in graduated stages this year and next. These new members of An Garda Síochána will be allocated to Garda Divisions with a view to ensuring an effective Garda service is maintained. Garda management will continue to appraise the policing and administrative strategy employed in the Dublin Metropolitan Region and the needs of Clondalkin 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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "PP Aidan Fitzpatrick".

Chris Quattrociocchi
Private Secretary to the
Minister for Justice and Equality