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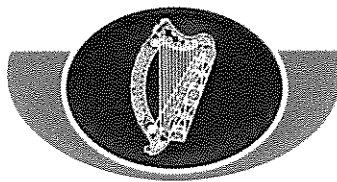
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Dear Ms. Cahill,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald, T.D., to refer to your recent letter, regarding the Motion agreed at the meeting of South Dublin County Council held on the 21st September 2015, concerning the current refugee crisis.

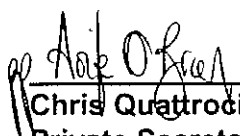
The Minister welcomes the Motion agreed by South Dublin County Council, concerning the current refugee crisis. Indeed, as part of the Government's response to the crisis, the Minister brought proposals to Government which were considered and agreed at a special Cabinet meeting on 10 September. A multi-faceted approach is being adopted, by the establishment of a new cross-departmental Taskforce, chaired by the Department of Justice and Equality, to deal with the operational and logistical aspects of the support programme. The Taskforce which has already had a number of meetings, will adopt a whole of Government approach and will work with NGOs, religious bodies, local authorities and the Red Cross to implement the Government's response to this crisis.

Furthermore, a Sub-Committee of the City and County Management Association's (CCMA) Housing, Social and Community Committee has been established to co-ordinate the Local Authority response. The Sub-Committee is Chaired by Mr Tom Enright, Chief Executive, Wexford County Council, who is the CCMA Representative on the IRPP Taskforce. The Committee is comprised of a number of senior local authority officials from various local authorities and includes Mr Eugene Cummins, Chairman, CCMA Housing, Social and Community Committee.

A Draft Report is to be presented at the November meeting of CCMA outlining proposed allocation of Refugees per Local Authority.

I trust this information is useful in the context of the motion passed.

Yours sincerely,


Chris Quattrocchi

Private Secretary to the
Minister for Justice and Equality

