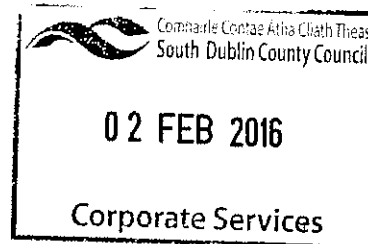




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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND EQUALITY

Mr. Tom O'Neill,
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South Dublin County Council,
County Hall,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24.



1 February, 2016

Minister's Reference: 0818112127
Your Reference: M2/0715

Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms Frances Fitzgerald, T.D., to refer to your correspondence in respect of fines and heavy goods vehicles.

As you will recall, a request was sent to the relevant authorities in respect of the matters referred to in your correspondence and I undertook to contact you again when the information was to hand.

I am advised by the Courts Service that there were 12 prosecutions relating to heavy goods vehicles proceeding past a sign for the period 1 January 2014 to 31 August 2015, one of which resulted in a fine and the remainder were either struck out or dismissed.

I am also advised by the Garda authorities that, for the period 1 July 2014 to 10 December 2015, 10 Fixed Charge Notices (FCNs) issued for the offence of vehicles proceeding beyond a maximum vehicle design gross weight (safety) sign and 6 summonses issued for the prohibited vehicle proceeding past sign prohibiting a specified number of axles.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Quattrociochi,
Private Secretary to the
Minister for Justice and Equality.