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15th August July 2016

> Mr. Tom O'Neill Meetings Administrator South Dublin County Council County Hall Tallaght Dublin 24

Corporate Services

Our ref: 0722151929

Dear Mr. O'Neill

I am directed by the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D., to refer to your correspondence of 11 July 2016 in relation to the Missing Person case of Mary Boyle.

The Tánaiste is very conscious of the ongoing distress for the families and friends of persons who go missing and she is mindful of the need to ensure that nothing she says would add to the distress which the family in this case has experienced.

The examination of issues connected to the disappearance in this case are matters for the relevant investigatory agencies. In this regard, the Tánaiste is advised that the Garda investigation in relation to the case referred to is ongoing and that the Serious Crime Review Team (SCRT) has recently been requested to examine this case, as a matter of priority, ensuring that all avenues of enquiry are fully explored and addressed.

The Tánaiste hopes you will appreciate that as there is an ongoing Garda investigation into this matter it would be inappropriate to comment any further at this time.

Yours sincerely

Niall Colgan

Private Secretary to the

Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality