

18th November, 2016

Deputy Frances Fitzgerald, TD
Minister for Justice & Equality,
Department of Justice & Equality,
94 St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin 2.
D02 FD 70

REF: 51293

**RE: Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on
16th November, 2016**

Dear Minister,

I write on behalf of the elected Members of Clondalkin Electoral Area who, at the meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee held on 16th November, 2016, adopted the following motion:

"That this committee agrees to write to the Minister for Justice and detail concerns over growing anti-social behaviour in the Newcastle area and ask that extra patrols be carried out in the area as a matter of urgency."

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

Yours sincerely,



Patricia O'Reilly,
Staff Officer,
Operations,
Environment Water & Climate Change

19th January, 2017.

Deputy Frances Fitzgerald, TD
Minister for Justice & Equality,
Department of Justice & Equality,
94 St. Stephen's Green,
Dublin 2.
D02 FD 70

REF: 52214

RE: Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 18th January, 2017.

Dear Minister,

I write on behalf of the elected Members of Clondalkin Electoral Area who, at the meeting of the Clondalkin Area Committee held on 18th January, 2017, adopted the following motion:

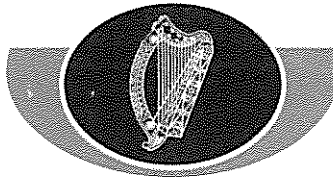
"In light of some very serious incidents in CLondalkin and also the increase in anti-social behaviour that this area committee will write to the Minister for Justice and Equality, Frances Fitzgerald requesting more resources to be giving to Clondalkin and Ronanstown Garda Stations. Furthermore that the Minister and her Government Colleagues refrain from using the term "gangland crime" when talking about incidents in Clondalkin. Clondalkin has societal problems due to successive, regressive Government policies."

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

Yours sincerely,



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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY

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South Dublin County Council
County Hall
Tallaght
Dublin 24

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23 MAR 2017

Your reference : 52214/51293
Minister's reference: 1122155649

22 March, 2017

Dear Ms. O'Reilly,

I am directed by the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D., to refer further to your correspondence of 18 November, 2016 and to your more recent correspondence dated 19 January, 2017.

Further enquiries were made with An Garda Síochána in relation to anti-social behaviour in the Newcastle area and the Tánaiste is advised that additional high visibility hybrid checkpoints have been carried out in recent months which has resulted in a reduction in crime and that Gardaí in Rathcoole are aware for the need to provide extra patrols in and around Newcastle.

The Tánaiste has noted the request made in relation to gangland crime. In relation to Garda resources, I hope you will appreciate that the Garda Commissioner is responsible for the distribution of resources, including personnel, among the various Garda Divisions and the Tánaiste has no direct role in the matter. The Tánaiste is assured by the Garda Commissioner that the allocation of Gardaí is continually monitored and reviewed taking into account all relevant factors including crime trends, demographics, and security assessments relating to the area in question so as to ensure optimal use is made of Garda human resources.

To be of assistance, the Tánaiste has arranged for a copy of your correspondence to be forwarded to the Garda authorities for their attention and any action deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Niall Colgan', is written over a horizontal line.

Niall Colgan
Private Secretary to the
Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality