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**B4/1118/05**

Ms. Terry Fallon,  
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**Re: Correspondence from South Dublin County Council via Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform Re, Increase in Garda personnel deployed in large working Communities, experiencing anti-social behaviour.**

Dear Ms Fallon,

I am directed by the Commissioner to refer to your letter, which was forwarded to this Branch for favour of reply to you.

The personnel strength of the Dublin Metropolitan Region South Division and the Dublin Metropolitan Region West Division, which both police the areas of Clondalkin/Lucan and Tallaght as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1997 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2005 was as set out hereunder.

<b>Division</b>	<b>31/12/1997</b>	<b>1/12/2005</b>
<b>D.M.R. South</b>	475	577
<b>D.M.R. West</b>	502	694

This represents an increase of 102 (or 21.47%) in the number of personnel allocated to the D.M.R. South Division since that date and an increase of 192 (or 38.24%) in the number of personnel allocated to the D.M.R. West Division since the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 1997.

I am advised by Local Management that Tallaght Community Gardai work in close co-operation with South Dublin County Council tackling Anti-Social Behaviour. Working within Estate Management Policy, Community Gardai and Housing Officers attend at

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Clinics in three areas of West Tallht on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week at Jobstown, Fettercairn and Killinarden. Community Gardai attend at meetings called by South Dublin County Council Housing when a specific family is called to account for anti-social behaviour in a local authority housing estate.


I am also advised by Local Garda Management that Garda Inspectors within the county meet with the Senior Housing Officers every two months to address issues on anti-social behaviour across local authority estates within the South Dublin Council area. Under the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1988 information is provided to the housing authority on request in writing and background information of the tenant of the housing applicant is also supplied.

Operation "Assist", a joint operation between local Gardai and the Air Support Unit, Mounted Unit and Dog Units have proved successful in curtailing anti-social activities in certain neighbourhoods.

Garda personnel assigned throughout the country, together with overall policing arrangements and operational strategy, are continually monitored and reviewed. Such monitoring ensures that optimum use is made of Garda resources, and the best possible Garda service is provided to the general public.

However the situation will be kept under review and when additional personnel next becomes available the needs of these areas will be fully considered within the overall context of the needs of all districts throughout the country.

Yours sincerely,

  
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**C.CLANCY**  
**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER**

*10<sup>th</sup>* January 2006  
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