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Dear Ms. Leonard,

I have been asked by the Minister for Justice and Equality, Mr Charlie Flanagan, T.D., to thank you for your correspondence in relation to the misuse of scramblers and quad bikes in public places, including in public parks and local communities.

You will be aware that officials from the Department of Justice and Equality currently participate in a taskforce established by South Dublin County Council (SDCC) to consider the public order implications of the misuse of these off-road vehicles at a community level. The Taskforce has met on a number of occasions to date, most recently on 14 November.

Arising from previous taskforce meetings, the road safety officers from each of the Dublin-based local authorities agreed to organise a public awareness campaign, urging parents not to purchase scramblers and quad bikes as Christmas presents for minors. In addition, the Road Safety Authority launched a similar safety campaign on 14 November.

Currently, the Department is considering formal legal advice received from the Office of the Attorney General(OAG). The advice is comprehensive in nature and is also being considered by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) in the context of its responsibility for road traffic legislation. The exploration of potentially relevant legislation has served to highlight the complex nature of this issue, whereby a number of potential avenues could simultaneously aid and hinder Garda enforcement and public safety. As such, a detailed consideration of the matter is essential, in order to extract feasible next steps. As an early priority in 2019, the Department will meet with DTTAS officials to discuss the legal advice received from the OAG. Further consultation will also be required with other relevant stakeholders, including SDCC.

Officials in this Department will continue to engage with the aforementioned taskforce, which will be able to brief you on future progress.

Yours sincerely,

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Private Secretary to the

Minister for Justice and Equality

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