

CORRESPONDENCE

MEETING OF METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

JULY 2016

- Letter received on 20th June, 2016 from the Office of the Minister for Finance in reply to resolution adopted by the Metropolitan District of Limerick calling on the Minister to reverse plans to take €12m from the mental health services budget.
- Letter received on 20th June, 2016 from the Environmental Protection Agency in reply to resolution adopted by the Metropolitan District of Limerick calling on the EPA to resume monitoring air quality in Limerick City.
- Letter received on 7th July, 2016 from the Department of Education and Skills in reply to letter sent to the Department regarding the relocation of the planned Secondary School for Castletroy to Castleconnell.



Our Ref. 16/2270/MF

17 June 2016

Mr. Christy O'Connor
Meetings Administrator
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Merchants Quay
Limerick



Dear Mr. O'Connor

The Minister for Finance, Mr. Michael Noonan T.D., has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 9 June 2016 and motion in relation to the mental health services budget.

The issue raised is a matter, in the first instance, for the Minister for Health, Mr. Simon Harris T.D., and your letter has been forwarded to his Department for attention and direct reply to you.

Yours sincerely


Justin Dolan
Private Secretary



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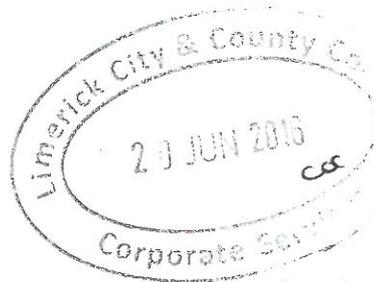
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Mr Christy O'Connor,
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17th June 2016

Dear Mr O'Connor,



I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence regarding the placement of an air monitoring station in Limerick City. As part of the development of a new national ambient air monitoring programme the EPA welcomes your interest in the establishment of a station at this location and has previously written to all Local Authorities during 2015 to seek initial expressions of interest towards contributing to the National Ambient Air monitoring network. The EPA will co-operate in partnership, towards the provision of real time monitoring of whatever scale, including indicative monitoring in this area.

In the recently published EPA Strategic Plan 2016-2020, enhanced air quality is highlighted as a strategic goal for the EPA, with work significantly progressed towards developing a new national ambient air monitoring programme under Section 65 of the EPA Act. As part of the development of this programme the current monitoring network is being reviewed and options for potential expansion considered, including the location of a monitoring station in Limerick City. I will notify you when the proposed programme is posted for comment on the EPA website.

Hourly automatic measurements for SO₂ are currently provided in Limerick County at the Shannon Estuary monitoring station as well as non-automatic assessment of metals deposition. Further information and results of the monitoring are available at www.epa.ie/air/quality/data.

I hope this addresses your query. If I can provide further information please contact me at 01-2680185.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Kenny

Air Quality Manager

National Ambient Air Monitoring Programme



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To: Christy O'Rourke

Re: Planned secondary school for Castlekey to Castleconnell

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 22nd June 2016.

This matter has been referred for the attention of Heleen Carroll.

Yours sincerely,

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