

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **MAY 2015 COUNCIL MEETING**

- Letter received on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, from the Office of the Minister for Health in reply to resolution adopted by the Council '*supporting the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation in the planned industrial action that nursing staff deem necessary to highlight yet again the difficult working environment faced by staff on a daily basis at the University Hospital Limerick and which is impacting on the other UL Group Hospitals in Ennis, Nenagh and Croom, and that Limerick City and County Council call on the Minister for Health to listen to these experienced healthcare workers and provide the resources necessary to solve this ongoing health risk for both patients and staff.*'
- Letter received on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, from the Meetings Administrator, Offaly County Council.
- Letter received on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, from Sr. Delia O'Connor, Deputy Chairperson, Limerick Fairtrade City Committee.
- Letter received on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, from Ms. Karen McHugh, CEO, Doras Luimní, in relation to resolution adopted by the Council on Direct Provision.
- E-Mail received on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015, from the Office of Senator David Norris in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on TDs, Senators and Irish MEPS to call on the Spanish Government to end the policy of dispersion applied to Basque political prisoners.
- Letter received on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015, from Mr. Shay Sweeney, The Limerick Private Hospital, in relation to Motion adopted by the Council regarding proposed Private Community Hospital in Limerick.
- Letter received on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, from Professor Colette Cowan, Group Chief Executive, UL Hospitals, in reply to invitation to the Management/Chief Executive Officer of University Hospital Limerick to address a Meeting of the Council in relation to overcrowding in the Accident and Emergency Department and to update the Members on proposals to resolve the ongoing problems.

- Letter received on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, from the Office of the Taoiseach in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on TDs, Senators and Irish MEPS to call on the Spanish Government to end the policy of dispersion applied to Basque political prisoners.
- Letter received on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, from Brighid Smith, Head of Corporate Communications, VHI, following resolution adopted by the Council supporting the call to have the Voluntary Health Insurance (VHI) give its full support to the proposal to have a Private Community Hospital built at the Dock Road, Limerick, and inviting the Management/Chief Executive Officer of the Voluntary Health Insurance Board to address a future Meeting of the Council in relation to this matter.
- Letter received on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, from the Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality in reply to resolution adopted by the Council condemning the current system of accommodating asylum seekers in Ireland, known as Direct Provision, and calling on the Minister for Justice and Equality to (i) immediately close Mount Trenchard Direct Provision Centre in Foynes and (ii) commit to abolishing the Direct Provision system by the end of 2015.
- E-Mail received on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2015, from the Office of the Meetings Administrator, Ballina Municipal District.
- Letter received on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015, from the Office of the Taoiseach in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Government to give official recognition status to Irish Sign Language (ISL).
- Letter received on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2015, from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Ministers for Agriculture and Finance to reinstate the Early Retirement Scheme and Installation Grant for Farming Communities.
- Letter received on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, from the Managing Director of Pallas Foods in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Management of Pallas Foods to engage with SIPTU in order to ensure the retention of the maximum number of jobs for the site and the wider Newcastle West area.
- Letter received on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, from the Office of the Taoiseach in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Government to immediately and adequately support services for victims of prostitution and to provide assistance to help those wishing to exit the industry.

- Letter received on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, from Superintendent Cornelius F. O'Donohue, An Garda Síochána, Garda National Traffic Bureau, in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport for a full review to be carried out on the manner in which 'Go Safe' vans are operating. (Note: The Minister's Office advised that An Garda Síochána should be contacted in this regard).
  - Letter received on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, from the Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Government to immediately and adequately support services for victims of prostitution and to provide assistance to help those wishing to exit the industry.
  - Letter received on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, from the Office of the Tánaiste and Minister for Social Protection in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Minister 'to reimburse the Council €540,000 to cover the cost of the bin waiver scheme as this is an income supplement and should be paid for by the Department of Social Protection.'
  - Letter received on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, from the Office of the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling on the Tánaiste and Minister for Social Protection 'to reimburse the Council €540,000 to cover the cost of the bin waiver scheme as this is an income supplement and should be paid for by the Department of Social Protection.' (Note: this letter was referred to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government for attention by the Office of the Minister for Social Protection.)
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20 March 2015

Mr Eugene Griffin  
Meetings Administrator  
Limerick City & County Council  
Corporate Services and Change Management  
Merchants Quay  
Limerick



Dear Mr Griffin,

The Minister for Health, Leo Varadkar, T.D., has asked me to thank you for your letter of 25th February 2015 concerning University Hospital Limerick.

The University of Limerick Hospital Group are recruiting 70 nursing staff and the threatened industrial action has now been deferred.

The HSE, through its Acute Hospitals Directorate and Special Delivery Unit, continues to support the University Hospital Limerick team in developing interim and long term sustainable solutions to deal with bed capacity, excessive trolley waits and overcrowding in the Emergency Department.

Yours sincerely

David O'Connor  
Private Secretary

## Offaly County Council

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24<sup>th</sup> March 2015



To: Each Local Authority

Re: Notice of Motion – Offaly County Council

A Chara

At the March meeting of Offaly County Council the members passed the following resolution and I was directed to forward same to all local authorities for your consideration.

*“At present Parking Fines issued by the council’s traffic wardens and subsequently not paid and which go to court and upheld the money accruing from those is retained by the state. Offaly County Council calls for a change to allow councils to benefit from this revenue as all the work and expense is born by the council.”*

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Monica Cleary SEO  
Meetings Administrator



'Bethany'  
1 Greenfields  
Rosbrien  
Limerick.  
26 - 3 2015

Dear Members of the Limerick County and City Council,

In November 2004 Limerick City Council unanimously voted to support Fairtrade. This means serving Fairtrade beverages at all meetings of the Council and at functions supported by the Council. Fairtrade is helping people in developing countries to earn a fair wage.

Limerick Fairtrade City won Best Fairtrade Town/City in Ireland in 2011. As a result, Dolores O'Meara (Chairperson of Limerick Fairtrade City Committee) and I were awarded a trip to Ghana to visit Fairtrade cocoa and banana plantations. We had the privilege of seeing firsthand the benefits of Fairtrade to these communities. Schools were built from the Social Premium paid by the companies who trade with the Fairtrade Co-operatives. In one village a solar light was erected so the children could do their homework and the same villagers were in the process of building a latrine - an outside toilet. Women have to be involved in decision making and there is no child labour or slavery. Children can help at weekends or after school.

Conscious that so many of your members are aware of the Fairtrade concept, I request that the Limerick County and City Council will once again vote in favour of supporting Fairtrade.

Thank you for your sensitivity to the plight of asylum seekers in Direct Provision as I listened to your deliberations from the balcony at your meeting on Monday March 23 rd.

Yours sincerely,

Sr. Delia O'Connor  
Deputy Chairperson Limerick Fairtrade City Committee



Karen McHugh  
Chief Executive Officer  
Doras Luimní

Mayor of Limerick  
Cllr. Kevin Sheahan  
Limerick City and County Council  
Merchant's Quay  
Limerick

27<sup>th</sup> March 2015

**RE: Limerick City & County Council Motion on Direct Provision**

Dear Mayor,

Please accept our sincere thanks to you and your colleagues for the support for the motion on Direct Provision at the recent meeting of the Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

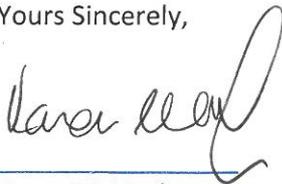
We are very grateful to have the support of local representatives in our efforts to bring about change for the hundreds of asylum seekers living in Direct Provision centres here in Limerick. As you rightly pointed out, the motion will also encourage other local authorities around the country to take a similar stance in solidarity with the people who so desperately need it.

We were overwhelmed to hear you and so many other Councillors speaking passionately about the issue and it has given Doras Luimní and those we represent great encouragement to continue our efforts. In particular, your role as Chair of the meeting went a long way in ensuring the motion was unanimously agreed, and for that we are very thankful.

As suggested, we agree that it would be beneficial to forward the motion and outcome to other local authorities in an effort to encourage them in doing same. If we can assist with this in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to meeting with you again in the near future and we remain at your disposal should you require any assistance in disseminating the motion or otherwise.

Yours Sincerely,



Karen McHugh  
CEO, Doras Luimní

# Resolution adopted at Meeting of Limerick City and County Council

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**From:** Miriam Smith <miriam.smith@oireachtas.ie> on behalf of David Norris <david.norris@oireachtas.ie>  
**Sent:** 31 March 2015 15:06

A Chara,

Thank you for your email and attachment regarding the peace process in Spain and the Basque Country. I will certainly try and find an opportunity to raise this issue with the relevant Minister when possible.

With best wishes  
David Norris



Mr Eugene Griffin,  
Meetings Administrator  
Limerick City & County Council  
Merchants Quay  
Limerick

March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015

Dear Mr Griffin,

Please convey my sincere gratitude to Mayor Sheahan and his Council colleagues in supporting the Limerick Private Hospital motion at their recent meeting. It is very encouraging to have the support of the elected council members for this locally grown worthwhile project. Limerick and indeed the Mid -West region are long overdue for such a facility. This hospital will assist in alleviating some of the existing pressure on the public hospitals and the Health Care Infrastructure in Limerick will be enhanced at no cost to the exchequer.

VHI state that they do not need additional capacity in the Midwest; claiming that 72% of their customers use public hospitals in the Midwest and that 83% have access to hospital within three weeks of seeing a consultant. The question must be asked, given the bed shortages, if VHI members are being accommodated within the time frames quoted by VHI, what is happening to public patients? It would appear that VHI are taking advantage of a state sponsored subsidy in accessing public hospitals in Limerick at a time when the health crisis is deepening, waiting times are lengthening and elective procedures are being cancelled.

A new modern private community hospital in Limerick will also support Minister Varadkar's action plan to alleviate pressure on Emergency Departments (announced Sunday, 15 February). A key action point in that plan is the diversion of patients in private health insurance to private hospitals and the transfer of patients from acute hospitals to hospitals which manage non-complex care when they have been medically stabilised. The University Hospital Limerick is one of the most over-crowded hospitals in the country with over 700 people recorded on trolleys in the hospital in the month of February alone.

The demand exists for a new hospital in Limerick regardless of what the VHI might say. Not only is there a demand for it, the people of the Mid -West deserve it.

Once again many thanks to the Councillors for their support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shay Sweeney'.

Shay Sweeney

CC/TH/TK

10<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Ms. Tina Knox,  
Administrative Officer,  
Corporate Services and Change Management,  
Limerick City and County Council,  
Merchants Quay,  
Limerick.



Dear Ms. Knox,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015 regarding the Councils kind invitation for me to address a meeting of the Council in relation to overcrowding in A&E and proposals to resolve ongoing problems.

The Health Act sets out the arrangements for the involvement of elected local public representatives in the affairs of the HSE. Limerick City and County Council have seven members appointed to the Regional Health Forum namely Cllr Michael Collins, Cllr Francis Foley, Cllr Maria Byrne, Cllr Malachy McCreesh, Cllr Gerald Mitchell, Cllr Jerome Scanlon and Cllr Brigid Teefy.

I am happy to deal with any queries channelled through the Regional Health Forum as well as additional queries through the Forum. I will also provide briefings throughout the year to elected representatives.

I attach herewith a briefing note regarding measures taken to alleviate ongoing A&E pressures which I hope you will find of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



**Professor Colette Cowan**  
Group Chief Executive  
UL Hospitals

**Briefing Note on Emergency Department  
at University Hospital Limerick**

Every effort is being made to address the overcrowding in the Emergency Department at University Hospital Limerick. We have put in place various solutions that are outlined below:-

- We are currently in the process of building a new Emergency Department which is scheduled to be completed in 2016. This will certainly enhance the experience of all patients and staff as unfortunately the current working space is very confined.
- The Acute Medical Unit is operational in UHL Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm. All acute medical presentations to ED are triaged and those deemed suitable are immediately directed to the AMU. All patients are seen by a Medical Consultant and a decision to discharge/admit following assessment within 6 hours. The MAU'S in St. John's, Ennis and Nenagh are operational Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm. An additional Medical Consultant has taken up duty place in St .John's Hospital in recent weeks.
- GP's can now refer medical patients directly to the Acute Medical unit in UHL and to the MAU's in St. John's, Ennis and Nenagh without having to go through the Emergency Department or LIU'S to be seen by a Consultant.
- The Surgical Assessment Unit (SAU) is operational Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm. All acute general surgical presentations to ED are triaged and those deemed suitable are immediately directed to the SAU. GP'S can refer directly to the SAU.
- We are currently in the process of renovating one of the Medical Wards, ward 3B which will be opened as an Acute Stroke Unit by the autumn of this year.
- A Patient Flow Manager is on duty every day to ensure that in-patients in UHL who are deemed medically fit to complete their episode of care in Ennis, Nenagh or St .Johns Hospital are identified and safely transferred. This ensures that the beds become available for patients requiring admission as soon as possible.
- An Escalation Plan to address additional capacity was introduced on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014.



Oifig an Taoisigh  
Office of the Taoiseach



13 April 2015

Mr. Eugene Griffin  
Meetings Administrator  
Limerick City and County Council  
Merchants Quay  
Co. Limerick

Dear Mr. Griffin,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 30 March 2015,  
the content of which has been noted.

Yours sincerely,

Celine McEvoy  
Assistant Private Secretary  
to the Taoiseach

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16<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Ms Tina Knox  
Limerick City and Council  
Administrative Officer  
Corporate services  
Merchants Quay  
Limerick



Dear Ms Knox

Thank you for your letter of April 14<sup>th</sup> 2015 to John O'Dwyer, Chief Executive notifying Vhi of a resolution that the Limerick City and County Council passed regarding a proposal to have a private community hospital built at the Dock Road, Limerick. John has asked me to respond to you.

Unfortunately Vhi will be unable to attend your council meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015. However, I am happy to give you an update on our policy in relation to covering new facilities which we have communicated a number of times to those representing Limerick Private Hospital.

Vhi considers applications for new facilities having regard to perceived need for the services offered, their appropriateness in terms of quality and their cost and the likely economic impacts for Vhi and its customers. In order to be approved for Vhi insurance coverage, providers of new facilities must be independently accredited for quality purposes and either:

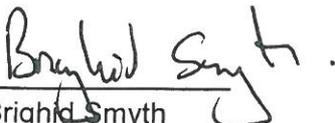
a) Demonstrate that they meet an important medical need which is not met by existing facilities and do so at competitive cost relative to those of providers of facilities that can be reasonably be compared with them;

or

b) Provide medical services at prices which are sufficiently competitive as may enable Vhi to obtain lower prices for such services generally in a significant area.

Vhi has already considered an application for Limerick Private Hospital in 2012. That application failed to satisfy our policy and we have since advised the developers of Limerick Private Hospital that we remain open to considering any new proposal if received in accordance with the above policy.

Yours sincerely

  
Brigid Smyth

Head of Corporate Communications



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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY

Mr. Eugene Griffin  
Limerick City and County Council  
Merchants Quay  
Limerick



Minister Reference: 0417090542

17th April, 2015

Dear Mr. Griffin,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 14th April, 2015.

Yours sincerely,

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Chris Quattrociocchi  
Private Secretary to the  
Minister for Justice and Equality

# Notice of Motion - Ballina Municipal District, Mayo

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**From:** Gordon Breege <bgordon@MayoCoCo.ie>

**Sent:** 21 April 2015 15:34

**To:** secretar@carlowcoco.ie; info@cavancoco.ie; info@clarecoco.ie; corporate.affairs@corkcoco.ie; info@donegalcoco.ie; corp@dlrcoco.ie; info@fingalcoco.ie; customerservices@galwaycoco.ie; info@kerrycoco.ie; customercare@kildarecoco.ie; info@kilkennycoco.ie; corporateservices@leitrimcoco.ie; info@longfordcoco.ie; info@louthcoco.ie; info@meathcoco.ie; info@monaghancoco.ie; webmaster@offalycoco.ie; info@roscommoncoco.ie; info@sligococo.ie; info@sdublincoco.ie; customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie; postmaster@wexfordcoco.ie; cosec@wicklowcoco.ie; corporateaffairs@corkcity.ie; customerservices@dublincity.ie; customerservice@galwaycity.ie; Customer Services; contact@waterfordcouncil.ie; itwebqueries@laoiscoco.ie; noreply@westmeathcoco.ie

**Subject:** Notice of Motion - Ballina Municipal District, Mayo

The following Notice of Motion was passed by Members of Ballina Municipal District at a recent meeting:

*"That Ballina Municipal District calls on the Minister for the Environment to take the necessary steps to restore Town Councils or alternatively to give the new Municipal District Councils the power to strike a rate and spend the money raised in each Municipal District in that district; that this Notice of Motion is circulated to all Councils for their support."*

I would be obliged if you could bring it to the attention of your Meetings Administration for circulation to your Elected Members.

Kind Regards

Breege Gordon

For Carmel Murphy  
Meetings Administrator  
Ballina Municipal District.



Oifig an Taoisigh  
Office of the Taoiseach

20 April 2015

Mr. Eugene Griffin  
Meetings Administrator  
Limerick City and County Council  
Merchants Quay  
Co. Limerick.

Dear Mr. Griffin,

I refer to your letter of 14 April to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D., regarding the resolution adopted by the Council at its March meeting regarding official recognition status to Irish Sign Language.

Your letter has been forwarded to the office of the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D., for attention.

Yours sincerely,



Teresa Doolan  
Taoiseach's Private Office

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Office of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Dublin 2.

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17 April 2015

Mr. Eugene Griffin  
Meetings Administrator  
Limerick and City County Council  
Merchants Quay  
Limerick



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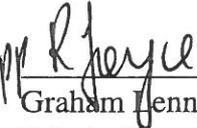
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Dear Mr. Griffin

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent correspondence addressed to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Simon Coveney, TD in relation to a resolution at the March Meeting by Limerick and City and County Council.

I will bring your correspondence to the Minister's attention at the next practical juncture. In the interim I have forwarded your correspondence for the attention of relevant Department officials.

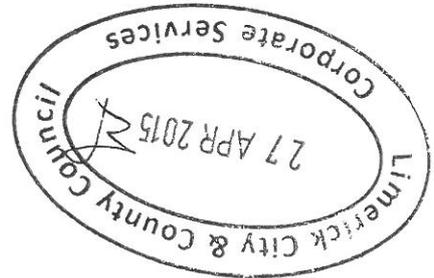
Yours sincerely,

  
Graham Jennox  
Private Secretary



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Mr Eugene Griffin  
Meetings Administrator,  
Limerick City and County Council



21 April

Dear Mr Griffin,

We note and thank you for your letter of 15th April.

A recent review of our distribution business across the island of Ireland was undertaken to ensure that the Pallas Foods business is as efficient and effective as possible in servicing our customers' needs. Unfortunately, the completion of the business review necessitated the need to seek approximately 65 voluntary redundancies at our Newcastle West operation.

I want to stress that the decision was taken to strengthen our overall business position in Ireland and that Newcastle West, as our corporate head quarters and as our one of our two national distribution hubs, remains very important to our growing operations. It is important to point out that we have recently made a significant investment to base the Group's shared services centre here in Newcastle West, which includes the functions of finance, procurement, IT, call-centre and support services.

We communicate regularly and as openly as possible with our 894 strong workforce. Working together, we aim to strengthen our business to safeguard employment in what is an intensively competitive market place.

Thank you for your interest in Pallas Foods.

Yours sincerely,

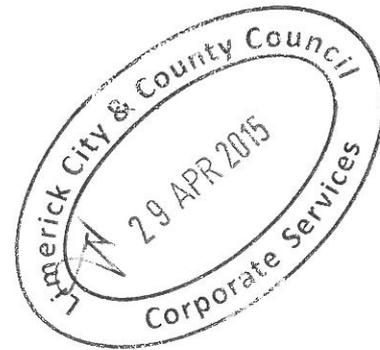
Dan Geary  
Managing Director  
Pallas Foods



Oifig an Taoisigh  
Office of the Taoiseach

27 April 2015

Mr. Eugene Griffin  
Meetings Administrator  
Limerick City  
and County Council  
Merchants Quay  
Limerick



Dear Mr. Griffin,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter to the Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny T.D. dated 20 April, 2015 regarding the March monthly meeting of Limerick City Council.

A copy of your correspondence has been forwarded to the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald T.D., for her attention and direct response to you.

Yours sincerely,

*Michelle McKiernan*

Michelle McKiernan  
Assistant Private Secretary  
to the Taoiseach

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**Mr. Eugene Griffin.**  
**Corporate Services and Change Management,**  
**Limerick City and County Council,**  
**Merchants Quay.**  
**Limerick.**



**RE: OPERATION OF GO SAFE VANS.**

I refer to above and yours of the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2015.

An Garda Síochána contracts a company called Go Safe to operate safety cameras in Ireland on behalf of the organisation. The safety cameras operate during the day and at night-time, seven days a week. A minimum of 6,000 enforcement hours are undertaken on a monthly basis. Safety Camera vans are deployed at locations or zones where there is a history of fatal and serious injury collisions. The zones have been identified based on analysis of fatal and serious injury collisions over a five year period.

Since the implementation of the speed enforcement zones, year on year 25 lives have been saved. This accounts for a 30% reduction of fatalities in speed enforcement zones alone.

Table 1 outlines where road traffic collisions have occurred in speed enforcement zones. In 2014, 196 collisions (16%) occurred in speed enforcement zones. The same stretches of road, had a 30% share approximately of fatal road traffic collisions between the years of 2004 to 2008.

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Ag obair le Pobail chun iad a chosaint agus chun freastal orthu / Working with Communities to Protect and Serve

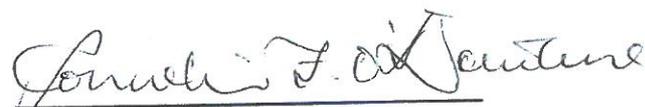
Year	Road Deaths	Fatal Collisions	In Zone	In Zone (%)
2004	374	334	105	31%
2005	396	360	118	33%
2006	365	321	98	31%
2007	338	309	95	31%
2008	279	254	70	28%
2009	238	220	58	26%
2010	212	185	33	18%
2011	186	172	31	18%
2012	162	152	26	17%
2013	188	179	31	17%
2014	196	182	28	16%

Table 1.

An Garda Síochána publish the exact location of speed enforcement zones. Signs are displayed to alert the public when entering a speed enforcement zone. **There are 727 sections of road identified as speed enforcement zones.** ([www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie))

A full set of statistical data is available by clicking on each zone (marked in red) on the Safety Camera location page of the Garda website (See [www.garda.ie/gosafe](http://www.garda.ie/gosafe))

An Garda Síochána is working closely with a range of partner agencies, including Government Departments, the Road Safety Authority, the National Roads Authority and the community in order to develop a national culture of safe road use.



**CORNELIUS F. O'DONOHUE.**  
**SUPERINTENDENT.**

27<sup>th</sup> April, 2015



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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY

Eugene Griffin  
Corporate Services & Change Management  
Limerick City & County Council  
Merchants Quay  
Limerick



Minister Reference: 0429111112

29 April, 2015

Dear Mr Griffin,

I am directed by the Minister for Justice and Equality, Ms Frances Fitzgerald, T.D. to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter dated 20 April 2015, regarding supports for victims of prostitution which is receiving attention.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Quattrociocchi  
Private Secretary to the  
Minister for Justice and Equality



Oifig an Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí  
Office of the Minister for Social Protection

Case Number: REPS-2015-3777

Mr. Eugene Griffin  
Meetings Administrator  
Corporate Services and Change Management  
Limerick City & County Council  
Merchants Quay  
Limerick



5<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Dear Mr. Griffin

Ms. Joan Burton TD, Tánaiste and Minister for Social Protection has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of 31st April 2015, regarding a resolution adopted at the March meeting of Limerick City and County Council, in relation to the bin waver scheme

Unfortunately this correspondence is not proper to the Department of Social Protection, however I will forward your enquiry promptly to the Dept. of Environment, Community & Local Government for immediate attention and direct reply to you.

Yours sincerely

  
PP  
Jacinta Crawford  
Private Secretary





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8 May, 2015.

Mr. Eugene Griffin,  
Meetings Administrator,  
Limerick City & County Council,  
Corporate Services and Change Management,  
Merchants Quay,  
Limerick.



Dear Mr. Griffin,

I have been asked by Mr. Alan Kelly, T.D. Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, to acknowledge receipt of your recent letter in connection with the bin waiver scheme.

A further letter will issue in relation to this matter as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Larry Kelly  
Private Secretary

