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Ms. Honor Dunphy

Waterford City & County Council

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10th October 2022

Reference No: DAFM-MMO-02283-2022

Your Ref: HD/MNR

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

I would like to acknowledge your recent correspondence dated 06/10/2022 to Charlie McConalogue T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding Helvick Harbour.

I will bring your correspondence to the Minister's attention as soon as possible. In the interim I have forwarded your correspondence for the attention of relevant Department officials.

Yours sincerely,

Monaghan, Peggy
Minister's Office

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Subject:

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Ms. Honour Dunphy

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Minister's Reference: DJE-MO-09718-2022

Dear Ms. Dunphy,

Thank you for your letter dated 6 October 2022 to the Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee TD, which relates to Garda resources in Co. Waterford. The Minister has asked me to reply to you on her behalf.

Under the Garda Síochána Act 2005 (as amended), the Garda Commissioner is responsible for the management and administration of An Garda Síochána. The allocation of Garda resources, which includes decisions on the deployment of personnel among the various Garda Divisions, is a matter for the Commissioner under the Act, in light of identified operational demands. The Minister for Justice has no role in these independent functions, however, the Minister is assured that Garda management keeps the distribution of resources under continual review in the context of crime trends and policing priorities, to ensure their optimum use.

The Government is committed to ensuring that An Garda Síochána has the resources it needs, with the unprecedented allocation provided in Budget 2023 of €2.14 billion. This will fund the recruitment of up to 1,000 new Garda recruits as well as over 400 Garda staff.

I can inform you that at 31 August 2022, the latest date for which figures are available, there were 381 Garda numbers assigned to Waterford Division and 66 Garda members assigned to Dungarvan District. This represents increases of over 9% and 12% since the end of December 2018.

The Division is supported by 75 Garda staff, which represents an increase of 114% in the same period. This increase in Garda staff numbers means that as well as new Gardaí assigned to the Division, additional Gardaí can be redeployed from administrative to operational policing duties, where their training and policing expertise can be used to best effect.

You may also be interested to know that since the re-opening of the Garda college in September 2014 a total of 146 Probationer Gardaí have been assigned to Waterford Division. This figure includes 15 Probationer Gardaí who attested this year.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Emma McHugh

Private Secretary to the

Minister for Justice

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