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RE: Garda Rostering Dispute

Dear Mr. Collins

The ongoing dispute between Garda Representative Organisations and Senior Garda management has now reached a level of great concern.

I note that among the functions of the Policing Authority under Section 62H (2), are to keep under review the performance by the Garda Síochána of its functions and the arrangements and strategies in place to support and enhance the performance of those functions and, in particular, to keep under review the adequacy of the arrangements for managing and deploying the resources available to the Garda Síochána so as to ensure the most beneficial, effective and efficient use of those resources.

Garda rostering is essentially an issue of managing and deploying Garda resources and so it falls within the remit of the Authority.

I further note that under Section 62H (3), the Authority may do anything which it considers necessary or expedient to enable it to perform its functions, including liaising and co-operating with bodies (whether statutory or otherwise) that are relevant to those functions. This could include the Garda Representative Association. I also note that under Section 62O (6) (6) the Minister may request the Authority to prepare and submit to her a report in respect of any matter relating to policing services, 'and the Authority shall comply with the request as soon as practicable after receiving it'.

This dispute is now clearly a matter for the policing authority to consider and potentially make recommendations on. I would ask that you give consideration to the points I have raised above and liaise immediately with the Department of Justice.

Yours sincerely

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