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From: INFO <info@justice.ie>
To: INIScustomerservices
Subject: Fw: Working group on the direct provision system for asylum seekers.
Date: 29/07/2014 16:42:11

Memo

From : [REDACTED]

To: "info@justice.ie" <info@justice.ie>,



Re: Fw: Working group on the direct provision system for asylum seekers. [E]

Teresa A. Clarke to Gerard P. Madden

31/07/2014

Cc: Killian J Morgan, Noel M. Dowling, Ultan J. Ryan, INIS Customer Services

History This message has been replied to and forwarded.

Gerard Madden
Rúnaí Aire

Ger

I understand that the the Terms of Reference for the Minister of State's Working Group have not yet been determined and that a Secretary to the Group has not yet been appointed.

Please find below an e-mail from [REDACTED] who is seeking information on how he can be considered for membership of the Working Group.

Regards
Teresa

*Teresa Clarke
Assistant Principal Officer
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INIS Customer Services From: INFO <info@justice.ie> To: INIScu... 30/07/2014 11

14 August

Minister for Justice and Equality
Stephen's Green
Dublin 2

Dear Minister,

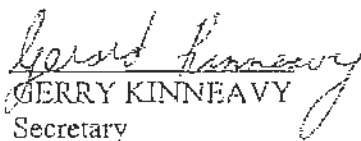
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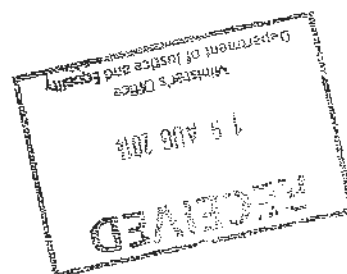
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Yours sincerely,


GERRY KINNEAVY
Secretary





Initial Suggestions for DP Working Group
Rory T. Geraghty for aodhan.oriordain

01/08/2014 16:24



Potential Candidates for Direct Provision Working Group.docx

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Potential Candidates for Direct Provision Working Group

UNHCR Chairperson: tbc

Legal:

Donncha O'Connell: Head of the School of Law at NUI Galway with responsibility to teach European Human Rights and part – time commissioner with the Law Reform Commission.

Carol Coulter: Former Legal Affairs Editor with the Irish Times and current Director

Healthcare:

Prof. Veronica O'Keane: Senior Lecturer at the Department of Psychiatry at Trinity College Dublin and Consultant Psychiatrist AMINCH Hospital.

Management Consultancy:

Catherine Heany: Manager and Co-Founder of DHR Communications and former Chief Executive Officer of the Irish Family Planning Association.

Ita Mangan: Barrister and Lecturer in Social Policy as well as Legal & Social Affairs. Former Chair of the Advisory Group on Tax and Social Welfare.

NGOs:

Brigid Quiligan: Director of the Irish Traveller Movement (ITM)

Cairin De Buis: CEO of Startstrong

Civil Service:

Sylda Langford: Former Director General of the Department of Children & Youth Affairs and Chairperson of the Citizens Information Board.

Brigid McManus: Former Secretary General of Dept. Of Education & Skills.

Dan Murphy: Former General Secretary of the Public Service Executive Union and member of Solicitor's Appeals Boards.

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From: INFO <info@justice.ie>
To: INIScustomerservices
Subject: Fw: Re: Direct Provision
Date: 12/08/2014 12:49:52

Memo

From : [REDACTED]
To: "info@justice.ie" <info@justice.ie>,
cc:
Date : 12/08/2014
Subject: Re: Direct Provision

Dear Minister Fitzgerald

I have been following recent events in the Irish Times in relation to asylum seekers in direct provision.

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Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Regards,

William Barrett

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----- Forwarded by William T. Barrett/JELR/JSECTOR on 02/12/2014 16:26 -----

From: [REDACTED]
To: Minister Of State <MOS@justice.ie>
Subject: RE: Direct Provision
Date: 12/08/2014 21:13:04

Dear William

Thank you for your email. I appreciate the proposals surrounding the issue of direct provision are still only in the early planning stages. Should you require my input at a later stage I would be more than happy to assist.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Minister Of State [MOS@justice.ie]
Sent: 12 August 2014 16:06
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Direct Provision

[REDACTED]

Many thanks for your email.

The proposals surrounding this are still only in the early planning stages.

William Barrett

Office of the Minister of State for New Communities, Culture and Equality
D/Justice & Equality,
Bishop's Square,
Redmonds Hill,
Dublin 2

Dear Minister Fitzgerald

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Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Is le haghaidh an duine nó an eintitis ar a bhfuil sí dírithe agus le haghaidh an duine nó an eintitis sin amháin, a bheartaítear an fhaisnéis a tarchuireadh agus féadfaidh sé go bhfuil ábhar faoi rún agus/nó faoi phribhléid inti.

Toirmiscear aon athbhreithniú, atarchur nó leathadh a dhéanamh ar an bhfaisnéis seo, aon úsáid eile a bhaint aisti nó aon ghníomh a dhéanamh ar a hiontaoibh, ag daoine nó ag eintitis seachas an faighteoir beartaithe. Má fuair tú é seo trí dhearmad, téigh i dteagmháil leis an seoltóir, le do thoil, agus scríos an t-ábhar as aon ríomhaire. Is é beartas na Roinne Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais, na nOifíicí agus nGníomhaireachtaí a úsáideann seirbhísí TF na Roinne seoladh ábhair cholúil a dhícheadú.

Más rud é go measann tú gur ábhar colúil atá san ábhar atá seachtairacht seo is ceart duit dul i dteagmháil leis an seoltóir láithreach agus le mailminder[ag]justice.ie chomh maith.

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Fw: Direct Provision
Teresa A. Clarke to: Gerard P. Madden

12/08/2014 15:17

History: This message has been replied to.

Ger

Another person putting themselves forward for the working group on direct provision.
I have not issued any response to this writer.

Regards
Teresa

----- Forwarded by Teresa A. Clarke/JUSTICE on 12/08/2014 15:15 -----

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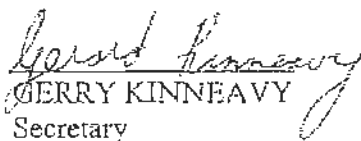
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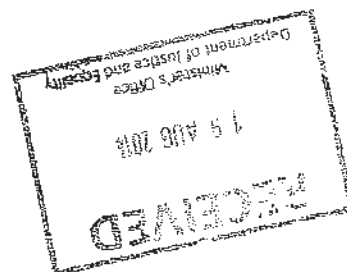
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Re: Fw: RE; PROPOSED WORKING GROUP FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS & REFUGEES

INIS Customer Services - ASYLUM POLICY

18/08/2014 14:49

[Redacted]

From: INFO <info@justice.ie>
To: INIScustomerservices
Subject: Fw: RE; PROPOSED WORKING GROUP FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS & REFUGEES
Date: 18/08/2014 14:10:15

Memo

From : [Redacted]
To: minister@justice.ie,
cc:
Date : 18/08/2014
Subject: RE; PROPOSED WORKING GROUP FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS & REFUGEES

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Dear Minister,

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[Redacted signature]

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From: William X. Lavelle/JELR/JSECTOR
 To: Michael J. Kelly/JUSTICE@JUSTICE,
 Cc: Noel A. Waters/JUSTICE@JUSTICE
 Date: 27/08/2014 10:49
 Subject: working group on direct provision

Michael,

Noel asked me to email with a list of possible names/organisation to be represented on the working group on direct provision. I am sending this initial draft list on the basis that you can advise on names proved and add suggest furthe names you consider appropriate. This will then be subject to further discussion with the MoS.

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Other for consideration:

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- Office of the Ombudsman for Children

William Lavelle

Advisor to the Minister for Justice & Equality

From:
To: Jillian VanTurnhout <Jillian.VanTurnhout@Oireachtas.ie>
Subject: Re: Direct Provision Working Group
Date: 28/08/2014 11:04:01

Dear Senator Van Turnhout,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence regarding the Working Group and your recommendation for [REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely,



Gerard Madden
Private Secretary to the
Minister of State for Equality, New Communities and Culture

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Private Secretary to the
Minister of State for Equality, New Communities and Culture

From: INFO <info@justice.ie>
To: INIScustomerservices
Subject: Fw: RIA - Direct Provision.
Date: 10/09/2014 09:58:52

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Memo

From : [REDACTED]
To: minister@justice.ie,
cc:
Date : 09/09/2014
Subject: RIA - Direct Provision.

Dear Minister,

You recently made an announcement that you were setting up a group to look at the area of 'direct provision'. I would like to place my name before you for consideration for that group. I am of the view that my skills would be of benefit to such a group as my experience spans both the needs of the asylum seekers and the needs of the state. I am happy to provide you with any information you might require and mention the following as pointers to my suitability.

[REDACTED] In that capacity I have gathered a wide knowledge of the challenges faced by asylum seekers, having accompanied many through the process and being there for those who have been deported. I have also been there for asylum seekers from other countries including from the Middle East. While I have been there for individuals I have always stayed away from actively supporting any claims for asylum.

[REDACTED] and many of the challenges faced by RIA are similar. The need to treat people in a human and just manner while operating within a strict and transparent framework poses great challenges.

Within our area we constantly seek to tweak the system and to provide a better way of doing things. I am aware of the challenges such a process takes as one cannot always see the unintended consequences unless you deal with the little things as well as the more obvious shortcomings.

I believe that my experience on both sides of the divide would be of benefit to any new review group and offer myself for consideration.

[REDACTED]

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From: Rory T. Geraghty/JELR/ISECTOR
To: gpmadden@justice.ie,
Cc: [REDACTED]
Date: 24/09/2014 17:24
Subject: Working Group

Hi Ger

I understand that the Minister of State is going to contact Minister Fitzgerald directly about this but below is his provisional proposal of a list of names for the Working Group.

You might forward to Chris.

Regards

Rory

Nominees:

Brian McMahon (Chair)
Dan Murphy - Chairperson Local Authority Implementation Committee
Brigid McManus - Former Sec. Gen of Dept. of Education
Tanya Ward - CEO Childrens' Rights Alliance
Dr. Ciara Smyth - NUI Galway
A representative from UNHCR

Departmental Officials:

Justice / INIS
Education
Health
Children & Youth Affairs

Social Protection

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Rory Geraghty
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**Doras Luimní and the Working Group**

William F. Barrett to: Gpmadden

Cc: Rory T. Geraghty

This message is digitally signed.

09/10/2014 14:13

History:

This message has been replied to.

Please see attached correspondence from Doras Luimní re being part of the Working group.



Doras Luimní 7-10-14t.pdf

Regards,

William Barrett

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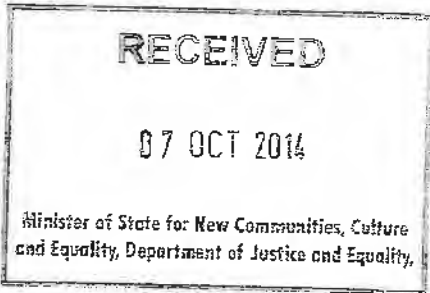
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Aodhán Ó'Riordán, T.D.
Minister for State for Equality New Communities and Culture
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

1st October 2014

Dear Minister Ó'Riordán,

I would like to thank you for extending an invitation to meet with myself and my colleague, Leonie Keríns, on 18th of September 2014. It was a pleasure to meet you and we appreciated the opportunity to discuss our concerns regarding the direct provision centres in the Limerick area with you. We were also pleased to hear of your planned trip to Limerick on 29th and 30th October 2014 and look forward to assisting you with that visit in any way possible.

We were also happy to have been invited to participate in the initial Roundtable Consultation on Direct Provision and Protection Process and we wish to congratulate you and Minister of Justice, Francis Fitzgerald T.D. for progressing this consultation process. We really welcome this timely initiative and look forward to supporting the work of the group.

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We would like to formally request participation in the on-going work of the group. We also request to have representatives of residents in direct provision centre in Limerick participate in the group. As you are aware, we are the main migrant support and advocacy organisation in the mid-west region and we work closely with all residents of direct provision centres and others concerned by the protection process in the Limerick region. Originally the organisation was established as a Development Organisation for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (DORAS as an acronym), but we now provide services open to all migrants living in the Limerick area. We work with over 1,200 migrants annually and our objectives are to *change the lives* of migrants, *change legislation* and *change society*.

Since the roundtable, we have written to residents of the direct provision centres in Limerick as they were eager to hear the outcome and how the work will progress over the coming months. We have further scheduled to meet with residents next week to hear their on-going concerns and ensure their voices are represented in this group.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly and welcoming you to Limerick toward the end of October.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Mc Hugh
Chief Executive Officer