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Dear Ms Maguire

I am directed by the Commissioner to refer to your correspondence of 4 November 2012 and to provide the following response.

Only in cases of extreme urgency would Garda members be authorised to use their private vehicle on operational duty. Such instances would only be where official transport is not available at the particular time. Otherwise, members typically utilise their private vehicles for non-operational purposes such as attending official training courses where it is deemed the most cost effective means of travel. In all cases a member must ensure that the specific use being made of the vehicle is covered by the member's own insurance.

A locomotion allowance is payable to officers at Chief Superintendent, Superintendent and Inspector rank who regularly use their private vehicle in the performance of their duty similar to other public servants.

It is not possible to provide details of the number of Gardaí who utilised their private vehicles for operational duties as this would involve a manual examination of all travel claims which would involve a disproportionate use of time and as previously stated only in an extreme emergency can members utilise their private vehicles for such purposes.

Yours sincerely

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27 November 2012