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Dear Deputy. Broughan,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question No 357 for answer on Tuesday, 2 July 2019 the text of which was as follows:-

"To ask the Minister for Justice and Equality if a competition for new Garda collision forensic investigators will be held in quarter 3 of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

At the time I responded that I would request the information sought by you from the Garda Commissioner and that I would write directly to you on receipt of same.

As you will appreciate, it is the Garda Commissioner who is responsible for managing An Garda Síochána including personnel matters.

I am advised by the Commissioner that a Forensic Collision Investigator competition was held in 2018 and a panel is still in place until 31 December 2019.

I am further advised by the Commissioner that a review is currently being carried out in respect of the number and location of Forensic Collision Investigators. No decision in respect of the holding of a new competition for Forensic Collision Investigators will be made until the review has been completed.

I hope that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Charlie Flanagan T.D.
Minister for Justice and Equality.