



GARDA REPRESENTATIVE ASSOCIATION STATEMENT:

Re: GRA Call for Urgent Review of Building Momentum

The Garda Representative Association has joined other Trade Unions calling for an urgent review of the national pay deal, Building Momentum.

Building Momentum includes a provision to activate a review. This option is available to both government and Trade Unions should the agreement be seriously impacted by 'unexpected change'.

Philip McAnenly, Interim General Secretary of the GRA which represents over 11,500 frontline gardai, explained: "This deal was negotiated in a completely different economic landscape but under current conditions, these numbers are simply unsustainable.

"The 1% increase due in October simply does not go anywhere near the current rate of inflation nor meets the spiralling cost of living of our members.

"Nobody could have foreseen inflation rates rising to over 6% while energy and petrol costs have risen by 30%. It's time for this government to realise this and work out a fair and equitable deal for our members.

"We have now contacted both garda management and the relevant government Departments seeking an urgent meeting to commence this review and agree appropriate action."