



## Statement

**Jim Mulligan, President Garda Representative Association**

# Taoiseach must act over D'Arcy comments on Cavan/Monaghan gardaí

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GRA President Jim Mulligan is calling on the Taoiseach to act over Minister Michael D'Arcy's refusal to apologise for blaming frontline gardaí over the policing response to the victimisation of Quinn Industrial Holdings executives.

Mr Mulligan said Minister D'Arcy's refusal to engage publicly about his baseless claim reinforces the offence he has caused to frontline gardaí in the Cavan/Monaghan Division and the wider membership.

The GRA President said: "Minster D'Arcy has had three days to clarify his comments but instead has allowed his blame-shifting claim that gardaí on the ground bear responsibility for perceived weaknesses in the investigation of intimidation of Quinn executives."

"The GRA reiterates that our members are due an apology for his reckless and irresponsible comments.

"He risks undermining public confidence in our members policing the border. This will inevitably damage morale among rank-and- file gardaí who are working in an area where dangerous people operate.

"Minister D'Arcy's status as a Government Minister makes his comments, and subsequent silence, all the more irresponsible. The GRA has no option but to ask the Taoiseach to act. A letter to this effect has been sent this morning."