



## **Withdrawal of Minister's unwarranted policing claims welcomed**

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"The withdrawal of Minister of State Finian McGrath's unwarranted charge of political policing in respect of random road-side breath tests is welcome and necessary.

"Our members take their political independence very seriously and regard it as a key reason gardai command such a high level of public support.

"For clarification, gardai carry out Mandatory Intoxication Test checkpoints (MITs) under management instruction in accordance with the Road Traffic Act and do not set up MIT checkpoints under their own recognizance."

"The GRA welcomes Minister McGrath's acknowledgement that his charges have no basis and will not be commenting further on this matter at this time."

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