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Dear Ms. Kelly,

The Minister of State for the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Public Procurement, eGovernment with special responsibility for Communications and Circular Economy, Ossian Smyth T.D., has asked me to reply to your recent correspondence regarding a resolution from Kilkenny County Council on the use of camera images in litter/waste enforcement.

The Department published the Circular Economy Bill 2022 on the 25th March 2022 and it has now been enacted. The Bill will make a number of important amendments to the Waste Management Acts from an enforcement perspective and will advance a number of priority provisions such as the GDPR compliant use of CCTV and other technologies for waste enforcement purposes. This will support on-going efforts by local authorities to tackle illegal dumping and littering.

The changes proposed have the general aim of providing for more proportionate and more focused enforcement. They will ensure that the processing of personal data may be carried out by local authorities tasked with enforcing litter and waste law, thus providing an important deterrent in relation to littering and illegal dumping, while at the same time respecting the privacy rights of citizens.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Kind regards

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