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Dear Mr Cook

SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES - CONSULTATION

I refer to your correspondence dated 7 June 2004, in relation to the above subject, which has been considered by members of the General Policing Standing Committee and can now offer the following by way of comment.

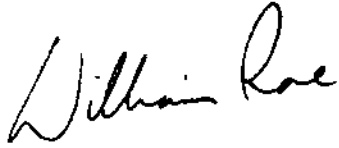
Members noted that the issue of enforcement, should such a ban be implemented is not considered. In Ireland, where a ban on smoking in public places is in force, Government appointed Regional Health Boards are responsible for enforcement and have powers ranging from the imposition of fines to the loss of licences. The Garda Siochana play no direct role in monitoring or enforcing the legislation and members agree that, in the event of the legislation being enacted, similar procedures should be adopted in Scotland.

Members had no further comments to make regarding the proposals.

I trust that the foregoing is of assistance to you.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Roe". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Chief Constable
(Hon. Secretary)

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