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To: Statement of Strategy

Subject: Call for consultation on the Statement of Strategy for Transport, Tourism and Sport 2017-2019

I refer to the e-mail below from the Secretary General of your Department seeking input to your Statement of Strategy for 2017 – 2019. The Department of Defence would appreciate if reference could be made to the on-going close work between the two Departments in respect of services required of the Defence Forces and where appropriate develop (or maintain) memorandums of understanding or service level agreements to underpin such support. The Government’s 2015 White Paper on Defence specifically referred to two projects in the maritime area that will involve cross departmental collaboration with your Department, these projects are;

1) Explore further areas of greater synergy with departments and agencies with responsibility in the maritime area to ensure the best and most efficient use of all state resources. This will encompass a more risk based approach and the use of new technologies.

2) Ask the Chair of the National Maritime Security Committee to initiate an examination of maritime security arrangements, including governance arrangements with a view to bringing forward recommendations, if required, to enhance the provision of maritime security.

Also as the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport is one of the lead Government departments
supporting the Government Task Force on Emergency Planning, which is the top-level cross-cutting structure which gives policy and direction, and which co-ordinates and oversees the emergency planning activities of all Government departments and public authorities. We would appreciate if reference could be made to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport’s lead responsibility for a number of scenarios including Aircraft Accidents, Emergency Incidents at Airports, Aviation Security/Terrorist Incidents, Railway Accidents, Major Accidents on National and Non-national Roads and/or Infrastructures, Incidents Requiring Marine Search and Rescue, Ferry and Other Shipping Disasters, Marine and Coastal Pollution, Marine Emergencies Impacting On-shore. The support provided by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to other lead Government departments during other major emergencies, such as severe weather events.

The Department of Defence look forward to the continued close co-operation with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

Regards,

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