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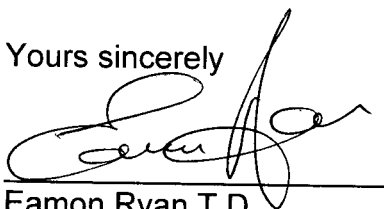
Mr Adam Beecher


Dear Mr Beecher

I refer to your recent letter which was forwarded to this Office by the Office of the Taoiseach concerning the registration of mobile phones and I note your concerns in this regard.

The Government is looking at all options that can assist in the fight against illicit drugs and it is in this context that the proposal for the registration of mobile phones was included in the Programme for Government under Drugs Policy. The proposal will be examined by the relevant Departments and Agencies, principally by the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs which has responsibility for the National Drugs Strategy, with due regard for the legal, technical, privacy and data-protection implications that surround it.

Yours sincerely



Eamon Ryan T.D.

Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources