

Grainne X. Jones

From: Peter E. White
Sent: Thursday 18 February 2021 08:45
To: Grainne X. Jones

Gráinne

I have to represent the Department at a meeting this morning (9.30) re the case against the M/Health (re CBD products).

If you could, can you send me the response the Department has been issuing?

I have liaised with Deaglán O'Briain (Criminal Justice/Policy) who confirmed [REDACTED]
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Thanks

Peter

Peter White
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From: Sean P. Kilcoyne
Sent: Thursday 18 February 2021 15:06
To: Grainne X. Jones
Subject: RE: CBD eCorr petition

Hi Grainne,

From what im aware, the wording has been approved by the Minister's advisor and it is now with the Minister for clearance, will keep you posted.

Thanks,

Sean,

From: Grainne X. Jones
Sent: Thursday 18 February 2021 11:28
To: Sean P. Kilcoyne
Subject: RE: CBD eCorr petition
Much appreciated Sean, thanks

Gráinne Jones

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From: Sean P. Kilcoyne <SPKilcoyne@justice.ie>
Sent: Thursday 18 February 2021 11:24
To: Grainne X. Jones <GXJones@justice.ie>
Subject: RE: CBD eCorr petition

Hi Grainne,

Nothing just yet im afraid, I know that Ciaran, Orla and Patrick had a meeting with Fiach yesterday evening re clearing urgent wording etc. Ill follow up with them to see if there is any update.

Thanks,

Sean.

From: Grainne X. Jones <GXJones@justice.ie>
Sent: Thursday 18 February 2021 11:16
To: Sean P. Kilcoyne <SPKilcoyne@justice.ie>
Subject: RE: CBD eCorr petition

Hi Sean,

Would you have any update re the CBD draft response?

Kind regards,

Gráinne

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Sent: Tuesday 16 February 2021 15:28

To: Grainne X. Jones <GXJones@justice.ie>; Aisling X. Bunyan <AXBunyan@justice.ie>

Subject: RE: CBD eCorr petition

Hi Grainne,

Apologies, as Aisling said, we can send your approved case to the MO for clearance.

Normally with a petition we would send a batch email response from InfoMail on Lotus Notes, but as mentioned below, and just to confirm before we action, are you happy for us to set up all 40 on eCorr and assign directly to you?

Thanks,

Sean.

From: Grainne X. Jones <GXJones@justice.ie>

Sent: Tuesday 16 February 2021 15:18

To: Sean P. Kilcoyne <SPKilcoyne@justice.ie>; Aisling X. Bunyan <AXBunyan@justice.ie>

Subject: RE: CBD eCorr petition

Hi Sean,

Thank you. I had actually just approved that case so I've approved it again back to you guys. Is it possible to set up those 40 cases onto eCorr?

Thanks,

Gráinne

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Subject: RE: CBD eCorr petition

Hi Grainne/Aisling,

Apologies for delay getting back to you.

I can only find one case relating to this on eCorr :

<https://justice.cloud.gov.ie/apps/eCorrespondence/sites/MO/Lists/Cases/DJE-MO-01305-2021> .

We currently have 40 emails held in InfoMail which are part of the petition and have not been sent to eCorr.

Grainne, I have assigned the above case back to you.

Thanks,

Sean.

From: Grainne X. Jones <GXJones@justice.ie>

Sent: Tuesday 16 February 2021 14:34

To: Aisling X. Bunyan <AXBunyan@justice.ie>

Cc: Sean P. Kilcoyne <SPKilcoyne@justice.ie>

Subject: RE: CBD eCorr petition

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Sent: Tuesday 16 February 2021 14:09

To: Aisling X. Bunyan <AXBunyan@justice.ie>

Cc: Sean P. Kilcoyne <SPKilcoyne@justice.ie>

Subject: RE: CBD eCorr petition

Thanks Aisling.

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From: Aisling X. Bunyan <AXBunyan@justice.ie>

Sent: Tuesday 16 February 2021 14:07

To: Grainne X. Jones <GXJones@justice.ie>

Cc: Sean P. Kilcoyne <SPKilcoyne@justice.ie>

Subject: RE: CBD eCorr petition

Hi Grainne,

Copying in Sean who was working on this petition who should be able to give you a steer!

Sean see below re. the CBD petition.

Grainne, can I check was the response approved by Min Office?

Aisling

From: Grainne X. Jones <GXJones@justice.ie>

Sent: Tuesday 16 February 2021 13:50

To: Aisling X. Bunyan <AXBunyan@justice.ie>

Subject: CBD eCorr petition

Hi Aisling,

I have the CBD petition response approved for issue, however it needs to be altered depending on what exactly the correspondent mentions in their email. Would you be able to tell me how many cases are in now? Depending on the number, Andrew has agreed that it would be easier for all of the cases to be assigned to me and be responded to in the normal way.

Kind regards,

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From: James P. Kelly
Sent: Friday 19 February 2021 11:33
To: Grainne X. Jones
Subject: RE: DJE-MO-01305-2021 FW: Malta to permit responsible cannabis use

No problem, you are welcome.

James

From: Grainne X. Jones
Sent: Friday 19 February 2021 11:32
To: James P. Kelly
Subject: RE: DJE-MO-01305-2021 FW: Malta to permit responsible cannabis use

Thanks a mil James

Gráinne Jones

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From: James P. Kelly <JPKelly@justice.ie>
Sent: Friday 19 February 2021 11:31
To: Sean P. Kilcoyne <SPKilcoyne@justice.ie>; Grainne X. Jones <GXJones@justice.ie>
Subject: RE: DJE-MO-01305-2021 FW: Malta to permit responsible cannabis use

I have assigned it back just now, for safe keeping.

Regards

James

From: Sean P. Kilcoyne <SPKilcoyne@justice.ie>
Sent: Friday 19 February 2021 11:27
To: Grainne X. Jones <GXJones@justice.ie>; James P. Kelly <JPKelly@justice.ie>
Subject: RE: DJE-MO-01305-2021 FW: Malta to permit responsible cannabis use

Hi Grainne,

Nothing back as of yet, we have a meeting with the MO later so hopefully have an update then.

Hope that helps.

Sean.

From: Grainne X. Jones <GXJones@justice.ie>
Sent: Friday 19 February 2021 11:26
To: James P. Kelly <JPKelly@justice.ie>; Sean P. Kilcoyne <SPKilcoyne@justice.ie>
Subject: RE: DJE-MO-01305-2021 FW: Malta to permit responsible cannabis use

Hi James,

Maybe just to be safe would you assign it back to me? I'm waiting for confirmation from the MO about the CBD response so it might be best to hold the response for now.

Sean – have you heard anything more about the draft response?

Thanks,
Gráinne

Gráinne Jones

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Cc: Sean P. Kilcoyne <SPKilcoyne@justice.ie>
Subject: RE: DJE-MO-01305-2021 FW: Malta to permit responsible cannabis use

Hi Grainne,

I have done that now and closed off 01396-21.

Will I reassign the other case which you approved back to you?

James

From: Grainne X. Jones <GXJones@justice.ie>
Sent: Friday 19 February 2021 10:54
To: James P. Kelly <JPKelly@justice.ie>
Cc: Sean P. Kilcoyne <SPKilcoyne@justice.ie>
Subject: RE: DJE-MO-01305-2021 FW: Malta to permit responsible cannabis use

That's great James, thanks

Gráinne Jones

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Sent: Friday 19 February 2021 10:51
To: Grainne X. Jones <GXJones@justice.ie>
Cc: Sean P. Kilcoyne <SPKilcoyne@justice.ie>
Subject: RE: DJE-MO-01305-2021 FW: Malta to permit responsible cannabis use

Hi Grainne,

That is no problem at all.

I will carry out your request shortly and let you know when complete.

Thanks

James

From: Grainne X. Jones <GXJones@justice.ie>
Sent: Friday 19 February 2021 10:48
To: James P. Kelly <JPKelly@justice.ie>
Subject: RE: DJE-MO-01305-2021 FW: Malta to permit responsible cannabis use

Hi James,

I had a check there on the system – there seems to be two cases set up for this correspondent on the same issue. Would you be able to combine all of the CBD correspondence from 01305-21 and 01396-21 into one case? I think having 01305-21 as the only case would be the best option.

Thanks,
Gráinne

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From: James P. Kelly <JPKelly@justice.ie>
Sent: Friday 19 February 2021 09:39
To: Grainne X. Jones <GXJones@justice.ie>
Subject: FW: DJE-MO-01305-2021 FW: Malta to permit responsible cannabis use

Morning Grainne,

The below came in to Info and I was wondering if you want me to attach it to the persons rep sheet relating to the CBD petitions we have assigned to you or set up a new case?

Thanks

James

From: INFO <info@justice.ie>
Sent: Friday 19 February 2021 09:37
To: justice-mo@spf2.cloud.gov.ie
Cc: James P. Kelly <JPKelly@justice.ie>
Subject: DJE-MO-01305-2021 FW: Malta to permit responsible cannabis use

Memo

From : Alison Finnegan <Alison.Finnegan@oireachtas.ie>
To: "Minister of Justice (Phone Listing)" <info@justice.ie>,
cc:
Date : 18/02/2021
Subject: FW: Malta to permit responsible cannabis use

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 February 2021 17:23
To: Helen McEntee <Helen.McEntee@oireachtas.ie>; Helen McEntee <Helen.McEntee@oireachtas.ie>
Subject: Malta to permit responsible cannabis use

Dear Minister, a chara,

Yet another EU country leading the way with a bill for responsible cannabis use while Ireland is sitting on it's hands
<https://twitter.com/VoltefaceHub/status/1362359494680928258>

The European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addiction has a policy overview document I wish to present for your

consideration:

https://www.emcdda.europa.eu/publications/topic-overviews/cannabis-policy/html_en

It speaks to different models for regulated supply of cannabis within the EU, and other models taken outside the EU.

I feel this is a surprisingly frank remark given the agencies tasking: "In Europe, since the late 1990s, decriminalisation and harm reduction policies had less negative impact than had been feared."

I understand you are receiving daily contact from those affected, directly or indirectly, by the prohibition of cannabis in Ireland. We are hoping you will finally engage the citizens of Ireland instead of ignoring our emails and phone calls.

I look forward to your acknowledgement of this, and your comments on the matters mentioned above.

Best regards,



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Oireachtas email policy and disclaimer. oireachtas.ie/en/email-policy/



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From: Grainne X. Jones
Sent: Tuesday 23 February 2021 12:38
To: Charlotte O. Smith
Subject: FW: CBD eCorr petition
Attachments: Little Collins CBD Dispensary.docx

Hi Charlotte,

I currently have a petition re Little Collins CBD Dispensary on hand, approximately 30 cases. I understand from Sean Kilcoyne that the draft response is still awaiting approval from the Minister. Is there any chance of this being sighted by the MO soon? The response is a short one, and due to the nature of the case we're eager to clear it as soon as possible. I can give you a call about it if you'd like.

Kind regards,
Gráinne

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7. 40 emails from members of the public over the last week in relation to a raid of a CBD shop. Template response to all.

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