

Press Release

Tuesday 5 April, 2011.

12:45 hrs.

The Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission has commenced an investigation, in the public interest, under section 102(4) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 into reported garda conduct. The reported conduct in question arose from the policing of a protest relating to the Corrib gas pipeline last Thursday, March 31th 2011. GSOC has not received a complaint relating to this matter, but is empowered, under the Act, to investigate matters where the Commission feels it is in the public interest to do so.

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NOTE:

Section 102(4) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 states:

The Ombudsman Commission may, if it appears to it desirable in the public interest to do so and without receiving a complaint,

investigate any matter that appears to it to indicate that a member of the Garda Síochána may have—

(a) committed an offence, or

(b) behaved in a manner that would justify disciplinary proceedings.