

**Headline results of the 2008 Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission
Public Attitudes Survey
conducted by Ipsos-MORI**

1. 1 in every 20 members of the public has had a reason to complain about a garda.
2. If they believed they had a reason to do so
 - 71% of the public would be willing to make a complaint
 - 25% of the public would not be willing to make a complaint
3. The most common spontaneous reasons for not making a complaint are
 - It might make matters worse
 - Nothing would be done
4. Of those who believed they have had reason to complain in the past one out of two did not make a complaint.
5. Ipsos-MORI also sought views on the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC)
 - 83% of the public believes that GSOC is independent
 - 50% believes that GSOC is effective
 - 48% believes that GSOC is efficient
6. Looking to possible changes in the culture surrounding policing in Ireland,
 - 84% believe that GSOC will have a positive impact on people's willingness to complain
 - 81% believe GSOC will have a positive impact on Garda response to complaints
 - 54% believe GSOC will have a positive impact on Garda morale.

Ends.