

Press Release  
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### **Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission – Investigations “in the Public Interest”.**

The Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission (GSOC) is currently conducting three investigations “in the public interest”, under section 102(4) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

Section 102(4) of the Garda Síochána Act 2005 states that  
*“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.”*

The three investigations in question are –

- (1) into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Terence Wheelock on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2005,
- (2) into the adequacy of the Garda investigation into the road traffic accident involving the late Mary Seavers and the compilation of the Garda Report to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), and
- (3) into allegations of collusion by members of the Garda Síochána with a named individual in the movement and supply of controlled drugs, and to investigate the nature and extent of any relationship/s between members of the Garda Síochána and that named individual.

Investigations of this nature are complex and time-consuming. As a consequence GSOC does not indicate the possible length of time it might take to bring any one of the investigations to a conclusion.