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POLICING AUTHORITY

**Policing Authority welcomes Government decision to extend the contract of Garda  
Commissioner**

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On behalf of the Authority, I warmly welcome the decision of the Government to extend the contract of the Garda Commissioner for the maximum period permitted by current legislation. We particularly welcome the fact that the decision is made now so that any potential disruption arising from the anticipation of a recruitment process beginning in early autumn is avoided.

Commissioner Harris has made a strikingly significant impact on the Garda Síochána in the period since his appointment. He has both a clear understanding of the challenges that face the organisation in providing a high quality policing service to a changing Ireland and a clear vision of what he wishes to achieve for, and with, the Garda Síochána in the years ahead.

The Authority looks forward to continuing to work closely and productively with him, while discharging its statutory oversight duties.

Bob Collins

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