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I wish to make the following submission.

In the last year the elected members of Clare County Council by resolution requested from the Government section responsible for ethics in public office training in this new piece of legislation

However this request was turned down to the dismay of me and my colleagues.

The review should insist that urgently appropriate local training be provided at Clare County Council by the section responsible for its implementation. Why ?

For at least two reasons ;

1. It's very important that the Clare elected members as a group are given an opportunity to fully inform themselves with the benefit of the experts being present in order to ensure consistency in interpretation.
2. Part of that training should be used to gather feedback for this review process in order to derive maximum benefit from the time of the obviously busy officials in the ethics section.

Regards,

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