



Statement by the Irish Prison Service regarding delays in escorting prisoners to certain courts.

Today, 29th July 2015, 42 Prison Service Escort Corp (PSEC) staff reporting for duty advised the Governor that they were not in a position to fulfil their driving duties as they had forgotten their driving licences.

The Irish Prison Service views this action as wildcat industrial action by individual staff which is in total contravention of all industrial relations practices and procedures. Such action represents a serious breach of discipline and will be dealt with under the appropriate disciplinary procedure.

As a result escorts to the Criminal Courts Complex were delayed this morning. However, the Irish Prison Service can confirm that all prisoners scheduled to attend court have arrived or are on route to the Courts.

Background

The Irish Prison Service has been in ongoing consultation with the Prison Officers Association regarding the implementation of a new roster for the Prison Service Escort Corp. It was necessary to revise the roster arrangements due to a number of factors including the increased number of courts sittings. Difficulties have arisen with regard to the implementation of the new rosters at some locations however, the Irish Prison service and the Prison Officers Association have remained engaged throughout and agreement was reached last week to resolve the issue.

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