

All public servants should be held accountable for their actions while working. As regards civil servants this should be extended to actions that could bring the Government into disrepute which they make off duty, like in the Garda Síochána.

A system such as in force in the Garda Síochána as regards accountability should extend to all sectors of the Civil and Public Service. Public Servants should be held accountable by their superiors, but in a civil way and in no way in a militaristic way. Of course public servants themselves should have the right to complain if anyone conducts themselves in an inappropriate manner or actions inappropriate behaviour around them or while communicating with them.

The Ethics and SIPO legislation needs to be greatly extended, like how the Garda Síochána Act 2005 extended police accountability in Ireland.

Equality before the law is exceptionally important here.

Also software for seeing how complaints are progressing should be available on the SIPO website, which should be greatly updated and advanced to take account of international best practice as regards public office accountability websites.

I care deeply about how my taxes are spent and how those whose salary originates from my taxes and those of the general public is spent.

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