HQCSO_1-368265/24

Committee on Justice, Home Affairs and Migration

Detective Chief Superintendent, Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau (GNCCB) reports on email correspondence received personally on the 16th July 2025 from the Joint Committee on Justice, Home Affairs and Migration requesting a written submission on the general scheme of the National Cyber Security Bill 2024 (attached). Please note the Commissioner's Office was also copied on this email correspondence.

Detective Chief Superintendent, GNCCB reports that the Cyber Security Bill 2024 is relevant in the most part to the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) for Operational purposes. Investigative and preventative matters are of relevance to the Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau (GNCCB) are, in the main, managed under Criminal Justice Legislation. In that regard, Detective Chief Superintendent, GNCCB has provided the following observations which may be of benefit to the Committee.

Definitions:
Network and Information Systems (NIS) –Term is commonly used referring to:

- electronic communications networks;
- devices or groups of interconnected devices that automatically process digital data; or
- digital data stored, received or transmitted by either of the above, for the purposes of their operation, use, protection and maintenance.

Across the Criminal Justice sector, different definitions have emerged and it is suggested that this term is considered for inclusion into the Bill in an attempt to consolidate all into one universal definition.

Head 11/13/17:

Head 11 Sets out provisions for the sharing of data between NCSC and An Garda Síochána/Data Protection Commission, including personal data which would be of assistance in our investigations. It is suggested that where an incident has occurred, in circumstances which falls within the remit of An Garda Síochána, it is required that such incident is reported. While **Head 13** places an obligation on NCSC, as the national Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT), to cooperate with all designated competent authorities, **Head 17** does not include An Garda Síochána for the purposes of criminal investigations.

Head 15:
It is suggested to insert an obligation on entities to report to An Garda Síochána all intrusion or interference incidents that impact on the provision of their service without delay. Without this obligation, there is potential loss of valuable evidence in such investigations.

Head 26
Consideration may be given to expanding - *(2) Essential and Important entities shall notify, without undue delay, the CSIRT in accordance with Head 15 of any incident that has a significant impact on the provision of their service.*

- to include an obligation to notify An Garda Síochána in such situations, and in light of the expansion of the obligation under Head 15 as above.

Head 33
It is suggested for consideration that an obligation or duty to inform An Garda Síochána on the NCSC to share information relating to modes of compromise, threat actors, techniques, alerts and vulnerabilities in order to enhance the capacity to respond and prevent cyber incidents or compromise.

Head 34
An obligation on the NCSC or entities to notify AGS of incidents would impact on this Head

Head 37C- Powers of Inspection
Part 1(a) provides for members of An Garda Síochána accompanying the NCSC on Inspections when carrying out their functions under the Act. It is suggested that members of An Garda Síochána are defined in their capacity on inspections or searches. Are the functions of members of An Garda Síochána to search/inspect, or to accompany NCSC Authorised Officers in order to prevent a Breach of the Peace or other obstructive actions?

Head 37D- Search Warrants
As at 37C. It is noted that other powers under Criminal Justice Legislation allow for members of An Garda Síochána to seize and retain items of evidential importance and these broader powers may cover this eventuality.

Sent on behalf of Assistant Principal C. Byrne, Office of Corporate Communications

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Sent: Thursday 24 July 2025 11:46
To: Justice Liaison <Justhowever@garda.ie>
Subject: (External)RE: HQCSO_1-368265/24 Written Submission - National Cyber Security Bill 2024

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Dear Mr Byrne,

Thank you for your email.

Please find attached the formal request for this written submission.

IMPORTANT

Please note the format requested and the deadline of **12 p.m. Thursday, 7th August 2025** for the provision of your submission, as missing this deadline may result in your submission not being accepted.

Please send your written submission to justice@oireachtas.ie. Do not send or copy submissions to the Chair of the Committee or any individual members of the Committee, as doing so may result in your submission not being accepted.

For your assistance, please see the attached link to a Guidance Note on Making Submissions and Presentations to Oireachtas Committees.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact the Clerk to the Committee on +353 1 618 3899 or justice@oireachtas.ie

Kind regards,

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Please be advised that a submission to the below request is currently being reviewed by Executive Director Legal and a submission will be made in early course.

Sent on behalf of Assistant Principal C. Byrne, Office of Corporate Communications.
Kind regards,
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From: Joint Committee on Justice Home Affairs and Migration <justice@oireachtas.ie>
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To: Walsh, Barry F <barry.f.walsh@garda.ie>
Cc: Commissioner <Commissioner@garda.ie>
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Dear Det C/Supt Walsh,

I refer to your correspondence regarding a request for a written submission from the Joint Committee on Transport and Communications, in the previous Dáil, on the general scheme of the National Cyber Security Bill 2024.

At its meeting on 15th July 2025, the Joint Committee on Justice, Home Affairs and Migration agreed to write to you to establish if your original decision not to provide a written submission still stands or if you now wish to take the opportunity to provide one to this Committee for consideration as part of its pre-legislative scrutiny on this bill.

I would be grateful if you could indicate your decision not later than Thursday, 24th July 2025 at 12 noon.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact the Clerk to the Committee on +353 1 618 3899 or justice@oireachtas.ie.

Kind regards,

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