

Noirin O'Sullivan
Garda Commissioner
Garda Head Quarters
Phoenix Park
Dublin 7

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Dear Commissioner

During today's Leaders Questions in Dáil Éireann, Deputy Mick Wallace alleged under parliamentary privilege that an unnamed NAMA officer sought two payments of €15,000 from a NAMA debtor in order to facilitate the debtor's exit from NAMA.

To my knowledge, this is the first time that such an allegation has been made. At no stage has the Deputy, or any other person, contacted NAMA in relation to such an allegation. Nor, to my knowledge, is the Garda Síochána investigating this allegation by Deputy Wallace.

It is my understanding that, under Section 19 of the Criminal Justice Act 2011, any party with evidence of criminal wrongdoing is legally obliged to bring such evidence to the attention of An Garda Síochána. In the event that the Deputy is aware of such evidence and has not brought it to the attention of An Garda Síochána, it is my understanding that this is a breach of Section 19.

As matters stand, the allegations, if not investigated as a matter of urgency, casts a shadow over all NAMA officers and, accordingly, I would ask that the Deputy's allegation, including any evidence that he may claim to possess, be investigated as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely

Brendan McDonagh
CEO, NAMA