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Title of Submission:	Request for more Gardai on the Streets
Comments:	<p>I would like to point out that there seem to be very few Gardaí patrolling or walking the streets of cities and towns, on foot or by bicycle. I live in a city, Cork, where motorists regularly park on double yellow lines, disabled parking spaces or on cycle lanes, and I have yet to see a Garda out on the street addressing these issues. In addition, there is regular traffic congestion in parts of the city where I drive and I rarely see a Garda directing traffic in these situations. There is one particular busy crossroads which is on my route to/from work and where the traffic lights are often out of service, and there is never a Garda at the crossroads directing the traffic and ensuring that motorists drive safely and behave in an appropriate manner. As a result, there is often traffic chaos at this place. This is despite the fact that there is a large Garda station (Blackpool) just down the street from the crossroads.</p> <p>I would also like to point out that I regularly travel by car between Cork and Limerick and I have not seen a Garda car parked on that stretch of motorway in years, literally. People regularly exceed the speed limit of 120 kmph but there is no one to pull them up. I am led to question whether the Garda traffic corp actually still exists... It should be pointed out that 'speeding' vans seem to have disappeared from that route also, as I haven't seen one of them for at least a year. It is not surprising that road traffic deaths are still very high in Ireland.</p> <p>Please can we have more Gardaí on our streets and roads, seeing and being seen. It happens in other countries, bigger than ours, so why can't we achieve this in Ireland?</p>