Receipt Brief

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Independent Administrative Oversight: Immigration and Naturalisation Services

Dear Assistant Secretary Canavan,

Following Ombudsman Ger Deering's statement to the Joint Committee on Public Petitions and the Ombudsmen[1] on 22 September 2026, Receipt Brief seeks clarification on:

- What independent administrative oversight mechanisms currently exist for immigration and naturalisation services.
- Whether your division is coordinating consideration of the oversight gap identified by the Ombudsman.

Your response would provide valuable context for Receipt Brief's evidence-based publications on immigration administration in Ireland.

Sincerely,

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[1] Houses of the Oireachtas | Joint Committee on Public Petitions and the Ombudsmen debate -Tuesday, 22 September 2026