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Title of Submission:	You can only spread the butter so thin
Comments:	<p>A combination of the recruitment ban and retirement along with the new westmanstown roster has decimated Garda unit numbers since 2012. The westmanstown roster took 4 Garda units and turned them into 5. This essentially meant that 25% of each unit was taken away to create the 5th unit. This 5th unit creates the impression of having more gardai at what are deemed "busy times" Fri/Sat from 9pm-3am but it does no more for actual numbers on the street than a 4 unit roster would. The unit numbers are further compounded by lack of recruitment and retirement. It is my belief that a return to 4 units even on a temporary basis would have be of immediate benefit increasing each units manpower by 25%. This should be achievable with a 12 hour shift pattern. I would urge the commission to grasp the current rosters pros and cons and analyse how a 4 unit roster could be beneficial.</p>