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Comments:	████████████████████ <p>I strongly believe the next Garda commissioner needs to come from the police force in the UK or Australia in order to ensure that they are totally immune to local influence. There are too many people who know too much and are compromised at the top of the Garda Síochána organisation currently, a massive clearout is needed of top management.</p> <p>Rank and file Gardai need to receive a higher level of basic pay and far less overtime should be paid, it creates a weird culture in the force and it's bad for the Gardai who should be able to live normal lives.</p> <p>The political interference and wrangling of recent years with the Ministers for Justice has been unfortunate and embarrassing. There needs to be a more stable form of oversight and governance by the State that is less vulnerable to whichever way the political winds are blowing or the media or popular opinion dictate on the day.</p> <p>There needs to be far greater accountability and far higher levels of probity and integrity at the top of the Garda Síochána. Successive Garda Commissioners engaging in lies and deception is totally unacceptable.</p> <p>The Garda Ombudsman needs to have more powers and far more resources.</p> <p>Gardai who break the law should go to prison just like normal citizens, internal disciplining has been ineffective and too lenient over the years.</p> <p>The units such as the traffic corps and ARU have been great success stories.</p> <p>Anti social behaviour, begging and loitering by addicts in our cities needs to be tackled in a humane but proactive way. The streets of Dublin are a complete free for all where anything goes. There is no decorum or decency due to the non presence of uniformed Gardai.</p>