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Dear Sam,

Thank you for your recent letter which I read with interest on my return from holidays.

The points you raise are very sensible ones with which I am broadly in agreement.

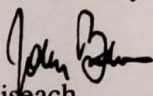
To date I have received no letter from Cllr. Martín O Muilleoir of Sinn Féin.

I agree fully with you that it is most regrettable that the Irish language has been dragged into party political matters in Northern Ireland, as indeed the GAA and a number of other organisations perceived as being exclusively "Irish", have, and used as tribal badges of honour.

I am delighted that you have found support for the very moderate and sensible approach you have put forward and I look forward to your continuing contribution to Seanad Éireann in bringing these views to a wider public audience.

With kind personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

  
Taoiseach

- ① Mr. Keiras  
② letter to Roy Donner  
for info

In your information

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A copy has been sent to  
Walter Keiras for his  
attention

Very sensible view

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