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Airport authorities seize €70K of Cocaine – Kennedy

DUBLIN NORTH TD Michael Kennedy (FF) has congratulated Airport customs officials for their latest success in the war on drugs.

Deputy Kennedy said: “Officers yesterday (15 October 2007) seized 1kg of Cocaine with a street value of €70,000 from a 30 year old Polish man who arrived on a flight from Brussels.”

“Using intelligence and intensive risk profiling, the Revenue Officers arrested the man and following x-rays, he was found to be carrying 95 pellets of Cocaine internally.”

“The man is currently being held for questioning Santry Garda Station.”

“This seizure was in addition to another Cocaine find on the Malahide Road last night. Some €280K-worth of the drug was discovered after local Garda stopped a man in his 30s and searched his car. He is being detained at Raheny Garda Station.”

Deputy Kennedy added: “These seizures are just the latest in a long line of Garda and Revenue successes this year. Successes at the Airport are a direct benefit of the recent increase in Revenue Service staffing levels. Earlier this month, I revealed that the Minister for Justice Brian Lenihan had sanctioned a 14-person staff increase, bringing the total number of officials working for the Revenue Custom Service to 50.”

“Every drug arrest contributes to the fight against drugs and last night’s events prove that our airports are still the primary entry point of narcotics into Ireland.”

“As the local TD in North Dublin, I will continue to work closely with the Dublin Airport Authorities and Customs Officials in their fight against all types of smuggling and I will carry on campaigning for further Garda and Revenue resources in the entire Dublin North region,” concluded Deputy Kennedy.