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Kennedy hails drug haul success

DUBLIN NORTH Fianna Fail TD Michael Kennedy has welcomed the news that another drug bust, this time valued at €70,000 has been made at Dublin Airport.

Deputy Kennedy said: "This is the second drugs find at the airport in as many weeks and in this case, the drug in question is cocaine. The discovery was made on Wednesday 17th October, after Customs Officials detained a 29 year-old woman on suspicion of having drugs concealed internally."

"Following questioning, the woman – who is a Dutch passport holder and was travelling from Amsterdam - was taken to Santry Garda Station, where she was found to be carry 79 pellets of cocaine, weighing approximately one kilo in total."

"I congratulate the Customs Officials, who clearly had intelligence information relating to this woman. Her method of smuggling clearly indicates that drug traffickers are continuing to employ more drastic measures and more desperate people in their campaign to bring drugs into Ireland. This is the fifth "swallower" detected in 2007 alone.

"I am very much reassured by the recent successes a Dublin Airport, relating to drug seizures and am confident that officials will continue to work hard as part of the war on drugs."

"This weeks seizure brings to €5.1m, the value of drugs that have been seized by Customs Officers at Dublin Airport to-date in 2007."