

Apartment Defects Campaign Update, 27 July 2021 – PLEASE SHARE

Great Campaign Effort

Thanks to everyone for all the work over the last few weeks in relation to the pre-Budget campaign.

Hundreds of emails have gone into our TDs and Senators and the issue of tax breaks for owner-occupiers and social landlords has been raised with the Government and within each of the parties. We know this because many Oireachtas members have been in touch with us over recent weeks and statements have been made on the matter in the Oireachtas.

However, more work needs to be done – but given that the Oireachtas is in recess until 15 September next, we're going to resume our activity in early September to really put the pressure on ahead of the Budget on 12 October next.

Take a well-earned rest – for the moment!

Emerging Numbers

A number of weeks ago, we asked people to share certain key facts and figures about defects in their developments. This was for the Alliance to share with the Defects Working Group. The following is a summary of what was shared with us and then with the Working Group:

- The Alliance is aware of 20,750 units in 106 developments affected by defects;
- Only nine have said that they have completed works or that works are underway;
- Average remediation cost per unit is €17,635 (which is slightly higher than our original estimate of €15,000) with a global cost of €366 million;
- Remediation costs vary from a low of €5,000 per unit to a high of €72,000;
- The 20,750 units are distributed as follows on a local authority area basis:

0	Fingal	1898
0	Dublin City	6552
0	Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown	5684

0	Kerry	259
0	South Dublin	2412
0	Kildare	120
0	Galway City	714
0	Cork County	233
0	Meath	472
0	Clare	527
0	Westmeath	32
0	Wicklow	96
0	Waterford	1300
0	Louth	200
0	Limerick	200
0	Donegal	17
0	Cavan	34

For the avoidance of doubt, this is the information that has come to us so far – we expect the numbers of units affected by defects to be considerably higher.