

## Apartment Defects Campaign Update, 10 May, 2022 – PLEASE SHARE

## **Working Group Report in June**

The Working Group on Defective Homes looks as if it is very much on track to complete its report and deliver it to the Minister for Housing, Darragh O'Brien TD in the second half of June. Hopefully, the Minister will move to publish the report very soon after receiving it.

As you know, the Working Group undertook a significant consultation exercise through its online survey – which was completed just before St Patrick's Day – and that data has been processed and analysed over recent weeks. The Working Group has been considering a range of options on how best to configure a remediation scheme for defective apartments – including how to finance such works. This process will be completed by mid-June which will allow for the report to be finalised.

## **Next Steps in Campaign**

Once the report is published, the Construction Defects Alliance will issue its response straight away to you our supporters, the wider public – through the media, the Minister for Housing and his Department, the rest of the Government and members of the Oireachtas.

We will then need you and your neighbours to get into action by lobbying your local Oireachtas members possibly on a number of fronts:

- To strengthen the measures proposed in the report if required;
- To ensure that the process of implementation of the report is supported financially through Budget 2023 in October and the Finance Bill;
- To ensure that any legislation needed to set up the proposed remediation scheme is put in place in a timely manner so that the scheme can be up and running in 2023.

We'll keep you posted on what we'll need from you but it's vital that you and your neighbours actively row in behind the campaign once the report is published in June.

Ends.