



CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS
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Apartment Defects Campaign Update, 24 January 2025 – PLEASE SHARE

New Minister and Government Programme

After yesterday afternoon's election of the Government, we now have a new Minister for Housing in James Browne TD who will take charge of driving forward the commitments on defects set out in the Programme for Government. We wish him and his team well and look forward to working with them.

His predecessor – Darragh O'Brien TD – worked closely with the Alliance over the past five years and got Government agreement to fully-fund defects remediation works, as well as setting up the Interim Remediation Scheme and the Retrospective Payments pathfinder process. We congratulate him on his new role in Transport and appreciate the fact that he and his team have impressed upon Minister Browne the importance of working closely with the Alliance.

In this context, we will write to the new Minister early next week seeking a meeting so that we can discuss driving ahead with the Programme for Government commitments.

In that regard, it's important to acknowledge that the Government partners have responded positively to our campaign before and during the recent election as you can see from the screenshot below:

Help owners of defective houses and apartments

This Government will:

- Establish a Buildings Standards Regulatory Authority to strengthen the oversight role of the State in respect of the design and construction of buildings.

Defective Multi-Unit Developments

- Continue to implement an interim remediation scheme for defective apartments.
- Roll out Retrospective Payment pathfinders.
- Legislate and implement a comprehensive remediation scheme including retrospective payments for defective apartments.

We want to thank all of you who took part in that campaign. However, there is still much work to be done and we will need you all to continue to put your shoulders to the wheel over the period ahead.

Ends.