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Apartment Defects Campaign Update, 27 June, 2022 – PLEASE SHARE

Need for Action Now on Budget 2023

The Alliance's last newsletter mentioned that the report of the Working Group on Defective Homes was going to issue at the end of June but we now understand that the report will be completed on 22 July and then sent to the Minister.

We're not in any way calling into question the Working Group's bona fides for this delay, however, it does make the urgent task of getting action on defects in this year's Budget much more challenging because with the Recess, it only leaves five or six weeks over September and early October to get this matter sorted.

And there is a real urgency about ensuring that there is action in the budget because there is a danger – understood by the Working Group – that if provision is not made as soon as possible for retrospection for apartment owners who are paying or have paid remediation levies, then remediation works that are in hand will simply grind to a halt, thus posing real health and safety risks to tens of thousands of people living in apartments.

To be clear, the Alliance knows that the development of a full remediation scheme will take time but while that is happening we need remediation works to continue. The only way we can be sure that this will happen is by providing that people who have paid or are paying remediation levies will not be at a disadvantage and, in the short term, the best way to do that is by providing Refundable Tax Credits to owner-occupiers and grants to social landlords.

How these measures might work and the costings for them are set out in the Construction Defects Alliance's Budget 2023 submission (<https://bit.ly/3QRxGyr>).

So we need you and your neighbours to get involved in ensuring that the Budget does indeed contain such measures by emailing your local TDs and Senators by clicking on the following link <https://www.constructiondefectsalliance.ie/act/email-your-tds/>. Then follow up with them on the phone and invite them to come out and meet you and your neighbours to hear about your concerns.

The work we do over the next few weeks could make a big difference.

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