

The Construction Defects Alliance wants to give you a quick update on what to expect from next week's budget.

We're expecting the Minister to announce a package of process measures to enable Government make the big decisions on the nature and scope of a defects remediation support before the end of the year.

There could also be some other important items in the mix too.

But, there will not be an announcement at this stage on retrospective tax credits because the window between the publication of the Working Group report and the Budget was very tight -- particularly taking holidays into account.

However, it is important to say that they have NOT been ruled out which is crucial.

It's still possible that they could be introduced through the Finance Bill process which will go on until mid-December.

Just to let you know, today the Alliance has issued a hard-hitting statement warning of the dangers of fire-safety works stalling or being deferred unless the issue of retrospection is sorted.

Next week, the Alliance will look carefully at the details of the Minister's package and consider how best to proceed from there.

But, to be crystal clear, the campaign will be going on -- in fact, it will be intensifying - - until there is proper remediation support scheme in place that also provides for retrospection for those who have paid or are paying levies.

More next week after the Budget.

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