



MUD Reform Campaign Update, 27 January 2025 – PLEASE SHARE

Important Advances in Government Programme

The Programme for Government was formally adopted by the cabinet at its first meeting last Thursday afternoon and it contains important commitments on reform of the Multi-Unit Developments (MUD) Act in response to our campaign throughout last autumn.

First, the programme (as you can see below) commits the Government to transferring entire responsibility for the area to the Department of Housing – one of our key asks during the campaign. To date, our efforts to improve support for, oversight and regulation of owners' management companies (OMCs) has been bedevilled by the fact that responsibility has been split between two departments. Placing full responsibility with Housing is an important step forward.

Improving Management for Apartment and Duplex Owners

- Move responsibility for the Multi-Unit Development Acts to the Department of Housing to streamline support for owners' management companies and improve oversight.
- Establish a unit in the Housing Agency to regulate owners' management companies to ensure effective governance.

Second, the principle of putting a more effective regulatory regime in place has been accepted as well and we welcome the commitment to establish a regulator under the aegis of the Housing Agency who already have expertise in relation to MUDs. We look forward to engaging with the Department of Housing and the Housing Agency on this.

While these developments are very welcome, reform of the MUD Act is still needed especially in relation to the issues of service charges, sinking funds and dispute resolution. We look forward to engaging with the new Minister for Housing, James Browne TD, on all of these matters in the coming weeks.

Finally, a word of thanks to you for your contribution to our campaign so far. As you can see, your efforts have delivered important commitments from the new Government but we will need your continued support as we seek to turn what's in the Programme into concrete action.

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