

QUESTION NO: 1358

DÁIL QUESTION addressed to the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government (Deputy Eoghan Murphy)
by Deputy Eoin Ó Broin
for **WRITTEN ANSWER** on **07/11/2017**

To ask the Minister for Housing; Planning and Local Government the number of long term social housing voids returned to stock by each local authority in each of the years 2014 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and the funding allocated to each local authority in each year to restore these units to use, in tabular form.

REPLY.

The Voids Programme, introduced in 2014 by my Department, provides additional support to local authorities in preparing vacant units for reletting. This funding is available as an additional support over and above what local authorities provide themselves towards such work.

There were 2,326, 2,696 and 2,090 vacant social homes brought back into productive use in 2014, 2015 and 2016, respectively, with funding assistance from my Department. The latest information for 2017 indicates that nearly 850 units have been completed and I anticipate that this figure will reach over 1,400 by year-end.

Local authorities are continuing to undertake works under the programme in 2017 and submit claims for funding on an on-going basis, as works are completed. As such, my Department does not yet have complete figures for the average costs of units retrofitted this year.

Voids returned from 2014 to date

Local Authority	Units returned 2014	Funding 2014	Units Returned 2015	Funding 2015	Units Returned 2016	Funding 2016	2017 Allocation Unit	2017 Funding Allocation
Carlow	42	€325,111	28	€300,650	8	€69,450	8	€94,000
Cavan	23	€349,137	28	€307,018	32	€307,530	12	€221,950
Clare	65	€995,831	96	€1,472,533	79	€1,329,700	24	€514,308
Cork City	212	€2,872,028	281	€4,522,819	151	€1,442,538	43	€871,000
Cork County	155	€1,539,363	199	€2,091,578	97	€1,200,488	69	€1,326,850
DLR	5	€89,896	24	€262,768	19	€183,092	11	€188,621
Donegal	167	€919,797	146	€1,003,576	83	€766,499	128	€1,875,185
Dublin City	467	€6,163,465	787	€10,858,088	531	€7,129,848	377	€8,313,500
Fingal	165	€1,938,780	139	€1,624,632	147	€1,725,774	151	€2,108,750
Galway City	26	€474,050	25	€222,025	28	€309,150	16	€174,400
Galway Coun	76	€958,263	59	€705,347	37	€472,552	30	€642,500
Kerry	79	€718,938	103	€884,736	90	€917,549	56	€778,865
Kildare	49	€503,463	20	€359,808	24	€485,130	7	€140,000
Kilkenny	25	€484,430	23	€381,639	11	€156,278	9	€182,500
Laois	43	€257,014	12	€61,228	12	€97,053	5	€41,440
Leitrim	15	€229,072	9	€177,474	47	€566,620	16	€260,700
Limerick	98	€915,969	52	€500,689	18	€384,250	32	€554,000
Longford	16	€313,250	22	€426,535	23	€506,705	37	€225,000
Louth	9	€113,620	21	€292,279	8	€91,523	7	€87,500
Mayo	80	€464,508	86	€878,600	25	€233,089	22	€353,200
Meath	59	€1,037,501	54	€855,565	65	€989,420	47	€842,000
Monaghan	21	€92,751	13	€100,502	40	€302,944	13	€182,000
Offaly	35	€514,000	55	€551,532	41	€408,426	7	€135,500

Roscommon	34	€224,028	36	€258,773	72	€529,811	4	€74,500
Sligo	29	€311,648	39	€439,924	68	€1,097,909	44	€738,697
South Dublin	92	€627,407	27	€216,838	81	€703,736	92	€1,397,022
Tipperary	86	€935,801	115	€1,299,180	100	€1,122,318	58	€751,200
Waterford	42	€605,428	56	€488,724	83	€745,973	52	€853,820
Westmeath	56	€369,518	74	€650,813	43	€436,062	8	€88,371
Wexford	20	€316,307	24	€294,811	17	€167,007	11	€231,500
Wicklow	35	€650,204	43	€857,499	10	€245,887	9	€174,300
TOTAL	232 6	€26,310,578	2696	€33,348,183	2,090	€25,124,311	1,405	€24,329,179