

## **PMB Topic: Declaration of a Housing Emergency**

That Dáil Éireann:

Acknowledges that:

- Fine Gael supported by Fianna Fáil and vice versa have held the position of Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government since 2016

Notes that:

- the Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael and Green Party Government has been in office for two and a half years;
- during this time their housing policies have failed, and the housing crisis has deepened;
  - the current Minister for Housing Darragh O’Brien believes that housing is not in a state of emergency
- rents and house prices have passed their Celtic Tiger peak and are still rising;
- homelessness is at levels never seen before with child homelessness up by 51% since April 2021;
- an entire generation of people are locked out of secure and affordable homes;
- waiting lists for social housing are too long and eligibility thresholds too low;
- the student accommodation crisis is forcing some students out of third level education;
- Travellers, migrants, people with disabilities and older people continue to experience discrimination in the housing system;
- those seeking International Protection continue to live in inadequate accommodation and thousands of people granted asylum are unable to find a pathway out of Direct Provision;
- in response to the deepening housing crisis Raise the Roof, the trade union and civil society led housing campaign, has called a major rally for housing in Dublin on November 26th;

Agrees to:

- declare a housing emergency;
- call on people to support the November 26th Raise the Roof rally for housing in Dublin.