

Press Release
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Landlords Meet with Minister for Environment

The Irish Property Owners' Association, the national representative organisation for landlords, yesterday met with Environment Minister Alan Kelly TD in Leinster House and outlined their programme for the streamlining of the private rental sector.

The thrust of the meeting was how to get more units into the market quickly, with little cost, and in the process produce good standards of accommodation and help increase energy efficiency, while providing hundreds of people with much needed work resulting in increased income for the Exchequer. The IPOA also requested more staff for the Private Residential Tenancies Board to decrease the processing time for disputes and suggested a number of amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act to simplify it and make it more effective to protect both landlords and tenants. A simple programme for the solution of the much talked about deposit protection scheme was discussed, with the delegation outlining why Rent Control/Certainty is not a good idea.

Having launched a new long term lease strategy in the last few months, IPOA requested that the Minister and his Department would support the novel initiative by providing incentives to develop the plan to give tenants/customers a long term occupation similar to the incentives provided to farmers for long leasing of land

Commenting after the meeting, IPOA Chairman, Stephen Faughnan said that the delegation outlined to the Minister "the current difficulties being experienced in the private rental market" which are as a result of successive Governments implementing legislation "without adequate understanding or knowledge of the sector".

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