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Tommy Broughan, TD

Wasteful Government Squanders Euro Billions - Tommy Broughan TD

Since 1997 the Fianna Fail / Progressive Democrats government has managed to squander an astonishing amount of taxpayers' money on too many badly administered and managed projects. As our dedicated health service staff struggle to provide a service in a chronically underfunded and overstretched system, this wasteful and incompetent government has squandered billions of our tax euros. Deputy Tommy Broughan says that this mismanagement includes:

- An estimated **€12 BILLION** overspent on national transport projects including **€10.8 BILLION** extra that was necessary for road projects due to gross mismanagement by the Ahern/PD government.
- At least **€1 BILLION** that will have to be paid out to compensate over 20,000 people overcharged for nursing home fees.
- A potential loss to the state of nearly **€300 MILLION** on the sale of land at Dublin Port and losses reported to be several million euro due to the sale of land in Clonshaugh I.D.A. Industrial Estate, resulting from government failure to reform the Landlord and Tenant Act (1978).
- **€62 MILLION** spent on the Taoiseach's National Aquatic Centre which is leaking and requiring serious refurbishment .
- **€50 MILLION** wasted on insecure and flawed e-voting machines now lying in storage around Ireland.
- **€35 MILLION** lost through the collapse of the Taoiseach's favoured Media Lab Europe Digital Hub project.
- A faulty payroll system in the Health Services Executive that paid out over **€1 MILLION** in error.

The list goes on and on and incredibly includes an amazing **€550 per week** (and nearly €200,000 in all) which Taoiseach Ahern spends on his make-up alone. Why not powder your own face Bertie?

Broughan and Carter urge mast review

Cllr. Anne Carter was astonished to learn from an audit she requested from the City Manager that 38 microwave mast permissions have been granted for the Coolock, Donaghmede and Clontarf wards of Dublin City Council in the past decade. Of these, no less than 18 were so-called exempted developments under Class 3 (i) of the of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001. The Dail Committee on Communications of which Deputy Tommy Broughan is a member recently reported that no electromagnetic emitting equipment should be permitted near health centres, schools, or other sensitive sites used by children and families such as pitches and sports clubs.

Cllr. Carter and Deputy Broughan believe strongly that the refusal by the communications companies to co-locate microwave structures in industrial estates is a major failure of local and national planning regulations and legislation. The Labour representatives continue to fight several mast applications in totally inappropriate locations across Dublin North East and were recently informed that Dublin City Council is making a Section 5 challenge to An Bord Pleanala regarding an alleged



Cllr. Anne Carter (Chairperson Dublin North Central Area Committee) presenting first prize to Ard na Gréine Residents Association, winners of North Central Area City Neighbourhoods Competition 2005

