

## Make a change



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The last ten years have seen massive changes in Ireland. There are more jobs, higher wages and greater opportunities for many Irish people. However the last decade has also seen the Fianna Fail/PD government squander and mismanage so many of the resources created by the hard work of Irish people all over the country. In critical areas such as health, housing, education, transport and crime prevention the Fianna Fail/PD government has absolutely failed to deliver.

With Labour in government this will be different. Labour has announced 5 key Commitments for Change which we will implement when in government. The Labour Party is committed to a dynamic economy which continues to generate prosperity for all our people. However, it is also now time to deliver on the better quality of life which our prosperity should provide for all Irish people. It's time to make a change.

## Labour's 5 Commitments for Change

### 1. MORE BEDS IN CLEAN HOSPITALS

Labour's commitment is to provide 2,300 more beds in hospitals that are clean. We need more beds to deal with our health needs. We need our hospitals to be cleaner so that you can be sure that going into hospital doesn't mean catching MRSA.

### 2. PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN

Labour's commitment is to provide one year of pre-school education for all our children. To give our children the best chance they can is the wish of all parents, and we all know that the start they get is crucial to that.

### 3. MORE GARDAÍ ON THE BEAT IN NEIGHBOURHOODS

Labour's commitment is to ensure that there are more Gardai on the beat in neighbourhoods. Hard working families are entitled to live in peaceful law-abiding communities. Labour is convinced that changes in the manning, deployment and organisation of the Garda Síochána would have a hugely positive impact on people's quality of life and on crime and anti-social behaviour.

### 4. ABOLISH THE MEANS TEST FOR CARERS

Labour's commitment is to abolish the means test for carers. Carers in our communities provide unpaid help for a family member or friend with a disability. And while nearly half of these carers have no paid employment and one third of them give more than 43 hours of unpaid time per week, less than a fifth receive financial assistance from the state for their invaluable

### 5. ENABLE MORE PEOPLE TO BEGIN TO BUY A HOME

The Labour Party has developed a new idea to help people get onto the property ladder. It is a new scheme that will provide a means for people with a job to begin to buy their own home. This new proposal is called 'Begin to Buy'.

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