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FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

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Item No. 3

Health & Safety reporting

Question: Councillor M. Quinn

"In the case where the Council's Environmental Health identify breaches of Health & Safety Legislation in the Rented Accommodations under the RAS Scheme, is there a process in place to notify relevant Authorities?"

Reply:

The Council currently have lease agreements with Landlords in respect of 722 Rental Accommodation Scheme properties. Prior to the signing of a lease agreement each property is inspected to ensure compliance with the Housing (Standards for Rental Houses) Regulations, 2008.

Ongoing repair and maintenance arising during the lease period is a matter for the Landlord, and issues arising between the Landlord and tenant may be resolved by the Private Residential Tenancies Board.

Where a property on inspection by an Environmental Health Officer is found not to comply with the Regulations a notice is sent to the Landlord requesting that the required works be carried out within an appropriate time frame. If defects listed in the notice are not rectified court action against the owner is recommended.