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Department: Housing, Local Government and Heritage
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QUESTION

To ask the Minister for Housing; Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the amount allocated and the number of homes to be returned under the voids return scheme in 2025, by local authority, in tabular form.

REPLY

The management and maintenance of local authority housing stock, including pre-letting repairs to vacant properties, the implementation of a planned maintenance programme and carrying out of responsive repairs, are matters for each individual local authority under Section 58 of the Housing Act 1966. Local authorities also have a legal obligation to ensure that all of their tenanted properties are compliant with the provisions of the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations, 2019.

Notwithstanding the legal obligation on local authorities to manage and maintain their own stock, my Department provides annual funding support to local authorities for management and maintenance under the current Planned Maintenance/Voids Programme.

€31 million of funding has been made available this year and has been allocated based on local authority ownership figures as per NOAC Performance Indicator Report 2023 as per the table below.

Local Authority	Voids Units	Voids Funding	Stock Survey/Planned Maintenance Funding
Carlow	25	€275,000	€135,407
Cavan	28	€308,000	€146,501
Clare	37	€407,000	€194,572
Cork City	134	€1,474,000	€712,535
Cork County	104	€1,144,000	€554,739
Donegal	64	€704,000	€340,266

Dublin City	348	€3,828,000	€1,850,855
DLR	61	€671,000	€324,668
Fingal	74	€814,000	€392,775
Galway City	32	€352,000	€168,217
Galway County	35	€385,000	€187,714
Kerry	57	€627,000	€304,969
Kildare	69	€759,000	€364,470
Kilkenny	34	€374,000	€182,672
Laois	30	€330,000	€161,090
Leitrim	14	€154,000	€73,553
Limerick	73	€803,000	€386,186
Longford	28	€308,000	€149,459
Louth	54	€594,000	€286,009
Mayo	30	€330,000	€160,754
Meath	51	€561,000	€268,932
Monaghan	23	€253,000	€120,212
Offaly	26	€286,000	€140,181
Roscommon	18	€198,000	€97,152
Sligo	29	€319,000	€152,955
SDCC	126	€1,386,000	€671,523
Tipperary	70	€770,000	€369,714
Waterford	71	€781,000	€376,908
Westmeath	29	€319,000	€152,955
Wexford	61	€671,000	€326,147
Wicklow	65	€715,000	€345,913
Totals	1900	€20,900,000	€10,100,000