

CSO calls on apartment managers to open doors for census enumerators

Enumerators reporting difficulties accessing apartments

Thursday, 7 April 2016: The Central Statistics Office (CSO) is today calling on apartment management companies to provide census enumerators with access to apartment blocks. This follows feedback received from census enumerators that they are experiencing difficulties accessing apartment buildings.

The census takes place on Sunday, 24 April. Before then, a census form must be hand delivered to every household in the country, including apartments. Hand delivery is essential so that the CSO can guarantee that every household has a form, and to allow householders to ask any questions they may have. Following the census, the forms must be collected by the census enumerator, before they are returned to the CSO for analysis.

According to Deirdre Cullen, Senior Statistician at the CSO, “We are hearing from census enumerators that they cannot gain entry to some gated communities. This was a problem for us during the 2011 census, but it seems to be posing a greater challenge this time around. I am calling on the managers of these developments to co-operate with the census enumerator”.

“Every household in the country is legally required to complete a census form on census night, and every household must be allowed to fulfil this legal duty by taking hand delivery of a form.

Apartment managers have an important role to play in facilitating this. Residents of apartment blocks are advised to address the issue with the manager if they have not yet received their census form”.

“We understand that security is a concern. All census enumerators carry official CSO identification and their identity can be verified by calling 1850 2016 04”, added Ms Cullen.

More information on Census 2016 can be found on www.census.ie

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Note to editors

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