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A message from Brian Lenihan, Minister for Finance

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Our economy has begun to recover. Tax revenues have stabilised. Business taxes are actually ahead of forecast. Public spending is under control. The numbers of unemployed are steadily declining and the number of redundancies fell by almost 25% last year.

All the analysts expect the economy to expand this year. Given the 10% decline we saw in 2009 that in itself is remarkable.

This recovery is down to the sheer grit and determination of our citizens who have accepted reductions in their living standards to get this country out of this downturn.

The fall in wage levels and in consumer and business prices has made us more competitive. Our exports are now at their highest level ever. Our manufacturing sector is growing at its fastest rate in 11 years. The future of this country is bright: We have the highest level of jobs created by inward investment in the world; we top the list of best countries in the Euro-zone for business; we have the most highly employable graduates in the world and we have the youngest workforce in Europe.

This is a turning point in our history. If we stick to the road set out by the Government in the National Recovery Plan, we will come through this crisis and get back to economic growth and sustainable jobs for our young people. As your Minister for Finance over the last two and a half years, I want to thank you for your resilience and your resolve. This crisis has shown us that Ireland's greatest asset is her citizens.

Brian Lenihan

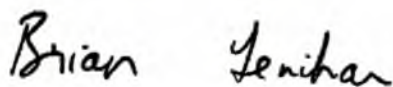
I have been a Dáil Deputy since 1996 and I have a huge record of achievement in your area during this time.

- Health - In 2000 a €96m Capital Development Programme replaced the older buildings on the site of Connolly Hospital, which were spread out over a large area, with a modern facility, utilising a combination of new buildings integrated with substantially upgraded existing ones. New Access to Connolly Hospital opened in October 2010
- A new acute psychiatric ward at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown in November 2010. The opening of the ward marks the completion of the new acute admission facility for the North West Dublin Mental Health Service, which serves the areas; Cabra, Finglas and Blanchardstown
- Sport - The National Aquatic Centre was officially opened on Monday, 10 March, 2003. The cost of the National Aquatic Centre was €62.5 million and the project was delivered on time and within budget.
- Transport - New Docklands Train station opened 3 months ahead of schedule and under budget at a cost of €20 million. The Docklands Station provides 15 new Irish Rail scheduled services each way, each day from Docklands to Clonsilla. This route services stops at Broombridge, Ashtown, Castleknock, Coolmine and Clonsilla. Journey time from the Docklands to Clonsilla is now 20 minutes.
- Phase 1 of the Navan Rail line from Clonsilla to Dunboyne has been completed. The Dept of Transport allocated grants totalling €43.6 million to Iarnród Eireann for this project in 2009.
- Over €82m has been invested in the Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown since 1997.
- A large number of clubs in Castleknock benefited from grants including Castleknock GAA Club which received a grant of €450,000. Castleknock Celtic FC received €400,000.
- Major improvements have taken place throughout the Dublin Bus network and an all day high frequency service to UCD Belfield from Castleknock is now available. There is also all day service to the Blanchardstown Shopping Centre. Work is almost completed on the new quality bus corridor through Laurel Lodge. The completion of this corridor will undoubtedly reduce the time of the commute to the city centre.

I would very much appreciate your support in the Election and can assure you that if elected, you will have a strong voice in Dáil Eireann.

I will be calling to your area during the Campaign. I would be delighted to hear your views and address them. If you would like me to call to your home specifically please call my office at 8225504.

Kind regards,



Brian Lenihan
Minister for Finance

I am pleased to announce that as Minister for Finance I have secured the sum of €3m to repair the main road of the Phoenix Park, Chesterfield Avenue, on a permanent basis.

 **FIANNA FÁIL**
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Please continue your support to my party colleague David MCGUINNESS