

**Report Card 2024**

 **Member Feedback Form**

**(Please return by Thursday 9 November 2023)**

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| 1. **Reform the childcare system to create one that brings together the best of community and private childcare provision, focused on children’s rights, quality outcomes, reducing inequalities, supports staff retention as well as substantially reducing costs to parents. We will do so in consultation with providers, staff and parents.**
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| 1. **Establish an agency, Childcare Ireland, to assist in the expansion of high-quality childcare, spearheading leadership, best practice and innovation and professional development in community and private settings. It will also be tasked with developing career paths for childcare staff. Childcare Ireland will be responsible for expanding Síolta.**
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| 1. **Commence a free schoolbooks scheme pilot in September 2020 and, if successful review of that pilot, expand the scheme to schools nationwide as resources allow.**
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| 1. **We will focus our efforts on reducing the number of homeless families and individuals and work with local authorities and housing agencies to support them into long-term sustainable accommodation**

**(Please note: due to capacity, we can only look at the supply side of this commitment rather than look more broadly at efforts to tackle the drivers of homelessness)** |
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| 1. **Develop a National Youth Homelessness Strategy**
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| 1. **Work across government to address food poverty in children and ensure no child goes hungry. Continue to review and expand the roll out of the new Hot School Meals initiative**
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| 1. **Work with key stakeholders to introduce a Public Health Obesity Act, including examining restrictions on promotion and advertising aimed at children.**
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| 1. **Reduced Timetables: Ensure robust data collection on the use of reduced timetables. Ensure that reduced timetables are only used in a manner that is limited, appropriate and absolutely necessary in line with the Department of Education’s rules.**
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| 1. **Ensure each child with a special educational need has an appropriate school place in line with their constitutional right.**
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| 1. **Work to end the admission of children to adult psychiatric units by increasing in-patient beds, as well as examining the model of assigning these beds.**
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| 1. **Committed to ending the Direct Provision system and will replace it with a new International Protection accommodation policy centered on a not-for-profit approach.**
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| 1. **Create new pathways for long-term undocumented people and their dependents meeting specified criteria to regularize their status within 18 months of the formation of the Government, bearing in mind European Union and Common Travel Area commitments.**
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| 1. **Ensure that the housing needs of the Traveller Community are met by local authorities and ensure that existing funding is fully drawn down and utilized.**
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| 1. **Enact a Family Court Bill to create a new dedicated Family Court within the existing court structure and provide for court procedures that support a less adversarial resolution of disputes. Build a new Family Law Court building in Dublin and ensure that court facilities across the country are suitable for family law hearings so these hearings can be held separately from other cases**
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**Thank you for your contribution to Report Card 2024**