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## THE CAT IS OUT OF THE BAG.

A surprising but brilliant article in today's Independent online stating **HUMAN MISERY OF HOUSING CRISIS LAID BARE IN MINISTERS LETTERS TO COUNCILS.**

This is a must read for every voter in Ireland and is a prime example of the tail wagging the dog and the devastating consequences of allowing this to happen. Over the last number of months BRUI has on numerous occasions stated that councils needed to be investigated and in fact recommended the sending in of the fraud squad. Successive governments have over the last number of decades entrusted these useless out of control quangos with some of the biggest and most important tasks that clearly is way above their ability. It must be remembered that county councils have been responsible for closing tens of thousands of businesses all over Ireland due to commercial rates. They receive millions of euros through levies on new houses and property tax. They also have vehicle tax and government funding. They have ruined everything they touch including water, housing roads planning and the provision of services which they were set up to provide in the first place.

A prime example is the fact that Meath county council employ over seventy engineers with a front-line staff of only seventy. Go back to the building boom to a site in Dublin finishing twelve houses per week with a staff of a thousand and one engineer running the whole show. We complain about the boom and tolerate the councils.

We must remember that county councils like every section of the public sector are funded by the hard-working people of Ireland and as such should be accountable for every cent of our money. In reality they are not even accountable to the government and are given a free hand to waste our money whatever way they please. Remember their main priority is to look after themselves and provide services with whatever moneys are left, hence the appalling mess our country is in.

The question is **WHO IS RUNNING THE COUNTRY THE GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC SECTOR.** A copy of the article in today's independent is with this post.