

# The Society of Chartered Surveyors



## **SURVEYORS CRITICISE GOVERNMENT'S REDUCED SPEND ON EDUCATION**

### **SCS WARNS THAT CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRAMME NEEDS TO BE DELIVERED ON**

**Wednesday 3rd August 2010.** The Society of Chartered Surveyors has accused the Government of failing to deliver on the commitments made in its public capital programme for 2010, which is running 22% behind schedule.

The SCS claimed new figures released today by Government show that capital investment in Education and Skills is running 29% behind profile for the first seven months of 2010. Expenditure was forecast to be €197m by the end of July, but only €139 has been spent.

Micheál O'Connor, Chairman of the QS Division said the figures showed that the Government was not living up to the commitment to maintain investment in education infrastructure made in its public capital programme just last week.

'These figures show that the Government is already failing to deliver on its plans. It's all good and well to announce plans but the educational sector and the construction sector needs the Government to deliver these projects' O'Connor said.

The SCS has pointed out previously that this is an opportune time to forge ahead with infrastructural projects because building prices are back at 1999 levels.

'If the Government is serious about getting value for money for taxpayers and if it is serious about keeping people at work and safeguarding the expertise we have built up over the last 15 years it will proceed with these important school building projects immediately. It's simply a no brainer'. O'Connor concluded.

## **ENDS**

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