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Department of Housing,
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Housing Activation Office (HAO)

Delivering Infrastructure To Support New Housing

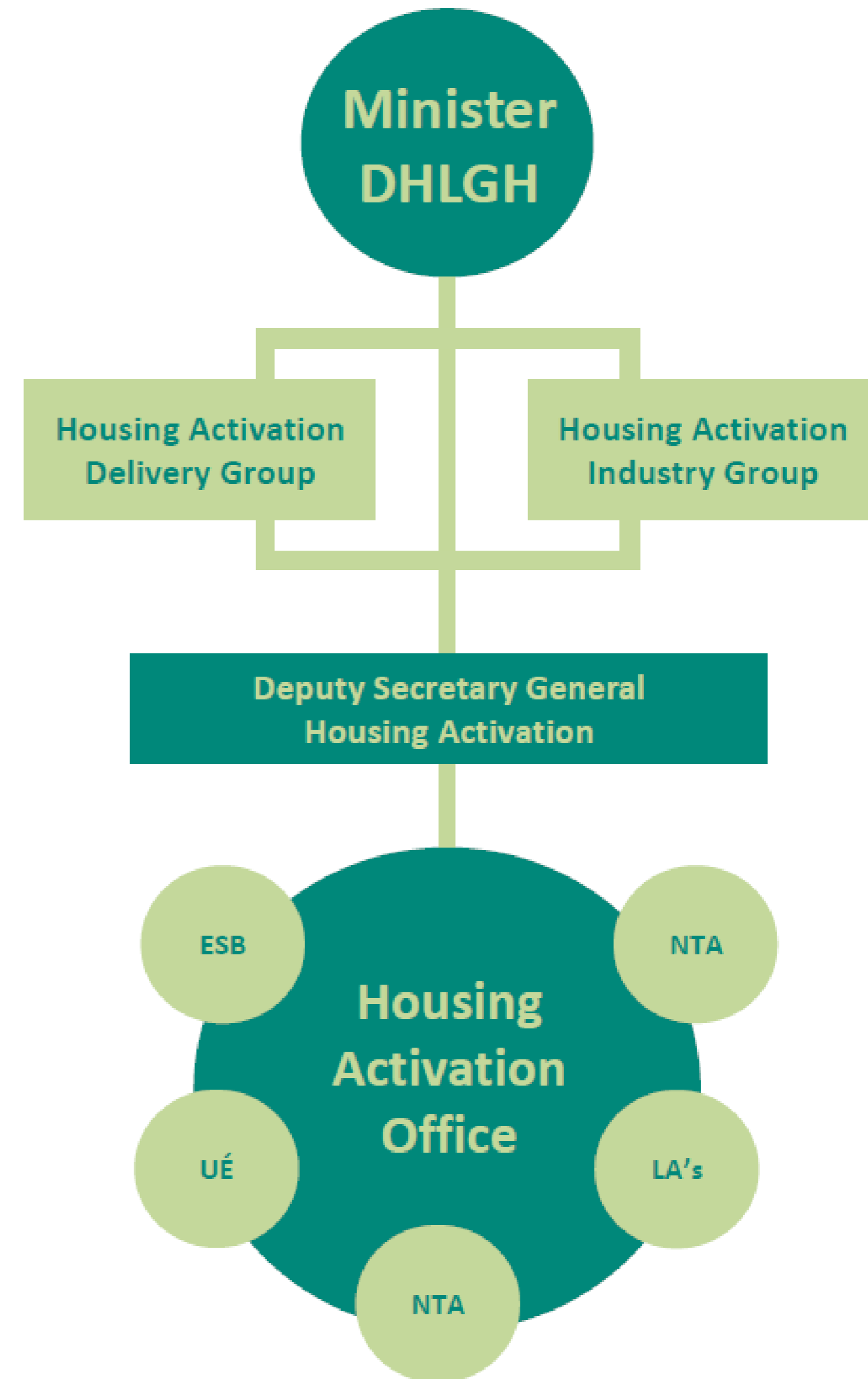
Karen Kenny, Senior Adviser, Housing Activation Office
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Housing Activation Office



Established April 2025 to:

- accelerate delivery of infrastructure to unlock housing development
- unblock structural and procedural issues on the ground



Programme of Investment



Developing a national picture of housing sites and infrastructure needed to unlock housing

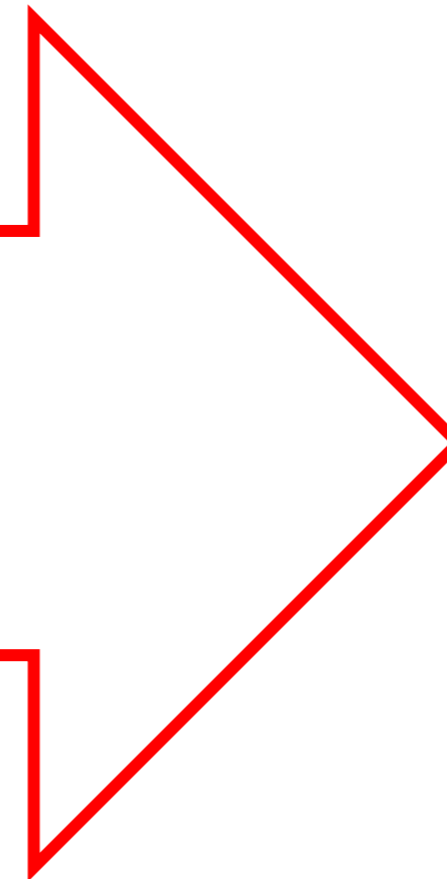
Stakeholder engagement – including 31 local authorities and LDA

Barriers – transport, water and wastewater, energy and recreational amenities

Clear that a coordinated and multi agency approach essential to unlocking housing



Funding to Drive Delivery



€1 billion
Infrastructure Fund to address blockages to activate housing delivery

Under ‘**Delivering Homes, Building Communities**’ the Government is prioritising record levels of investment in housing

Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund



€1 billion Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund (HIIF)

Largest housing infrastructure fund in Ireland for many years

Support direct investment in infrastructure projects needed to unlock housing sites in towns and cities nationwide

Complement (not replace) investment by other Departments and agencies - coordinated approach



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**Delivering Homes,
Building Communities**
2025-2030

An Action Plan on
Housing Supply
and Targeting
Homelessness



HIIF Call 1

LA's and LDA applications 21 Jan to 27 Feb 2026

Seeking delivery ready projects with potential for early housing activation

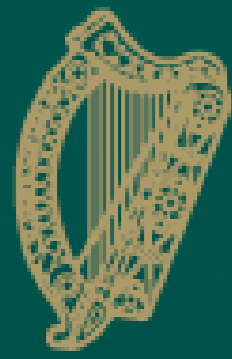
Funding for housing enabling public infrastructure e.g. transport, water, electricity, other

Continuing to develop with intention to broaden the approach in 2026



HAO Timeline and Next Steps





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Thank you