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Preasráiteas Press Statement

CSO releases “Planning Permissions Quarter 4, 2016”

- ◆ In 2016, planning permissions were granted for 16,375 dwelling units, up 26% on 2015.
- ◆ The total number of planning permissions granted for all developments was 21,099 up 21% on 2015.
- ◆ Planning Permissions were granted for 12,481 houses in 2016 up 22% on 2015, the highest number seen since 2009.

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) has today (15th March 2017) published data in relation to planning permissions for Quarter 4, 2016.

Commenting on the data, Statistician Mary Heanue said: “*Planning Permissions were granted for 12,481 houses in 2016 compared with 10,250 in 2015, an increase of 22%. This is a reversal of the trend which saw planning permissions decrease from a high of 26,814 houses in 2009 to a low of 5,389 in 2012.*

Planning permissions were granted for 3,894 apartment units, compared with 2,794 units in 2015, an increase of 39%.

The number of Multi-Development houses granted permission was 8,251 compared with 6,658 in 2015, an increase of 24%.

One-off houses accounted for a quarter of all new dwelling units granted planning permission in 2016.

The total number of planning permissions granted for all developments was 21,099 compared with 17,427 in 2015, an increase of 21%. Total floor area planned was 5,586 thousand square metres in 2016. Of this, 46% was for new dwellings, 37% for other new constructions and 17% for extensions. The total floor area planned increased by 15% in comparison with 2015.

Planning Permissions for new buildings for Agriculture increased to 1,741 this year from 1,029 permissions in 2015, an increase of 70%.”

Editor’s note: Planning Permissions Quarter 4, 2016 is available on the CSO web site (www.cso.ie). Annualised Planning Permission data for 2016 is available in Tables 5, 6 & 7 of the release.

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