



Oifig an Taoisigh
Office of the Taoiseach

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Dear Claire

As Taoiseach, and on behalf of the Government, I wish to express our thanks for the great work you and your colleagues in the Civil Defence did during Storm Emma and its impact.

Not for the first time have the Civil Defence, at local and national level, risen to the challenge that nature has presented and responded with a dedication to duty and service to the citizen which is its hallmark. The advice and assistance, at local and national level, given by your organisation to the coordinated response required by the State to deal with this threat of nature was invaluable at every level.

The success in getting this country back up and running within seventy two hours of the worst snow storm in almost forty years is due in no small part to that great tradition of public service which we have come to expect from the Civil Defence. Your local knowledge, proven expertise and civic spirit were invaluable ingredients in dealing with this emergency.

Can I ask that you bring this letter to the attention of all of your members.

We thank you, for your public service, dedication to duty and a job well done.

Yours sincerely,

Leo Varadkar T.D.
Taoiseach