

PROPERTY QUARTER OF ALL TAXES LIFTED

THE Government is relying on the property sector for almost a quarter of all taxes, it emerged yesterday.

Fine Gael said the amount coming from construction jumped from 12.5 per cent in 2002 to 23 per cent this year.

Fine Gael Finance spokesman Richard Bruton has highlighted the figures in a pre-budget analysis report.

He said the report also shows publicly controlled prices are increasing at two-and-a-half times the rate of other EU countries.

Mr Bruton added: "The Irish economy is not invincible. We cannot sustain prosperity in the long term on the basis of a construction boom. He

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said years of employment growth have lulled the Government into a false sense of security about our economic future.

Mr Bruton added: "They've forgotten the hard lessons of the 1980s about what it takes to be a success in a small, open economy.

"Success demands all economic players, government included, have to be alert, agile and more adaptable than our competitors.

"However the government has entirely insulated itself from these tough realities."

Killer whale is returned

By PAUL THOMPSON
A KILLER whale that attacked its trainer was back performing before crowds yesterday.

Kasatka grabbed Ken Peters at San Diego's Sea-World by the foot and dragged him underwater for almost a minute.

She then surfaced before taking him down again before he managed to coax her into releasing him.

Her show now has tricks that don't involve trainers getting in the water.

WIFE'S SPLIT ROAST

A MAN has been arrested after allegedly trying to force his estranged wife into an oven on in front of their five children.

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HEARTBREAKING

VULNERABLE: Jackie Murphy yesterday

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