

THE PUBLIC SERVICE LEVY DISASTER

# DROP THE LABEL, AND PUBLIC SERVANTS START TO LOOK A LOT LIKE YOU.

Dear Taoiseach,

My name is Deirdre Deegan. I'm a single mother. I'm also a public servant monster. I've obviously been bleeding the country dry without knowing it. I'm sorry. I know my annual wage of €38,000 is outrageously high and that's why you need to take so much back. Sure I do a really good job but I know it's not nearly as good a job as the bankers, corporate executives, politicians and developers who are much better at what they do.

I work in an office in our public health service. Like my colleagues, I work beyond the hours I am paid for, because we know there is a patient in need of treatment at the end of everything we do. I would really appreciate it if you could explain something to me as you are so good at your job.

As you know I hand over a large amount of my take-home wage to the bankers and developers to pay for my house; to the finance company executives for the car loan as I had to move 34 miles to get an affordable home; in electricity; gas; childcare - so that I can work and pay my taxes. I know, it's a bit of a luxury in these straitened times, but I also have to buy baby clothes, food and medicine for my daughter, Katie.

My dilemma is I have no more money left to donate to you in the form of the pension levy you so reasonably ask for. I really want to do the right thing as I now know - because you and the media have reminded me over and over - I have been a public sector scrounger. (How did I not see this before?!). Also, I'm worried about having nothing to spend in the corner shop and local businesses to boost the economy. Can you tell me how to do this?  
Thanks.

Initially, when you demanded this levy, I was really upset. I was furious in fact. I thought everyone would have to 'share the pain' as you so nicely put it. But now I see that it's only monsters like me who have been irresponsible and greedy and have caused this crisis in Ireland. I can now see why I should be treated like dirt.

Please reply when you get a break from delivering all our levy money to your nice friends in the banks.

Sincerely,  
Deirdre Deegan.

P.S. I know we don't deserve to go to Kerry but, if you wouldn't mind, would you explain to Katie that you took the holiday piggy bank? Thanks.

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