

## INTRODUCTION

This leaflet is intended to equip you to ask candidates in the general election questions concerning you and your union. The focus of this is on Fórsa's core national objectives, as well as some issues that may be more specific to the sector/division in which you work.

The union is not affiliated to any political party. But, on behalf of its members, the union is and will be putting these questions to all political parties participating the 2020 general election. Fórsa will publish the responses and circulate them to its branches and members in advance of polling day on 8th February.

### How do I use it?

Keep it near the door for use when canvassers come to the door, or at your desk to help inform your colleagues. Realistically you won't get to ask all of these questions, so just focus on the ones that matter the most to you.

These leaflets are specific to your division, but if you feel you need more information please go to the Fórsa website and check out the manifesto, we have included introductions and talking points for each of the below items.

### What to ask on public service pay and working time:

- Will you (and your party) commit to negotiations to reach a pay deal to succeed the PSSA?
- Will you (and your party) commit to inflation-plus pay increases for the public sector?
- Will you (and your party) commit to addressing the issue of additional hours introduced as an emergency crisis measure as part of the 2013 pay deal?

### What to ask on water:

- If in Government, will you (and your party) commit to holding an early referendum to enshrine public ownership of water in our constitution?

### What to ask on re-municipalisation of waste services:

- If in Government, will you (and your party) commit to the re-municipalisation of waste services by local authorities?

### What to ask on housing:

- If in Government, will you (and your party) commit to the establishment of a new, local authority led, cost rental public housing model?
- Will you (and your party) commit to a large-scale public home-building programme to address the housing and homelessness crisis?

### Public service champions charter:

- Ask candidates in your area if their parties have signed up to Fórsa's Public Service Champions Charter.

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- If in Government, will you (and your party) commit to holding an early referendum to enshrine public ownership of water in our constitution?
  
- If in Government, will you (and your party) commit to the re-municipalisation of waste services by local authorities?
  
- If in Government, will you (and your party) commit to the establishment of a new, local authority led, cost rental public housing model?
  
- Will you (and your party) commit to a large-scale public home-building programme to address the housing and homelessness crisis?
  
- Has your party signed up to the Public Service Champions Charter?  
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