

# Press Releases - Bertie Ahern.com 24/4/2000

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Bertieahern.com is only the tip of the iceberg

According to Eoin Costello the registration of bertieahern.com and its use as a porn site is only the tip of the iceberg.

"Recently one person registered martincullen.com, alandukes.com, frankfahey.com, joejacob.com, lizmcmanus.com, gaymitchell.com, michaelnoonan.com, eamonocuiv.com, noraowen.com, patrabbitte.com, eoinryan.com, alanshatter.com, billytimmons.com and maryupton.com. It can only be speculated what the intentions of the person registering these are. "

I believe that the Department of the Environment should introduce a system whereby it either registers Oireachtas members names itself or requires Oireachtas members to do so themselves through their party. At the moment the situation is wide open to abuse with our representatives being exposed to ridicule in an attempt to blackmail them into paying for their domain name.

According to statistics from Irish Domains.com as of last week of the 166 TD's sitting currently;

- 90 have taken no action to registered their name as a domain name
- 32 have names that have already been registered by other people with the same name.
- 37 have names that have been registered by third parties with unknown motives
- 6 have registered their names as domain names in their own right