



Dr Gerald Kean speaks at Kilkenny Ormonde business lunch

Solicitor and entrepreneur Dr Gerald Kean visited Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel last Friday to deliver a witty, insightful and informative talk on the current state of the Irish economy. The event, held in association with the Kilkenny People, celebrated the launch of the Hotel's upgraded meeting and conference facilities, following its EUR7M redevelopment earlier this year.

The lunch event was well attended by the Kilkenny business community including Minister for Trade & Commerce, John McGuinness T.D.; Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Betty Manning and Donal Higgins, President of the Kilkenny Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking on a range of issues Dr Kean criticised the Irish Government for the crisis in health care and advocated serious rationalisation of the HSE. Dr Kean also suggested that businesses earning less than EUR 850,000 per annum should be VAT exempt.

During his address, Dr Kean praised Minister for Trade and Commerce, John McGuinness T.D. and called on more politicians to take the same realistic stance as the Minister. It wasn't all doom and gloom as Dr Kean regaled the audience with many amusing stories and anecdotes.

"We are delighted at the success of our business lunch. We had a strong attendance from the local business community and Dr Kean certainly provided plenty of food for thought in light of the current economic climate" said Aine Comerford, Sales & Marketing Manager, Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel.

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