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Recapitalisation: high level of independent oversight essential

Regarding the Government's decision to invest in the recapitalisation of the banking sector, the Society of Actuaries in Ireland has stated that it is essential that a high level of independent oversight would be applied to the development of a structure and system surrounding recapitalisation.

“This should involve a governance structure and level of accountability that will protect the interests of the NPRF and create transparency in reporting its progress. Where there may be a number of different investor participants under the recapitalisation programme, the NPRF should not be in any way disadvantaged in its relative sharing of risks and reward. The extent to which its interests are in any way contingent or subsidiary to the interests of other investors would, in the view of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland, represent additional risk which may not be acceptable and would require commensurately higher expected returns.”

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