



Inside rat-infested Leinster House from 'burrow holes' to 'chocolate feasts'

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Leinster House rats have built "burrow holes" and even had "chocolate feasts" while getting the upper hand on pest control experts.

The worrying infestations at the home of the Irish Government have raked up costs in recent times, with the taxpayer forking out almost €100,000 since 2019.

Dead rats were detected in the ceilings and inside rooms, including behind a radiator cover in a Senator's office and under the floor of a kitchenette on the same day.

On another occasion droppings were found in the ladies toilets of the Dáil, but the offending rat wasn't found.

The situation got so bad in July 2018 that the professional pest control experts warned that unless appropriate hygiene action was taken, "any further rat activity" would pose a serious "disease risk for staff."

However, a year later, in May 2019, rats were still evident in Leinster House, in the bar, where they were "feeding on chocolate bars."