



**NEWS RELEASE**

**September 7 2009**

MABS Security Warning

**The Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) issued the following security warning on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009:**

It has come to our attention that the MABS logo, together with details *similar* to a MABS office address have been used in an attempt to get people to give personal information to a **third party** in order to cash a pre-completed personalised cheque, which is described as a "direct assistance grant".

This communication is headed "**Grant Notification**". The communication seeks personal information from those contacted and asks the recipient to submit personal details including a "payment reference number".

This communication also mentions other Government Departments and Agencies **none of which has any connection whatsoever with the communication.**

**MABS has no involvement whatsoever with this communication and we have been advised that it is a scam.** If you, or anyone you know, receives this communication or a similar sounding communication **do not disclose any information on foot of it.**

**Anyone who receives this communication is asked to contact the Garda Fraud Bureau on (01) 6663741 or make contact with your local Garda station.**

MABS only ever requests information from clients in accordance with internal policy and procedure.

**If you have any questions or concerns in relation to this, please contact MABS NDL on (01) 8129350.**

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