

Question your Candidate

✓ What to ask your candidate, as a pro-choice voter

- What have you done for women's health and rights?
- What is your position on abortion?
- Do you agree that there should be a referendum to repeal the 8th amendment?
- What have you done on the issue of abortion access for women in Ireland?
- What will you do in the future on abortion access for women in Ireland?

Some politicians can't seem to answer a direct question - Often they will try to change the subject a bit or ask you questions. When this happens you can raise a few important points with them, so that they understand that abortion rights in Ireland is an important issue to you.

- The legislation passed over the summer does not provide access to the vast majority of women in Ireland who want and need abortion access.
- Reasons why women need access to abortion include - a risk to their lives or health, rape, incest, birth control failure, personal wish, fatal foetal abnormality. These are all legitimate reasons and not things the state should be in charge of mediating.
- Women need abortions for a wide variety of reasons - only they can and should decide what's right for themselves.
- There is no reason to invoke the slippery slope argument that providing access means women will use abortions as birth control. Women don't stop using birth control when abortion is available. Women use contraceptives when they need contraceptives and abortion when they need abortion.

Your voice matters, so thank you for standing up for women at this critical time