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Trust's Pery Square project is tops in Ireland, says Minister

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IT's official. Limerick Civic Trust is the best environmental group in the country.

That is, at least, the opinion of Liz McManus, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment.

Minister McManus, an architect by profession, made her remarks during an official visit to examine ongoing work at Limerick Civic Trust's Georgian House restoration project at 2 Pery Square.

She said that the Civic Trust was the rôle model for other such positive action environmental groups in the country and they were delighted to be able to support the Georgian project with a £150,000 grant.

The Minister was given a tour of the building by Michael Riordan, chairman of the trust, and Denis Leonard, director of the trust.

The Minister was very



At the Georgian Restoration project at Pery Square were from left: Gerry Griffin, Limerick Civic Trust; Cllr John Ryan; Dorothy Meaney, project supervisor; Michael Riordan, chairman of the trust; Paddy O'Sullivan, Limerick Civic Trust; Minister Liz McManus; Denis Leonard, director of the trust and Liam Ryan, project architect, John Thompsons & Partners.

impressed at the high standard of architectural detail and particularly interested in the original marbling style paint work which was discovered when all the wall paper was removed in the hall, stairs and landings. In an address at the brief

meeting, Mr Riordan said that he could categorically state that without the grant from the department, they could not have went ahead with the project. "Your visit today gives us an opportunity to publicly thank you and your

department for your confidence in Limerick Civic Trust and for the financial support," he added. Mr Riordan said that the people of Limerick had responded very positively to the project and they had commitments of private

sector sponsorships exceeding £100,000, most of which has been received. The balance of the matching funds have been sourced through a FAS Job Initiative Programme. He revealed that 19 people are employed on the

project. Mr Riordan praised FAS for their continued support. Pery Square is named for the Pery family, who are the Earls of Limerick and Vicounts Glentworth. Pery is correctly pronounced "peery", not "perry".