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MISSION STATEMENT: To play our part as an independent body in ensuring that physical development and major infrastructure projects in Ireland respect the principles of sustainable development and are planned in an efficient, fair and open manner.



RÁITEAS MISIN: Ár bpáirt a dhéanamh mar chomhlacht neamhspleách lena chinntiú go bhfuil meas ag forbairt fhisiceach agus ag tionscadail bhonneagair mhóra in Éirinn ar phrionsabail fhorbartha inchothaithe agus go ndéanfar pleanáil i slí éifeachtach, chothrom agus oscailte.

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Objectives

The objectives of the Board are on our website. The key performance indicators relating to appeals and cognate functions are contained in this Report.



Cuspóirí

Tá cuspóirí an Bhoird seo ar fáil ar ár suíomh idirlín. Tá mórtáscairí feidhmíochta maidir le hachomhairc agus le feidhmiú coibhneasta ar fáil sa Tuarascáil seo.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

COMHALTAÍ AN BHOIRD



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- 1 John O'Connor *
Chairperson
Cathaoirleach
- 2 Brian Hunt*
Deputy Chairperson
Leas-Chathaoirleach
- 3 Jane Doyle
- 4 Angela Tunney
- 5 Brian Swift
- 6 Mary Bryan
- 7 Karl Kent
- 8 Margaret Byrne
- 9 Mary MacMahon
- 10 Conall Boland
- 11 Tom O'Connor



CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

The downward trend in the intake of cases that commenced with the economic reversal in 2008 accelerated in 2009 and this allowed An Bord Pleanála to make considerable headway in clearing the backlog of cases that had built up in the preceding period for reasons referred to in previous annual reports. There was a significant reduction (8%) in the Board's expenditure in 2009 as costs were cut across many areas of the organisation. The Board has adopted the Government's Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies and taken steps, as necessary and practicable, to bring practice in the Board into line with the Code.

Workload and Performance in 2009

The following gives an overview of the Board's workload and performance in 2009:

- Intake of new cases 3,786 - down 32% on 2008.
- Cases determined 5,090 - down 12% on 2008.
- 18 week statutory objective met in 26% of cases, compared to 23% in 2008.

The decline in the rate of compliance with the time objective was reversed during the year and by December 50% of cases were determined within the 18 week period.

Other noteworthy features in 2009

The percentage of local authority planning decisions appealed to the Board showed an increase to 9.0% compared to 8.1% in 2008.

The rate of reversal of local planning authority decisions appealed showed a slight increase - 34% in 2009 compared to 33% in 2008.

54% of planning appeals lodged with the Board came from third parties, a slight increase on recent years.

Invalid appeals constituted 7.7% (12% in 2008) of all appeals determined, with invalid fee (2.7%), late appeals (2%) and third party appeals with no acknowledgement (1.7%) being the main reasons. Appeals withdrawn as a percentage of the intake decreased to 5.3% (6.1% in 2008).

There were 102 applications for leave to appeal by third parties of which 23% succeeded.

RÁITEAS AN CHATHAOIRLIGH

In 2008, tháinig laghdú ar líon na gcásanna a glacadh de dheasca an chúlaithe eacnamaíochta agus is mar sin a bhí in 2009 freisin. D'fhág an laghdú sin go raibh an Bord Pleanála in ann dul chun cinn suntasach a dhéanamh ar an riaráiste cásanna a bhí ann de thoradh ar na cúiseanna a luadh sna tuarascálacha bliantúla roimhe seo. Tháinig laghdú suntasach (8%) ar chaiteachas an Bhoird in 2009, mar gearradh siar ar chostais in an-chuid réimsí den eagraíocht. Tá glactha ag an mBord le Cód Cleachtais um Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit a d'fhoilsigh an Rialtas, agus tá bearta déanta ag an mBord, de réir mar ba riachtanach agus ba phraiticiúil, a chleachtas a chur de réir an Chóid sin.

Ualach Oibre agus Feidhmíocht in 2009

Tugann an méid seo a leanas léargas ar ualach oibre agus ar fheidhmíocht an Bhoird in 2009:

- Iontógáil cásanna nua 3,786 - laghdú 32% ar líon 2008.
- Cásanna a cinneadh 5,090 - laghdú 12% ar líon 2008.
- Baineadh amach an spriocthréimhse reachtúil 18 seachtaine i 26% de chásanna, i gcomparáid le 23% in 2008.

I gcomparáid le blianta roimhe seo, b'éifeachtaí an Bord in 2009 ó thaobh bheith ag cloí leis an spriocthréimhse ama. Faoi mhí na Nollag, cinneadh 50% de na cásanna laistigh den tréimhse 18 seachtaine.

Gnéithe suntasacha eile den bhliain 2009

Bhí méadú 9.0%, i gcomparáid le 8.1% in 2008, ar an gcéatadán de chinntí pleanála a rinne údaráis áitiúla agus a achomharcadh chuig an mBord. Bhí méadú beag – 34% in 2009, i gcomparáid le 33% in 2008 – ar ráta aisiompaithe na gcinntí pleanála a rinne údaráis áitiúla. Bhí laghdú suntasach ar líon na n-achomharc a fuarthas maidir le tithe aonair i gceantair thuaithe.

Tháinig 54% de na hachomhairc phleanála a lóisteáladh leis an mBord ó thríú páirtithe. Is méadú beag é sin ar líon na n-achomharc a lóisteáladh le blianta beaga anuas.

B'ionann agus 7.7% (12% in 2008) líon na n-achomharc neamhbhailí, agus bhí táille neamhbhailí (2.7%), achomhairc dhéanacha (2%) agus achomhairc ó thríú páirtithe gan admháil (1.7%) mar phríomhchúiseanna leosan. Aistarraingíodh 5.3% d'achomhairc (6.1% in 2008).

Rinne tríú páirtithe 102 iarratas ar chead chun achomharc a dhéanamh, agus d'éirigh le 23% díobh.



Strategic Infrastructure

2009 saw continued operation of the provisions for major infrastructural projects made under the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006. Of the 8 formal decisions made under the new system 4 were made within the statutory objective period of 18 weeks following full and rigorous assessment including the holding of oral hearings. While this new system is still developing, I am satisfied that it is delivering on timely assessment of major infrastructural projects without compromising on full public participation and thorough analysis of all relevant planning and environmental issues arising in such cases. However I do acknowledge that delays can still arise in some cases as a consequence of the need to request and analyse further information from applicants.

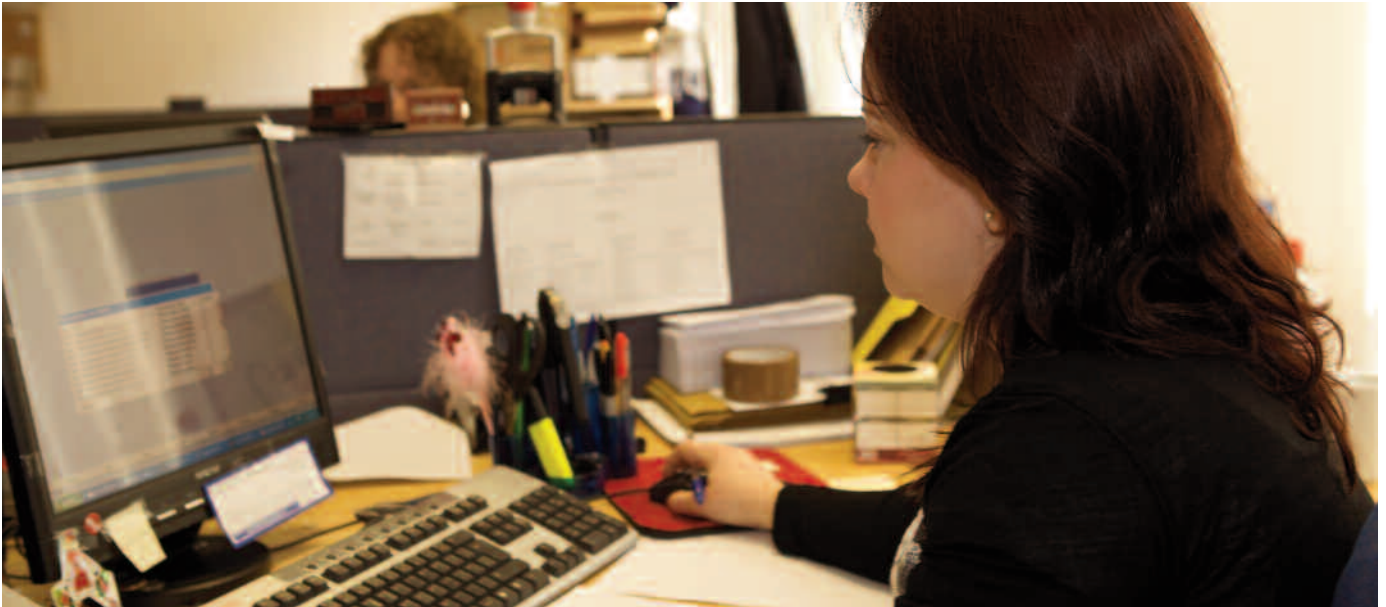
By end May 2010, 5 further decisions had been made in these cases, 3 of which were completed within the statutory objective period. Since the commencement of the new system in January, 2007 the Board has entered into 155 pre-application consultations with prospective applicants, 119 of which have concluded – 269 pre-application consultation meetings have been held in this period and a total of 35 formal applications have been received. In the same period the Board has also received a total of 83 local authority strategic infrastructure project applications, including major road projects.

Normal planning appeals can also involve proposed development which would be deemed major infrastructure and these appeals continue to be prioritised by the Board. In 2009 the Board received 301 and disposed of 281 such appeals, 29% of which were disposed of within 18 weeks.

An Bonneagar Straitéiseach

In 2009, leanadh de bheith ag soláthar mórthionscadal a bhaineann leis an mbonneagar straitéiseach, tionscadail a rinneadh faoin Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006. Ar na 8 gcinneadh fhoirmiúla a rinneadh faoin gcóras nua, rinneadh 4 cinn acu laistigh den spriochtáimhse reachtúil 18 seachtaine i ndiaidh dianmheasúnú iomlán a dhéanamh orthu, lena n-áirítear éisteachtaí ó bhéal a reachtáladh. Cé go bhfuil an córas nua seo á fhorbairt go fóill, tá mé sásta go bhfuiltear ag déanamh measúnuithe ar mhórthionscadail a bhaineann leis an mbonneagar straitéiseach in am, gan rannpháirtíocht an phobail a chur i mbaol agus gan baint den anailís a dhéantar ar an bpleanáil ábhartha agus ar cheisteanna comhshaoil a thagann chun cinn i gcásanna den sórt sin. Os a choinne sin, admhaím gur féidir moill a bheith ann i gcónaí i gcásanna áirithe toisc gur gá faisnéis bhreise a iarraidh ó iarratasóirí agus anailís a dhéanamh ar an bhfaisnéis sin.

Faoi dheireadh Bealtaine 2010, rinneadh 5 chinneadh eile faoi na cásanna sin. Críochnaíodh trí cheann acu siúd laistigh den spriochtáimhse reachtúil. Ó tosaíodh an córas nua in Eanáir 2007, tá an Bord tar éis a bheith páirteach i 155 comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais le hiarratasóirí ionchais. Críochnaíodh 119 ceann acu sin. Reachtáladh 269 cruinniú comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais sa tréimhse seo agus fuarthas 35 iarratas fhoirmiúil san iomlán. Sa tréimhse chéanna, freisin, fuair an Bord 83 iarratas ó údaráis áitiúla i leith tionscadal a bhaineann leis an mbonneagar straitéiseach. Áirítear leo siúd mórthionscadail bhóthair. Uaireanta, baineann gnáthachomhairc phleanála leis an mórbonneagar a fhorbairt, agus tugann an Bord tosaíocht i gcónaí dá leithéid sin d'achomhairc. In 2009, fuair an Bord 301 achomharc dá shórt agus chuir siad 281 ceann acu de láimh. Cuireadh 29% díobh sin de láimh laistigh de 18 seachtaine.



In the present economic climate the Board is conscious that it needs to continue to place emphasis on seeking to process cases relating to major infrastructural projects and those with significant job-creation potential without any avoidable delays.

Current Trends and Outlook

The first five months of 2010 have shown a 24% decline in the intake of cases (1,310 cases received) over the corresponding period in 2009 while the Board's output in the same period was 1,459 cases. By May 2010, 58% of all cases were determined within the statutory time objective and all possible measures are being taken to achieve the strategic target of 90% as quickly as possible. This is reflected in the Annual Plan for 2010 which has been adopted by the Board.

Resources and Structures

I would mention however that like other areas of the public sector the Board is required to operate off a significantly reduced budget for 2010 – in this regard the Board's grant from central exchequer funds has been reduced by approximately a further 15% from that pertaining in 2009 (to €13.029 million). This cut allied to significant reductions in fee incomes and an embargo on recruitment of replacement staff poses a significant challenge to the Board in meeting its overall remit. However I remain confident that the Board members and staff will continue to give their full commitment to a continued focus on delivering on our performance objectives even in difficult or constrained circumstances arising from the effects of financial cutbacks.

Sna cúinsí eacnamaíocha atá ann faoi láthair, tuigeanann an Bord gur gá i gcónaí béim a leagan ar chásanna faoi mórtionscadail bhonneagair agus ar na cásanna sin a d'fhéadfadh poist a chruthú a phróiseáil gan mhoilleanna nach bhfuil gá leo.

Treochtaí agus Ionchas Reatha

Sa chéad chúig mhí in 2010, tháinig laghdú 24% ar líon na gcásanna a glacadh (fuarthas 1,310 cás) i gcomparáid leis an tréimhse chéanna in 2009. D'aschuir an Bord 1,459 cás sna cúig mhí chéanna. Faoi Bhealtaine 2010, cinneadh 58% de chásanna laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil agus táimid ag déanamh ár ndícheall chun an sprioc straitéiseach de 90% a bhaint amach chomh luath agus is féidir. Léirítear é seo sa Phlean Bliantúil do 2010 atá glactha ag an mBord.

Acmhainní agus Struchtúir

Caithfear a lua, áfach, gur gá don Bhord, dála réimsí eile den earnáil phoiblí, feidhmiú le buiséad do 2010 atá laghdaithe go mór. I gcomparáid le 2009, tá laghdú breise de 15% (nó thart air sin) tagtha ar an deontas a fhaigheann an Bord ón státchiste (go €13.029 milliún). Anuas air sin, tá laghdú suntasach tagtha ar an ioncam ó tháillí agus tá lánchosc ar dhaoine a fhóstu sa chaoi is gur mór an dúshlán é don Bhord a chuid sainchúraimí a bhaint amach. Os a choinne sin, tá muinín agam go mbeidh comhaltaí agus foireann an Bhoird lántiomanta i gcónaí dár spriocanna a bhaint amach, fiú sna cúinsí deacra agus leis na laincisí atá orainn de dheasca na gciorroithe airgeadais.



The Board is in full compliance with Government policies on pay and staffing. Reflecting the decreased workload and the financial constraints the Board is not filling a number of positions on the Board itself and in senior management that have become vacant. The use of outside planners as fee-per-case inspectors has been discontinued since 2009.

Improving the Organisation

An Bord Pleanála is fully appreciative of the necessity to continuously strive to improve its overall performance and to ensure that it is a top quality public sector organisation which gives value for money and excellent customer service. In this regard the Board is fully cognisant of the Government programme for the ongoing transformation of the Irish Public Service arising from the Report of the Task Force on the Public Service and is continuing to organise its operations and human resources to align with the approaches set out in the programme. Achievement of a higher overall level of compliance with the statutory objective time period of 18 weeks is a top priority for the Board and its internal performance targets for teams and individuals include the achievement of the necessary internal time lines for processing of cases to facilitate compliance with the overall objective. Clear performance measurement is on-going with the necessary feedback and appraisal systems in place to drive performance to the levels required to meet our overall objectives. Internal staff mobility/flexibility is also in place so that staff can move to areas of the organisation on an on-going basis as the need arises in line with work flow demands.

Tá an Bord ag cloí go hiomlán le beartais an Rialtais ar phá agus ar sholáthar foirne. De thoradh an laghdaithe atá tagtha ar an ualach oibre agus de thoradh na laincisí airgeadais atá ar an mBord, níl an Bord ag féachaint le roinnt folúntas atá ar an bhfoireann bhainistíochta agus ar an mBord féin a líonadh. Ó 2009 i leith, níl pleanálaithe seachtracha á n-úsáid mar chigirí a íoctar in aghaidh an cháis.

Feabhas a chur ar an Eagraíocht

Tuigtear go maith don Bhord Pleanála go bhfuil sé riachtanach bheith ag síor-iarraidh an fheidhmíocht fhoriomlán a fheabhsú d'fhonn a bheith ina eagraíocht ardchaighdeán de chuid na hearnála poiblí, eagraíocht a thugann luach ar airgead agus sársheirbhís do chustaiméirí. Ón taobh sin de, is maith atá a fhios ag an mBord go bhfuil clár ag an Rialtais chun Seirbhís Phoiblí na hÉireann a bhunathrú, clár a d'eascair as Tuarascáil an Tascfhórsa ar an tSeirbhís Phoiblí. Tá an Bord ag eagrú a chuid oibriúcháin agus a chuid acmhainní daonna i gcónaí de réir chur chuige an chláir sin. Tá sé mar thosaíocht ag an mBord bheith in ann an spriocthréimhse reachtúil 18 seachtaine a bhaint amach níos minice. Chun é sin a bhaint amach, tá sé ar cheann de na spriocanna inmheánacha feidhmíochta d'fhoirne agus do dhaoine aonair na spriocdhátaí inmheánacha maidir le cásanna a phróiseáil a bhaint amach. Tá tomhas soiléir leanúnach á dhéanamh ar fheidhmíocht, agus tá córais riachtanacha aiseolais agus breithmheasa i bhfeidhm leis an bhfeidhmíocht a thiomáint i dtreo na leibhéil is gá chun ár mórchuspóirí a bhaint amach. Tá córas soghluaiseachta/solúbthachta i bhfeidhm don fhoireann freisin sa chaoi is gur féidir le baill foirne bogadh i gcónaí go dtí réimsí den eagraíocht ina bhfuil gá leo chun obair a dhéanamh.



The Irish Language

The Board welcomes the use of the Irish Language by those doing business with us and encourages and supports staff to become fluent in the language. The scheme under section 11 of the Official Languages Act 2003 detailing the services provided through Irish is being reviewed.

Public Confidence

The Board's three core principles of independence, impartiality and openness are embedded in our Mission Statement and objectives and underpinned by legislation. We are always mindful that public confidence depends on the integrity and quality of our decision-making and the professionalism with which we carry out our functions. There is a statutory code of conduct for all Board members, staff and consultants, which places stringent obligations on members and employees of the Board to declare interests and conduct themselves generally in a way that reinforces public confidence. It is the Board's policy to adopt the most open approach possible in its relations with the public and we operate a completely open file system once cases are determined.

As our decisions can relate to major developments, it is only natural that some of them give rise to public controversy. However, the Board considers it proper to maintain long established practice of not engaging in discussion on individual cases because of the quasi-judicial nature of our functions and to avoid the risk of prejudicing future cases.

An Ghaeilge

Cuireann an Bord fáilte rompu siúd atá ag iarraidh Gaeilge a úsáid agus iad ag déanamh gnó linn, agus spreagtar agus tacaítear leis an bhfoireann an teanga a fhoghlaim le go mbeidh siad líofa. Tá athbhreithniú idir lámha ar an scéim a shonraíonn na seirbhísí ba chóir a bheith ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoi Alt 11 d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003.

Muinín an Phobail

Tá trí bhunphrionsabal an Bhoird, mar atá, neamhspleáchas, neamhchlaontacht agus oscailteacht, ina ndlúthchuid dár Ráiteas Misin agus dár gcuspóirí, agus tacaítear leo sa reachtaíocht. Is feasach dúinn i gcónaí go mbraitheann muinín an phobail ar shláine agus ar chaighdeán na gcinntí a dhéanaimid, agus ar a ghairmiúla is a chomhlíonaimid ár bhfeidhmeanna. Tá cód iompair reachtúil ann do chomhaltaí, d'fhoireann agus do chomhairleoirí uile an Bhoird, cód a leagann diandualgais ar chomhaltaí agus ar fhostaithe an Bhoird a sainleasanna a fhógairt agus iad féin a iompar ar bhealach a chothaíonn muinín an phobail. Tá sé mar bheartas ag an mBord a bheith chomh hoscailte agus is féidir agus muid ag plé leis an bpobal, agus feidhmímid de réir córais ina mbíonn na comhaid oscailte i gcónaí don phobal ón uair a dhéantar cinneadh faoi chásanna.

Os rud é go bhféadfadh baint a bheith ag ár gcinntí le hábhair thábhachtacha, ní haon ionadh é go gcothódh cuid acu conspóid phoiblí. Measann an Bord, áfach, gur cuí cloí leis an gcleachtas seanbhunaithe agus gan páirt a ghlacadh i ndíospóireacht faoi chásanna ar leith, toisc nádúr garbhreithiúnaigh ár bhfeidhmeanna agus ionas nach ndéanfaí dochar do chásanna sa todhchaí.

Complaints

As part of our increased focus on customer service, the Board operates a system of considering complaints made in relation to cases determined. 290 complaints were received in 2009 and 285 responses to complaints issued in the year. There is a system of feedback at all levels within the organisation so that we can learn from issues raised and improve procedures where necessary.

Accounts

Appendix 10 contains the Board's audited accounts for 2009. Expenditure decreased from €26,291,462 million in 2008 to €24,172,529 million in 2009. In 2009, fee income together with costs recouped from local authorities on infrastructure projects was €2,333,065 million which represented 9.65% of the total costs of the Board's operations (11.44% in 2008).

In 2009, income amounted to €24,053,114 million leaving a deficit for the year of €119,415. There was an incoming deficit of €205,351 which left a cumulative deficit of €324,766.

Thanks

I wish to thank the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government John Gormley T.D. and officials of his Department for their support for the Board. I especially wish to express my appreciation to the other members of the Board and staff at all levels for their ongoing commitment and co-operation and also to the consultants and fee-per-case inspectors. Thanks are also due to the management and officials of planning authorities for their cooperation and to the Board's legal advisers.



John O'Connor
Chairperson

18 June 2010

Gearáin

Mar chuid den iarracht a dhéanaimid seirbhísí don chustaiméir a fheabhsú, tá córas i bhfeidhm ag an mBord chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar ghearáin faoi na cásanna a cinneadh. Fuarthas 290 gearán in 2009, agus eisíodh 285 freagraí ar ghearáin le linn na bliana. Tá córas aiseolais ann ag gach leibhéal den eagraíocht, sa chaoi is gur féidir linn foghlaim ó na saincheisteanna a ardaítear agus chun feabhas a chur ar ár ngnáthaimh a nuair is gá.

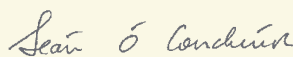
Cuntais

Tá cuntais iniúchta an Bhoird don bhliain 2009 ar fáil in Aguisín 10. Tháinig laghdú ar chaiteachas ó €26,291,462 in 2008 go €24,172,529 in 2009. In 2009, bhí an t-ioncam ó tháillí, móide na costais a fuarthas ar ais ó údaráis áitiúla ar thionscadail bhonneagair, cothrom le €2,333,065. B'ionann sin agus 9.65% de chostais iomlána oibriúcháin an Bhoird (11.44% in 2008).

In 2009, b'ionann an t-ioncam agus €24,053,114, rud a d'fhág go raibh easnamh €119,415 ann don bhliain. Bhí easnamh isteach de €205,351 ann, rud a d'fhág go raibh easnamh carnach de €324,766 ann.

Buíochas

Is mian liom buíochas a ghabháil leis an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil, John Gormley, T.D., agus le hoifigigh a Roinne, as an tacaíocht a thug siad don Bhord. Is mian liom, go háirithe, mo buíochas a ghabháil le comhaltaí eile agus le foireann an Bhoird ar gach leibhéal as a dtiomantas leanúnach agus a gcomhoibriú, agus leis na comhairleoirí agus le cigirí a foctar in aghaidh an cháis. Is cuí go ngabhaimid buíochas, freisin, le lucht bainistíochta agus le hoifigigh na n-údarás pleanála as a gcomhoibriú, agus le comhairleoirí dlí an Bhoird.



Seán Ó Conchúir
Cathaoirleach

18 Meitheamh 2010

ALL CASES

GACH CÁS



Figures 1 to 6 contain key performance indicators in relation to all casework received and disposed of by the Board in 2009 and compares with 2008 or ten-year trends. A breakdown of casework by reference to normal planning appeals, local authority projects and other cases is provided in the following tables.

Tá mórtháscairí feidhmíochta i bhfigiúir 1 go dtí 6 maidir le gach cás a faighte agus curtha de láimh ag an mBord i 2009 agus déantar comparáid le 2008 nó le claonta ar feadh tréimhse deich mbliana. Tugtar briseadh síos ar an gcásobair de réir tagartha do ghnáth achomhairc phleanála, tionscadail údaráis áitiúla agus cásanna eile sna táblaí seo a leanas.

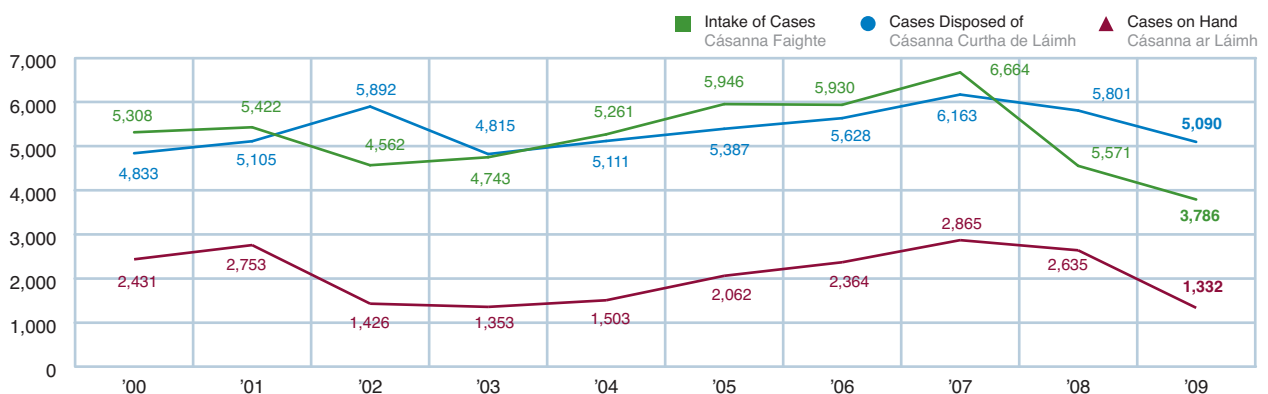
FIGURE 1: Summary All Cases	FIGIÚR 1: Achoimre Gach Cás			
		2009	2008	Méadú/(laghdú) % Increase/ (decrease) %
On hands at start	Idir lámha ag an tús	2,636*	2,865	(8%)
Received	Faighte	3,786	5,571	(32%)
Disposed of	Curtha de láimh	5,090	5,801	(12%)
On hands at end	Idir lámha ag an deireadh	1,332	2,635	(49%)
Disposed of within statutory objective period	Curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil	26%	23%	-
Average time taken (weeks)	Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí)	23	24	(4%)

* 2008 figure adjusted



FIGURE 2
Trend in intake, disposal and cases
on hands 2000 to 2009

FIGIÚR 2
Claonadh i gcásanna a fuarthas, a cuireadh de láimh agus a bhí
idir lámha 2000 go dtí 2009



Statutory objective periods for determining cases

Provisions in the Planning, Building Control and Water Pollution Acts and Regulations made under these Acts set down as an objective of the Board a requirement to ensure that appeals and certain other matters are determined within specified periods of time.

Sprioc thréimhsí reachtúla do chinntí a dhéanamh ar chásanna

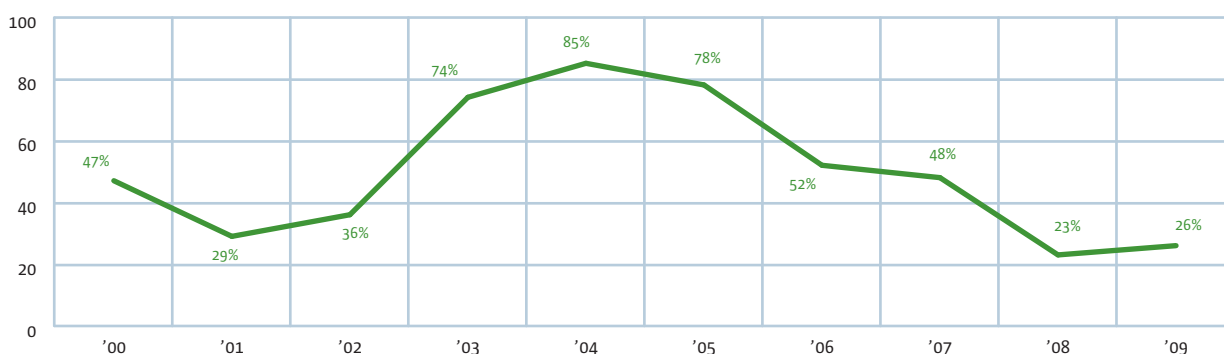
Leag na forálacha atá sna hAchtanna um Pleanail, Rialú Tógála agus Truailliú Uisce agus i Rialacháin déanta faoi na hAchtanna mar chuspóir ag an mBord riachtanas chun a chinntiú go dtabharfar cinneadh ar achomhairc agus ar ábhair eile laistigh de thréimhsí ama sonracha.

In most cases, this is 18 weeks; 4 months applies to some cases while in others no statutory objective time period applies. It is a strategic objective of the Board to determine 90% of all cases which come before it within eighteen weeks/four months regardless of whether or not a statutory objective period applies.

Is 18 seachtain atá i gceist i bhformhór na gcásanna, baineann 4 mí le roinnt cásanna cé i gcásanna eile níl aon sprioc thréimhse ama reachtúil ann. Is cuspóir straitéiseach é ag an mBord cinneadh a dhéanamh ar 90% de chásanna a thagann faoina bhráid laistigh d'ocht seachtain déag/cheithre mhí, bíodh sprioc thréimhse ama reachtúil i gceist nó nach mbíodh.

FIGURE 3
Percentage of cases determined within statutory objective period 2000 to 2009

FIGIÚR 3
Céatadán de chásanna a chinntíodh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil 2000 go dtí 2009



During 2009, the Board complied with the statutory requirement that notice in writing be served on the parties to a case where it would not be possible or appropriate to determine the case within the statutory objective period. Figure 4 gives details of the number of weeks it took to decide cases from 2000 to 2009.

Le linn 2009, chlóigh an Bord leis an riachtanas reachtúil go dtabharfaí fógra i scríbhinn do na páirtithe i gcás áit nach féidir nó nach bhfuil sé oiriúnach cinneadh a dhéanamh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil. Tugann Figiúr 4 sonraí faoi líon na seachtain a thóg sé cinneadh a dhéanamh i gcásanna ó 2000 go dtí 2009.

FIGURE 4
Average time taken to dispose of cases (weeks)

FIGIÚR 4
Meán ama a thóg sé cásanna a chur de láimh (seachtain)

Bliain	Gnáth Achomhairc Phleanála	Forbairtí Bonneagair Straitéisigh	Cásanna Eile	Iomlán
Year	Normal planning appeals	Strategic Infrastructure Development Cases	Other cases	All
2000	21	-	21	21
2001	25	-	21	25
2002	23	-	20	23
2003	14	-	13	16
2004	14	-	9	14
2005	15	-	10	15
2006	18	-	14	18
2007	20	16	13	19
2008	24	30	27	24
2009	23	35	25	23

Oral hearings

Appeals and referrals are generally dealt with on the basis of written submissions from the parties together with a site inspection by an inspector appointed by the Board. Oral hearings are generally held in relation to applications for Strategic Infrastructure Development. The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing of any case whether or not a hearing is requested.

In 2009 the number of oral hearing requests in relation to normal planning appeals was 74 and the number of hearings held was 13.

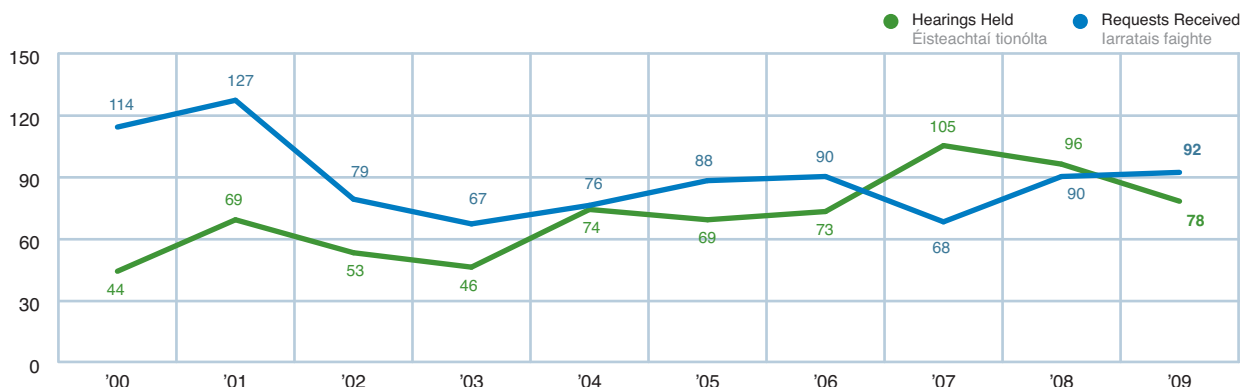
Éisteachtaí Béil

Déantar déileáil le hachomharc agus le rudaí a cuirtear faoi bhráid an Bhoird ar bhonn aighneachtaí scríofa ó na páirtithe i dteannta le scrúdú ar an suíomh ag cigire arna cheapadh ag an mBord. Reáchtáiltear éisteachtaí ó bhéal de ghnáth i leith iarratas i gcomhair Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéiseach. Tá lán-rogha absalóideach ag an mBord éisteacht ó bhéal de chuid cás ar bith a reáchtáil, cibé acu má iarrtar nó mura iarrtar i gcomhair éisteachta.

I 2009 bhí 74 iarratas ar éisteachtaí béil maidir le gnáth achomhairc phlannála agus bhí 13 éisteacht tionólta.

FIGURE 5
Oral hearings of all cases

FIGIÚR 5
Éisteachtaí béil maidir le gach cás



Inspectors' Reports and Recommendations

In 2009, the number of formal decisions made with Inspectors' reports were 4,279. The number of Inspectors' recommendations not generally accepted by the Board was 588 (13.7%) compared to 592 (13.1%) in 2008.

Moltaí agus Tuarascálacha gCigirí

I 2009, rinneadh 4,279 cinneadh foirmiúil le tuarascálacha na gCigirí. Níor ghlac an Bord go ginearálta le 588 (13.7%) de mholtaí na gCigirí i gcomparáid le 592 (13.1%) i 2008.

NORMAL PLANNING APPEALS

GNÁTH ACHOMHAIRC PHLEANÁLA



Introduction

Normal planning appeals i.e. under section 37 of the 2000 Planning Act (and under section 26 of the 1963 Planning Act for old planning cases) accounted for 91% of the intake of cases in 2009. Normal planning appeals arise from decisions by planning authorities on applications for permission for the development of land.

Normal planning appeals may be first party, third party or first and third party. Appendix 1 analyses the above categories of appeals and the effect of appeal decisions by reference to the category of appeal and the planning authority decision.

Réamhrá

Ba ghnáth achomhairc phleanála faoi alt 37 den Acht Pleanála 2000 (agus faoi alt 26 d'Acht Pleanála 1963 do shean chásanna pleanála) iad 91% de na cásanna go léir a fuarthas in 2009. Eascraíonn gnáth achomhairc phleanála as cinntí na n-údarás pleanála ar iarratais ar chead d'fhorbairt talún.

Is féidir le hachomharc pleanála a bheith ó chéad pháirtí, ó threaspháirtí nó ó chéad pháirtí agus ó threaspháirtí. Déanann Aguisín 1 anailís ar chatagóirí na n-achomharc thuasluaite agus an éifeacht atá ag na cinntí achomhairc trí thagairt a dhéanamh don chatagóir achomhairc agus do chinneadh an údaráis pleanála.

FIGURE 6
Summary of appeals

		2009	2008	(laghdú) % Increase/(decrease) %
On hands at start	Idir lámha ag an tús	2,348*	2,480	(5%)
Received	Faighte	3,438	5,056	(32%)
Disposed of	Curtha de láimh	4,639	5,189	(11%)
On hands at end	Idir lámha ag deireadh	1,147	2,347	(51%)
Disposed of within statutory objective period	Curtha de láimh laistigh de sprioc thréimhse reachtúil	24%	20%	-
Average time taken (weeks)	Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí)	23	24	(4%)

* 2008 figure adjusted

FIGIÚR 6
Achoimre na nAchoimharc

FIGURE 7**Analysis of appeals disposed of and analysis of invalid cases****FIGIÚR 7****Anailís ar achomhairc a cuireadh de láimh agus anailís ar chásanna neamhbhailí**

Appeals Disposed of	Achomhairc curtha de láimh	2009	2008
Formally	Go foirmeálta	3,990	4,145
Otherwise	Ar bhealaí eile	649	1,044
- Invalid All	- Neamhbhailí iomlán	357	621
• late	- Déanach	91	170
• no acknowledgement	- gan admháil	80	166
• incorrect fee, no fee	- táille mícheart, gan táille	125	239
• name/address of appellant/agent	- ainm/seoladh achomharcóir/gníomhaire	38	29
• grounds/subject	- bonn/ábhar	10	9
• hours	- uaireanta	4	3
• other	- eile	9	5
- Appeal withdrawn by appellant (section 140(1) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc aistarraingthe ag an achomharcóir (alt 140(1)den Acht 2000)	173	306
- Application withdrawn by applicant (section 140(1) of 2000 Act)	- Iarratas aistarraingthe ag an iarratasóir (alt 140(1)den Acht 2000)	77	87
- Appeal dismissed (section 37(4)(b) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 37(4)(b)den Acht 2000)	0	0
- Appeal dismissed (section 133 of the 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 133 den Acht 2000)	1	0
- Appeal dismissed (section 138(1)(a)(i) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 138(1)(a)(i)den Acht 2000)	8	6
- Appeal dismissed (section 138(1)(b) of the 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 138(1)(b)den Acht 2000)	22	16
- Appeal declared withdrawn (section 140(2) of 2000 Act)	- Fógraíodh gur aistarraingíodh an achomharc (alt 140(2)den Acht 2000)	10	4
- Application declared withdrawn (section 140(2) of 2000 Act)	- Fógraíodh gur aistarraingíodh an an t-iarratas (alt 140(2)den Acht 2000)	0	3
- Application regarded as withdrawn (article 96(4) of 2001 Regulations)	- Meastar an t-iarratas mar aistarraingthe (airteagal 96(4) de Rialacháin 2001)	0	0
- Otherwise disposed of	- Curtha de láimh i slí eile	1	1
Total	Iomlán	4,639	5,189

Invalid Appeals

The rate of invalid appeals in 2009 reduced from 12.0% in 2008 to 7.7% of the total disposed.

Late: The period for making an appeal is four weeks starting on the day a planning authority makes its decision. The Board's website has an interactive ready reckoner designed to assist in calculating the last day for making an appeal.

No acknowledgement: The stringent requirements of the 2000 Act generally require a third party appellant to include an acknowledgement from the planning authority of their submission or observation made at application stage.

Name and address: An appeal must state the name and address of the appellant and of the person, if any, acting on his/her behalf.

Achomhairc Neamhbhailí

Tháinig laghdú ó 12.0% in 2009 go 7.7% i 2008 ar líon na n-achomharc neamhbhailí mar chéatadán na n-achomharc uile a cuireadh de láimh.

Déanach: Is é ceithre seachtain ón lá a dhéanann an t-údarás pleanála a chinneadh, an tréimhse chun achomharc a dhéanamh. Tá 'ready reckoner' idirghníomhach ar shuíomh idirlín an Bhoird chun cabhrú leat an lá dhéanamh amach chun achomharc a dhéanamh.

Gan admháil: Tá sé mar riachtanas ag riachtanais dian an Achta 2000 go hiondúil go mbeadh admháil ón údarás pleanála ar a aighneacht nó a tuairimí a rinneadh ag an gcéim iarratais, a bheith curtha san áireamh ag an achomharcóir treaspháirtí.

Ainm agus Seoladh: Caithfidh ainm agus seoladh an achomharcóra nó an duine, más ann, atá ag feidhmiú ar a shon.

Appeals by Area

An analysis of planning application decisions, appeals and appeal decisions for each county and city area is shown in Appendix 2. Overall, the number of appeals received as a percentage of planning authority decisions on planning applications was 9.0%, compared to 8.1% in 2008. Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown (18.8%), Dublin City (18.3%), Fingal (15.2%) had the highest levels of decisions appealed. Areas with the highest rate of appealed decisions overturned by the Board were Donegal (59.5%), Roscommon (53.3%) and Longford (48.0%) while those with the lowest rate of appealed decisions overturned were Cork City (22.0%), North Tipperary (26.0%) and Waterford City (26.9%).

Major Infrastructure Appeals

The number of major infrastructure appeals received during 2009 was 301. The number disposed of was 281, of which 29% were disposed of within the statutory objective period. The average time taken to dispose of major infrastructure appeals was 26 weeks. The following are the broad criteria that are currently applied in deciding whether a planning appeal should receive major infrastructural status:

- National, regional and/or local projects of significant economic potential;
- Development of significant employment potential;
- Large scale industrial/commercial/retail/residential/tourism projects including mixed use projects;
- Large scale urban redevelopment/regeneration projects;
- Tall buildings (normally in excess of 15 storeys);

Achomhairc de réir Ceantair

San iomlán, b'ionann líon na n-achomharc a fuarthas agus céatadán 9.0% de na cinntí a rinne údaráis áitiúla faoi iarratais ar phleanáil. 8.1% a bhí ann in 2008. Bhí na leibhéil is airde achomharc ar chinntí ag Dún Laoghaire / Ráth an Dúin (18.8%), ag Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath (18.3%), agus ag Fine Gall (15.2%) Is iad seo a leanas na ceantair inar chuir an Bord an líon is mó cinntí achomhartha ar ceal: Dún na nGall (59.5%), Ros Comáin (53.3%) agus an Longfort (48.0%). Ba iad na ceantar leis an líon is lú cinntí achomhartha a chuir an Bord ar ceal ná Cathair Chorcaí (22.0%), Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh (26.0%) agus Cathair Phort Láirge (26.9%).

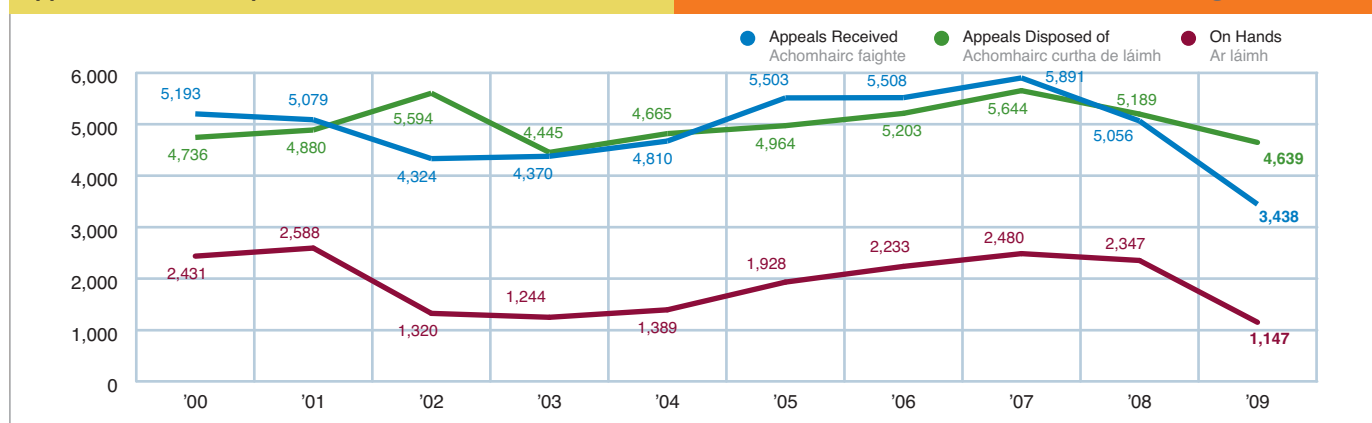
Achomhairc um Bhonneagair Mhóra

Fuathas 301 achomharc um bhonneagar mór le linn 2009, bhí 281 curtha de láimh, dá raibh 29% curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil. Thóg é 26 seachtain ar an meán chun achomhairc um bhonneagair mhóra a chur de láimh. Is iad seo a leanas na critéir fhorleathana a chuirtear i bhfeidhm agus cinneadh á dhéanamh ar cibé ar chóir stádas bonneagair mhóir a thabhairt d'achomharc pleanála:

- Tionscadail náisiúnta, réigiúnacha agus/nó áitiúla ar bhain tábhacht choibhneasta gheilleagrach leo;
- Forbairtí ar bhain tabhacht choibhneasta fostaíochta leo;
- Tionscadail mórsála tionscadail/tráchtála/cónaithe/turasóireachta lena n-áirítear tionscadail ilchineálacha.
- Tionscadail mórsála athfhorbairte/athghiniúna uirbeacha;
- Foirgnimh arda (thar 15 stór de ghnáth);

FIGURE 8
Appeals received, disposed of and on hands 2000 to 2009

FIGIÚR 8
Achomhairc a fuarthas, a cuireadh de láimh 2000 go dtí 2009



- 200+ unit housing developments;
- Large scale retirement homes/villages;
- Large energy generation and transmission projects. Normally transmission lines in excess of 15km only.
- Significant windfarm projects (normally in excess of 15 turbines);
- Large scale landfill, waste projects (normally in excess of 20ha. working area) waste water treatment, incinerators;
- Large scale mining/major quarrying projects (normally excess of 20ha. working area);
- Strategic Development Zones;
- Major medical/health facilities including hospitals and major medical centres and extensions to such facilities,;
- New school buildings/educational facilities and extensions to existing facilities (permanent or temporary);
- New significant transportation infrastructure including railway stations, river quays, airport infrastructure, roads infrastructure and service areas;
- Large scale sports stadia and /or sports/leisure facilities;
- Other cases whether through scale, nature, significant public interest or importance justify priority MIA status.

There is a case by case analysis of the requirement to give a file MIA status at an early stage on receipt by the Board. Other cases of significance may also be considered for inclusion on the MIA list as appropriate.

Submission of documents to the Board by Planning Authorities

In 2009, planning authorities submitted the planning file and other documents in relation to appeals to the Board within the statutory period of two weeks in 82% of appeals (77% in 2008).

Rural Housing

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government launched the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines in April 2005. As the guidelines are issued under section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 the Board must have regard to them. An analysis of the outcome of appeals relating to one-off rural houses is contained in Appendix 5.

- Forbairtí tithíochta thar 200 aonad;
- Tithe/sráidbhailte scoir mhórsála;
- Tionscadáil mhóra ghiniúint agus thraiseoladh fhuinnimh. Na línte traiseolta breis agus 15 km de gnáth;
- Tionscadail suntasacha feirm ghaoithe (de ghnáth thar 15 tuirbín);
- Tionscadail mhóra líonta talún, dramhaile (de ghnáth thar 20ha. d'achar oibre) fuíolluisce, loisceoirí;
- Tionscadail mhórsála mianadóireachta/ cairéalachta (de ghnáth thar 20ha. d'achar oibre);
- Criosanna Straitéiseacha Forbartha;
- Mór-áiseanna míochaine lena n-áirítear ospidéal agus mórionaid mhíochaine agus tithe altranais mórsála agus síntí leis na háiseanna sin, tithe/ sráidbhailte scoir;
- Foirgnimh/áiseanna oideachais agus síntí le háiseanna atá ann cheana (buan nó sealadach);
- Bonneagar nua suntasach iompair lena n-áirítear stáisiúin iarnróid, céanna abhann, bonneagar aerfoirt, bonneagar bóthair agus ceantair sheirbhíse;
- Staidiamáí mórsála spóirt agus/nó áiseanna spóirt/fóillíochta;
- Cásanna eile ar tugadh stadas Achomhairc Bhonneagair Mhóra dóibh de bharr a scála, a nádúr, a dtabhacht poiblí nó leas suntasach an phobail iontu.

Déantar anailís cás ar chás ar an ngá atá ann stadas MIA a thabhairt do chomhad go luath arna bheith faighte ag an mBord. D'fhéadfaí cásanna suntasacha eile a bhreathnú agus a chur ar an liosta MIA de réir mar is cuí.

Cáipéisí á chur faoi bhráid an Bhoird ag Údaráis Phleanála

I 2009, chuir údaráis phleanála an comhad phleanála agus cáipéisí eile maidir le hachomhairc, faoi bhráid an Bhoird laistigh den tréimhse reachtúil de dhá sheachtain i gcás 82% de na hachomhairc (77% i 2008).

Tithíocht Tuaithe

Sheol an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil na Treoirínte um Thithíocht Tuaithe Inmharthana i mí Aibreáin 2005. Toisc go bhfuil na treoirínte eisithe faoi alt 28 den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000 caithfidh an Bord aird a thabhairt orthu. Tá anailís ar thoradh na n-achomharc a bhain le tithe tuaithe aon-uaire le fáil in Aguisín 5.

STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE CASES

Since January 2007 and the commencement of the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006, the Board became the planning consent authority for strategic infrastructure projects in the energy, transport and environmental areas (whether promoted by the public or private sector), including rail transport, gas pipelines and electricity generation and transmission. It also became responsible for determining applications for compulsory acquisition relating to gas, airport and railway projects.

Certain local authority development applications and associated compulsory acquisition cases also became classified as strategic infrastructure in the 2006 Act. These cases have, however, been dealt with by the Board since 2001.

In 2009, the Board determined 3 applications for permission for strategic infrastructure development specified in the Seventh Schedule to the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. The Board also decided 3 electricity applications, 1 gas application (and 1 related compulsory acquisition request). An oral hearing was held in relation to each case. The average time to determine the above cases was 35 weeks from the date of lodgement of the application.

FIGURE 9
Strategic Infrastructure Cases
(excluding Local Authority Cases)

	Received 2009	Concluded 2009	On-hands end 2009
Consultation Requests	31	26	38
Applications	12	8	14
Scoping Requests	5	4	2
Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Cases	0	0	0
Alteration/Ammendment Requests	2	1	1
Total	50	39	55

In respect of the 8 applications concluded in 2009, all were formally determined by the Board. Of the 8 decisions, 4 (50%) were made within the statutory objective time period. 6 cases were the subject of approval decisions (subject to conditions) while 2 were refused approval.

CÁSANNA BONNEAGAIR STRAITÉISIGH

Ó Eanáir 2007, agus ó tosaíodh forálacha ábhartha an Achta um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006 i leith, rinneadh údarás toilithe pleanála den Bhord i leith tionscadal a bhaineann leis an mbonneagar straitéiseach i réimsí an fhuinnimh, iompair agus comhshaoil (cibé acu cothaithe ag an earnáil phoiblí nó ag an earnáil phríobháideach atá siad). Áirítear leo sin iompar iarnróid, píblínte gáis, agus giniúint agus tarchur leictreachais. Tugadh freagracht dó freisin as cinneadh na n-iarratas a bhaineann le sealbhú éigeantach a ghlacadh ar thionscadail gháis, aerfoirt agus iarnróid.

Chomh maith leis sin, san Acht 2006, beartaíodh gur bhain iarratais forbartha ó údarais áitiúla áirithe agus na cásanna faoi shealbhú éigeantach a ghabhann leo leis an mbonneagar straitéiseach. Tá an Bord ag plé leis na cásanna sin ó 2001 i leith, áfach.

In 2009, rinne an Bord cinneadh faoi 3 iarratas ar chead chun an bonneagar straitéiseach a fhorbairt, faoi mar atá sonraithe sa Seachtú Sceideal den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, arna leasú. Rinne an Bord cinneadh, freisin, faoi 3 iarratas ar leictreachas, iarratas amháin ar ghás (agus iarratas amháin ar shealbhú éigeantach a bhain leis sin). Reáchtáladh éisteachtaí ó bhéal do na cásanna thuas uile. Cinneadh na cásanna thuas, ar an meán, 35 seachtain ó dháta lóisteála na n-iarratas.

FIGURE 9
Cásanna Bonneagair Straitéisigh
(Seachas Cásanna Udarais Áitiúil)

	Faighe 2009	Críochnaithe 2009	Ar Láimh, deireadh 2009
Iarrataí ar Chomhairliúchán	31	26	38
Iarratais	12	8	14
Iarrataí Scoípe	5	4	2
Cásanna Scagtha um Mheasúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta	0	0	0
Iarrataí ar Athrú/Leasú	2	1	1
Iomlán	50	39	55

Maidir leis na 8 n-iarratas a críochnaíodh in 2009, rinne an Bord iad uile a chinneadh go foirmiúil. Ar na 8 gcinneadh sin, rinneadh 4 cinn acu (50%) laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil. Bhain 6 chás le cinntí a faomhadh (faoi réir coinníollacha) agus diúltaíodh faomhadh do dhá chás.



FIGURE 10
Local Authority Strategic Infrastructure Cases

	Received 2009	Concluded 2009	On-hands end 2009
Applications	11	23	25
Scoping Requests	4	3	5
Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Cases	7	8	3
Alteration/Amended Requests	2	1	2
Total	24	35	35

In respect of the local authority cases concluded in 2009, 14% were determined within the statutory objective period. Of the 23 applications concluded 16 were approved subject to conditions, 4 were approved without conditions and 3 were refused approval. 8 of the decisions related to major road projects, 7 of which were approved. In the environmental impact assessment screening cases, an environmental impact statement was required in 5 cases and not required in 3 cases.

Operation of Strategic Infrastructure Division

The Strategic Infrastructure Division of the Board comprised the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and three other members (Margaret Byrne, Angela Tunney and Karl Kent). The staffing of the Division comprised one Director of Planning, two Assistant Directors of Planning, one Senior Administrative Officer, one Senior Executive Officer, four Executive Officers and four Administrative Assistants. Other Inspectors and Consultants assisted on a case-by-case basis as required.

FIGURE 10
Cásanna Bonneagair Straitéisigh ag Údaráis Áitiúla

	Faighte 2009	Críochnaithe 2009	Ar Láimh, deireadh 2009
Iarratais	11	23	25
Iarrataí Scóipe	4	3	5
Cásanna Scagtha um Mheasúnú Tionchar Timpeallachta	7	8	3
Iarrataí ar Athrú/Leasú	2	1	2
Iomlán	24	35	35

Ar na cásanna ó údaráis áitiúla a críochnaíodh le linn 2009, cinneadh 14% díobh laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil. Ar na 23 iarratas a críochnaíodh, faomhadh 16 cinn acu faoi réir coinníollacha, faomhadh 4 cinn acu gan choinníollacha agus diúltaíodh 3 cinn díobh. Bhain 8 gcinn de na cinní le mórtionscadail bhóthair agus faomhadh 7 gcinn acu. Ar na cásanna scagtha faoi mheasúnú ar an tionchar ar an gcomhshaol, bhí ráiteas faoin tionchar ar an gcomhshaol de dhíth i 5 chás acu. Ní raibh ráiteas de dhíth i 3 chás acu.

Feidhmiú na Rannóige um Bonneagar Straitéiseach

Is iad a bhí sa Rannóg um Bonneagar Straitéiseach ná an Cathaoirleach, an Leas-Chathaoirleach agus triúr ball eile (Margaret Byrne, Angela Tunney agus Karl Kent). Is iad a bhí i bhfoireann na Rannóige ná Stiúrthóir Pleanála amháin, beirt Stiúrthóirí Cúnta Pleanála, Oifigeach Riaracháin Sinsearach amháin, Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach amháin, ceathrar Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin agus ceathrar Cúntóirí Riaracháin. Thug Cigirí agus Comhairleoirí eile cúnamh nuair ba ghá, de réir mar a d'oir don chás.

In non-local authority strategic infrastructure cases prospective applicants are required to engage in pre-application consultations with the Board and in 2009 the Board received 31 requests for such consultations. A record of all such consultations is maintained by the Board and becomes publicly available when the consultations are concluded. In certain cases the Board has a mandatory function to decide whether a proposed development is or is not strategic infrastructure.

FIGURE 11
Pre-Application Consultations

	2009	Since Jan 2007
Received	31	142
Meetings Held	79	236
Concluded	26	104

Of the 26 cases concluded in 2009, 11 were deemed strategic infrastructure, 8 were deemed not strategic infrastructure and 7 were withdrawn/consultations closed.

Other Local Authority Projects

In addition to strategic infrastructure cases, the Board also deals with other local authority cases including compulsory purchase orders and compulsory acquisition under the Derelict Sites Act.

FIGURE 12
Local Authority Projects other than Strategic Infrastructure

	Received 2009	Concluded 2009	On-hands end 2009
Compulsory Acquisition CPO	18	31	6
Compulsory Acquisition Derelict Sites	1	5	0
Other Local Authority Projects	3	2	3
Total	22	38	9

Of the compulsory acquisition cases concluded in 2009, 13 cases were approved without modifications, 5 were approved with modifications and 4 were refused approval. There were 13 informal decisions e.g. where no objections were received in CPO cases and 1 application was withdrawn. The other local authority project cases concluded in 2009 relate to local authority development approval applications lodged prior to classification of such cases as strategic infrastructure. Of the 38 cases disposed in 2009, 50% were concluded within the statutory objective period.

I gcásanna a bhaineann leis an mbonneagar straitéiseach nach ó údaráis áitiúla iad, ní mór d'iaratasóirí páirt a ghlacadh i gcomhairliúcháin réamhiarratais leis an mBord. In 2009, fuair an Bord 31 iaratas ar chomhairliúcháin dá shórt. Coinníonn an Bord taifead de na comhairliúcháin seo uile agus cuirtear ar fáil go poiblí iad nuair atá na comhairliúcháin thart. I gcásanna áirithe, bíonn feidhm shainordaitheach ag an mBord a chinneadh an mbaineann nó nach mbaineann an fhorbairt a mholtar leis an mbonneagar straitéiseach.

FIGURE 11
Comhairliúcháin Réamh-Iarratais

	2009	Ó Eanáir 2007
Faighte	31	142
Cruinnithe reáchtáilte	79	236
Críochnaithe	26	104

Ar na 26 cás a críochnaíodh in 2009, cinneadh gur bhain 11 cheann acu leis an mbonneagar straitéiseach, cinneadh nár bhain 8 gcinn acu leis an mbonneagar straitéiseach agus aistarraingíodh 7 gcinn acu.

Tionscadail Eile ag Údaráis Áitiúla

Mar aon le cásanna a bhaineann leis an mbonneagar straitéiseach, pléann an Bord le cásanna eile ag údaráis áitiúla, lena n-áirítear orduithe ceannaigh éigeantach agus sealbhú éigeantach faoin Acht um Láithreáin Thréigthe.

FIGURE 12
Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúil nár Bhonneagair Straitéiseach iad

	Faighte 2009	Críochnaithe 2009	Ar Láimh, deireadh 2009
Sealbhú Éigeantach CPO	18	31	6
Sealbhú Éigeantach Láithreán Tréigthe	1	5	0
Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúil Eile	3	2	3
Iomlán	22	38	9

Ar na cásanna faoi sealbhú éigeantach a críochnaíodh in 2009, faomhadh 13 chás gan aon mhionathrú, 5 gcinn le mionathruithe, agus díúltaíodh faomhadh do 4 cinn. Rinneadh 13 chinneadh neamhfhoirmiúla, .i. nuair nach ndearnadh agóid in aghaidh chásanna OCÉ (ordú ceannaigh éigeantach), agus aistarraingíodh iaratas amháin. Baineann na cásanna eile ó údaráis áitiúla a críochnaíodh in 2009 le hiarratais ar fhaomhadh d'fhorbairt údaráis áitiúil a lóisteáladh sular cinneadh gur bhain cásanna dá shórt leis an mbonneagar straitéiseach. Ar na 38 cás a críochnaíodh in 2009, críochnaíodh 50% díobh laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil.

OTHER CASES

CÁSANNA EILE

Other Cases under Planning, Building Control, Water Pollution and Air Pollution Acts

Apart from normal planning appeals and local authority projects, other functions have been assigned to the Board under the Planning Acts; the Building Control Acts 1990 and 2007; the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977 to 2007; and the Air Pollution Act 1987. A summary of the various cases which came before the Board in 2009 is set out in Figure 13.

Cásanna eile faoi Achtanna Pleanála, Rialú Foirgníochta, Truailliú Uisce agus Truailliú Aeir

Tá feidhmeanna eile tugtha don Bhord seachas gnáth achomhairc phleanála agus tionscadail údarás áitiúil, faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála; An tAcht um Rialú Foirgníochta 1990 agus 2007, na hAchtanna Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú Uisce) 1977 i 2007; agus an tAcht um Thruailliú Aeir 1987. Tá achoimre de na cásanna a tháinig faoi bhráid an Bhoird i 2009 leagtha amach i bhFigiúr 13.

FIGURE 13
Summary of other cases under Planning, Building Control, Water Pollution and Air Pollution Acts

FIGIÚR 13
Achoimre ar chásanna eile faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála, Rialaithe Foirgníochta, Truaillithe Uisce agus Truaillithe Aeir

		Disposed of in year Curtha de láimh sa bhliain						
		On hands start of year	Received in year	Sub-total	Formally decided	Otherwise disposed	All	On hands end of year
		Idir Lámha ag tús na bliana	Faighte sa bhliain	Fo-lomlán	Cinntí Foirmiúla	Curtha de láimh i slí eile	Gach	Idir lámha ag deireadh na bliana
Planning Acts	Achtanna Pleanála							
Leave to Appeal	Cead Achomharc	5	102	107	86	19	105	2
Referrals	Tarchuir	74	106	180	95	29	124	56
Determinations ¹	Cinntí ¹	3	1	4	2	0	2	2
Section 254 Licences	Ceadúnais Rannóg 254	1	1	2	2	0	2	0
Planning Scheme(SDZ)	Scéim Pleanála (SDZ)	nil						
EIS Exemption	Díolúine ó RMT	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Special Amenity Order	Ordú Taitneamhachta Speisialta	nil						
Control of Quarries (section 261)	Rialú Cairéal (alt 261)	16	0	16	12	0	12	4
Subtotal	Fo-lomlán	99	211	310	197	48	245	65
Building Control Acts	Achtanna um Rialú Foirgníochta							
Fire Safety Certificate	Teastas Sábháilteachta Tine	35	24	59	43	4	47	12
Relaxation & Dispensation Certificates	Teastais Riartha agus Maolaithe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	Fo-lomlán	35	24	59	43	4	47	12
Water Pollution Acts	Achtanna um Thruailliú Uisce							
Discharge to water	Curtha chuig Uisce	32	12	44	35	1	36	8
Discharge to sewers	Curtha chuig Séarachas	0	2	2	1	1	2	0
Subtotal	Fo-lomlán	32	14	46	36	2	38	8
Air Pollution Act	Acht um Thruailliú Aer							
Air emission	Scaoileadh aer	7	3	10	7	2	9	1
Total	lomlán	173	252	425	283	56	339	86

155 (46%) of the 339 cases were disposed of within 18 weeks/4 months, as appropriate.
1 These cases relate to the 1963 to 1999 Planning Acts.

155 (46%) de na 339 cásanna curtha de láimh laistigh de 18 seachtaine/4 mí, mar is cuí.
1 Bainneann roinnt de na cásanna sin leis na hAchtanna Pleanála 1963 go 1999.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Board wishes to acknowledge the invaluable contribution made to the organisation by its staff, its main asset. It recognises their commitment and dedication to the Board's pursuit of providing its stakeholders with a high quality and efficient service. The Board's authorised staffing complement at the end of 2009, exclusive of Board members, was 172. The average number of staff employed during 2009 was 159, (167 in 2008).

The following staff were employed as at 31st December 2009.

Chief Officer*	Padraic Thornton.
Director of Corporate Affairs*	Gerard Egan.
Secretary*	Chris Clarke.
Director of Planning*	Des Johnson.
Assistant Directors of Planning*	David Dunne, Mary Cunneen, Philip Green, Philip Jones.
Senior Administrative Officers*	Diarmuid Collins, Brid Hill, Mary Holohan, Mary Kelly, Carol Moloney, Ellen Morrin, Paddy Tallon.
Senior Planning Inspectors	Andrew Boyle, Paul Caprani, Una Crosse, Derek Daly, Philip Davis, Jane Dennehy, Michael Dillon, Pauline Fitzpatrick, Breda Gannon, Leslie Howard, Stephen Kay, Suzanne Kehely, Dermot Kelly, Mary Kennelly, Mairead Kenny, Karla McBride, Dolores McCague, Conor McGrath, Kevin Moore, Sarah Moran, Anne Marie O'Connor, Daniel O'Connor, Stephen O'Sullivan, Tom Rabbette, Robert Ryan, Keith Sargeant, Ruairi Somers, Fiona Tynan, Öznur Yücel Finn.
Senior Executive Officers	David Curran, Pierce Dillon, Michael Donlan, Marcella Doyle, John Duffy, Josephine Hayes, Anne Killian, Myriam O'Neill, Nora Ryan, Siobhan White.
Planning Inspectors	Angela Brereton, Siobhan Carroll, Auriol Considine, Caryn Coogan, Mary Crowley, John Desmond, Lorraine Dockery, Donal Donnelly, Emer Doyle, Fiona Fair, Gillian Kane, Jennifer Kelly, Joanna Kelly

ACMHAINNÍ DAONNA

Is mian leis an mBord aitheantas a thabhairt don obair ríthábhachtach a dhéanann an fhoireann don eagraíocht. Is í an fhoireann an acmhainn is luachmhaire atá ag an mBord. Aithníonn an Bord go bhfuil an fhoireann tiomanta do sprioc na heagraíochta a bhaint amach, is é sin, seirbhís éifeachtach ar ardchaighdeán a sholáthar dá pháirtithe leasmhara. Bhí 172 duine fostaithe ar fhoireann údaraithe an Bhoird ag deireadh 2009, gan comhaltaí an Bhoird a chur san áireamh. 159 duine ba ea an meánlíon a bhí fostaithe ann in 2009 (167 in 2008). Bhí na baill foirne seo a leanas fostaithe ar an 31ú Nollaig 2009.

Príomhoifigeach*	Padraic Thornton.
Stiúrthóir Gnóthaí Corparáideacha*	Gerard Egan.
Rúnaí*	Chris Clarke.
Stiúrthóirí Pleanála*	Des Johnson.
Stiúrthóirí Cúnta Pleanála*	David Dunne, Mary Cunneen, Philip Green, Philip Jones.
Oifigigh Riaracháin	Diarmuid Collins, Brid Hill, Mary Holohan,
Shinsearacha*	Mary Kelly, Carol Moloney, Ellen Morrin, Paddy Tallon.
Cigirí Pleanála Sinsearacha	Andrew Boyle, Paul Caprani, Una Crosse, Derek Daly, Philip Davis, Jane Dennehy, Michael Dillon, Pauline Fitzpatrick, Breda Gannon, Leslie Howard, Stephen Kay, Suzanne Kehely, Dermot Kelly, Mary Kennelly, Mairead Kenny, Karla McBride, Dolores McCague, Conor McGrath, Kevin Moore, Sarah Moran, Anne Marie O'Connor, Daniel O'Connor, Stephen O'Sullivan, Tom Rabbette, Robert Ryan, Keith Sargeant, Ruairi Somers, Fiona Tynan, Öznur Yücel Finn.
Oifigigh Fheidhmiúcháin	David Curran, Pierce Dillon, Michael Donlan,
Shinsearacha	Marcella Doyle, John Duffy, Josephine Hayes, Anne Killian, Myriam O'Neill, Nora Ryan, Siobhan White.
Cigirí Pleanála	Angela Brereton, Siobhan Carroll, Auriol Considine, Caryn Coogan, Mary Crowley, John Desmond, Lorraine Dockery, Donal Donnelly,

Louise Kiernan, Hubert Mannion, Brid Maxwell, Colin McBride, Kenneth Moloney, Hugh Morrison, Gerard Ryan, Juliet Ryan, Robert Speer, Patricia Young.

* *Members of Management Committee*

Executive Officers

Fran Barrett, Miriam Baxter, Edward Brennan, Bronwyn Byrne, Muiriosa Cassells, Patrick Cosgrave, Cora Cunningham, Frank Dempsey, Barry Devine, Kieran Doherty, Rita Donnelly, Gavin Duffy, Thomas Egan, Noirin Finnegan, Regina Fitzgerald, Rob Forde, Seamus Grant, Anna Howard, Justin Keane, Grainne Kelly, Shane Kelly, Desmond Kennedy, Violet Kennedy, Fergal Kilmurray, Patricia Leggett, Aisling Matthews, Alan McArdle, Sinead McNerney, Brid McManus, Nichola Meehan, Sue Morel, Carmel Morgan, Helen Murphy, Catherine Nolan, Ted O'Brien, Mairead Oglesby, Lisa Quinn, Kieran Somers, Brid Tiernan, Mary Tucker, David Walker, Patricia Wall, Colm Walsh, Eilish Weafer.

Administrative Assistants

Sile Bannon, Christopher Byrne, Sarah Byrne, Philip Canny, Bill Coleman, Roslyn Collins, Stephen Deighan, Caroline Dennis, Vincent Dillon, Neil Doherty, Marie Doyle, James Fagan, Lita Foley, Siobhan Gavin, David Gray, Josephine Halpin, Erica Kearns, Richard Kennedy, Rita Kiernan, David Kilroe, Mary Ledwith, Niall Lennon, Cathal Magner, Leonard Mangan, Mark Masterson, Shaun McGee, Mary McGrath, Neil Molloy, Susan Moloney, Wayne Moss, Glenn O'Connell, Carmen O'Carroll, Aisling O'Connor, Cian O'Muiré, James Roe, Chloe Rogers, Fergal Ryan, Maeve Shaw, Lianna Slowey, Stephen Sutton, Sinead Sweeney, Caroline Treacy, Maeve Williams, Damien Wyse.

Emer Doyle, Fiona Fair, Gillian Kane, Jennifer Kelly, Joanna Kelly, Louise Kiernan, Hubert Mannion, Brid Maxwell, Colin McBride, Kenneth Moloney, Hugh Morrison, Gerard Ryan, Juliet Ryan, Robert Speer, Patricia Young.

* *Baill den Choiste Bainistíochta*

Oifigigh Fheidhmiúcháin

Fran Barrett, Miriam Baxter, Edward Brennan, Bronwyn Byrne, Muiriosa Cassells, Patrick Cosgrave, Cora Cunningham, Frank Dempsey, Barry Devine, Kieran Doherty, Rita Donnelly, Gavin Duffy, Thomas Egan, Noirin Finnegan, Regina Fitzgerald, Rob Forde, Seamus Grant, Anna Howard, Justin Keane, Grainne Kelly, Shane Kelly, Desmond Kennedy, Violet Kennedy, Fergal Kilmurray, Patricia Leggett, Aisling Matthews, Alan McArdle, Sinead McNerney, Brid McManus, Nichola Meehan, Sue Morel, Carmel Morgan, Helen Murphy, Catherine Nolan, Ted O'Brien, Mairead Oglesby, Lisa Quinn, Kieran Somers, Brid Tiernan, Mary Tucker, David Walker, Patricia Wall, Colm Walsh, Eilish Weafer.

Cúntóirí Riaracháin

Sile Bannon, Christopher Byrne, Sarah Byrne, Philip Canny, Bill Coleman, Roslyn Collins, Stephen Deighan, Caroline Dennis, Vincent Dillon, Neil Doherty, Marie Doyle, James Fagan, Lita Foley, Siobhan Gavin, David Gray, Josephine Halpin, Erica Kearns, Richard Kennedy, Rita Kiernan, David Kilroe, Mary Ledwith, Niall Lennon, Cathal Magner, Leonard Mangan, Mark Masterson, Shaun McGee, Mary McGrath, Neil Molloy, Susan Moloney, Wayne Moss, Glenn O'Connell, Carmen O'Carroll, Aisling O'Connor, Cian O'Muiré, James Roe, Chloe Rogers, Fergal Ryan, Maeve Shaw, Lianna Slowey, Stephen Sutton, Sinead Sweeney, Caroline Treacy, Maeve Williams, Damien Wyse.

Consultants, Advisers and Part-Time Consultant Inspectors

The Board has the power to engage such consultants and advisers as it considers necessary for the discharge of its functions.

During 2009, the Board retained, under section 124 of the 2000 Planning Act, the services of professional consultants to advise it on specialist matters arising in certain appeals.

The Board has generally engaged part-time consultant inspectors having regard to the need to comply with the Board's statutory time objective of determining cases. Fee-per-case (FPC) Inspectors, who are all qualified planners, report on the smaller/less complex planning appeals. Reflecting the decreased work load and budgetary constraints, this practice was discontinued in the later half of 2009. However in 2009, on foot of an initiative from the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, the Board did avail of the services of planners from local authorities to report on a small number of cases on a consultancy basis.

The Board also engaged part-time consultants (PTCs), mostly engineers with appropriate experience, to conduct oral hearings and make reports and recommendations in relation to local authority infrastructure projects, e.g. road/motorway schemes, waste etc.

Figure 14 shows the number of reports received from part-time consultant inspectors (including fee-per-case inspectors) in 2009 and 2008. The number of reports received from these inspectors in 2009 represented 34% of all reports received, (45% in 2008).

Comhairligh, Comhairleoirí agus Cigirí Comhairleacha Páirtaimseartha

Tá cumhacht ag an mBord na comhairligh agus comhairleoirí a fhostú a mheasann siad a bheith riachtanach chun a fheidhmeanna a fhorfheidhmiú.

Le linn 2009, rinne an Bord, faoi alt 124 d'Acht Pleanála 2000, seirbhísí comhairligh ghairmiúla a fhostú chun comhairle a thabhairt ar shainchúrsaí a d'éirigh in achomhairc áirithe.

Roimhe seo, bhí sé de nós ag an mBord cigirí comhairleacha páirtaimseartha a fhostú chun an spriocthréimhse reachtúil do chásanna a chinneadh a bhaint amach. Déanann cigirí a íoctar in aghaidh an cháis, ar pleanálaithe cáilithe iad uile, tuairisciú ar na hachomhairc phleanála is lú / is simplí. De dheasca laincisí airgeadais, cuireadh deireadh leis an nós sin ar an 29ú Iúil 2009. In 2009, áfach, tar éis tionscnaimh a rinne an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil, bhain an Bord úsáid as seirbhísí pleanálaithe ó údaráis áitiúla mar chomhairleoirí chun tuairisciú a dhéanamh ar chásanna.

D'fhostaigh an Bord comhairleoirí páirtaimseartha freisin, ar innealtóirí iad an chuid ba mhó acu a bhfuil taithí chuí acu, chun éisteachtaí ó bhéal a reachtáil agus chun tuarascálacha agus moltaí a dhéanamh maidir le tionscadail bhonneagair na n-údarás áitiúil, m.sh., scéimeanna bóthar/mótarbhealach, scéimeanna dramhaíola srl.

Léiríonn figiúr 14 líon na dtuarascálacha a fuarthas ó chigirí comhairleacha páirtaimseartha (lena n-áirítear cigirí a íoctar in aghaidh an cháis) in 2009 agus in 2008. B'ionann líon na dtuarascálacha a fuarthas ó na cigirí sin in 2009 agus 34% de na tuarascálacha uile a fuarthas (45% a bhí ann in 2008).

FIGURE 14
Reports received from Part-time Consultant Inspectors

		2009	2008	Méadú/ (laghdú) % Increase/(decrease) %
FPC Inspectors	Cigirí TC	1,268	1,987	(36%)
PCF Inspectors	Cigirí CCG	25	22	14%
PTC Inspectors	Cigirí CPT	79	91	(13%)
TOTAL	Iomlán	1,379	2,100	(34%)

FIGIÚR 14
Tuairiscí faighte ó Chigirí Comhairleora Páirt-aimseartha

Consultants engaged by the Board during 2009 (excluding Fee-per-case Inspectors)

Professional Consultancy Firms (PCFs)

CDN - Graham Carlisle

NAI Fuller Peiser - Andrew Hubbard

Keith Hamilton

Planning Regeneration and Management Consultants
– Keith Reid

Part Time Consultants (PTCs)

Eoghan Brangan, Richard J. Burke, Brendan Devlin, Patricia Devlin, Jonathan Evans, Gerry Farrington, Des Fitzgerald, James J. Harney, Thomas Haugh, Jim Hearn, Dom Hegarty, Vincent Hussey, Matthew McAleese, Gerard McGlinchey, Susan McHugh, Stewart Logan, Billy Moore, Martin Nolan, Máire O'Connor, John O'Donnell, Jane O'Donoghue, Padraig Ó'Gliasáin, Tim Walsh, Michael Ward.

Professional Consultants

David M. Ball, Colin Barden, Pamela Bartley, Shane Bennet, Denis Cunningham, Eugene Daly, Martin Davidson, Raymond J. Connolly, George Faller, Des Fortune, Maurice Johnson, David Kelly, Jerome Keohane, Thomas McDonald, Paddy Matthews, Don Menzies, Austin Morgan, Donal O'Callaghan, Tim Paul, Gerry Sexton, Michael Slattery, Colm Traynor.

The Board also retained the services of Barry Doyle and Company, Solicitors.

Comhairligh a d'fhostaigh an Bord le linn 2009 (seachas Cigirí Táille in aghaidh Cáis)

Comhlachtaí Comhairleachta Gairmiúla (PCFs)

CDN – Graham Carlisle

NAI Fuller Peiser – Andrew Hubbard

Keith Hamilton

Comhairligh Athghiniúna agus Bainistíochta
– Keith Reid

Comhairligh Pháirtaimseartha (PTCs)

Eoghan Brangan, Richard J. Burke, Brendan Devlin, Patricia Devlin, Jonathan Evans, Gerry Farrington, Des Fitzgerald, James J. Harney, Thomas Haugh, Jim Hearn, Dom Hegarty, Vincent Hussey, Matthew McAleese, Gerard McGlinchey, Susan McHugh, Stewart Logan, Billy Moore, Martin Nolan, Máire O'Connor, John O'Donnell, Jane O'Donoghue, Padraig Ó'Gliasáin, Tim Walsh, Michael Ward.

Comhairligh Ghairmiúla

David M. Ball, Colin Barden, Pamela Bartley, Shane Bennet, Denis Cunningham, Eugene Daly, Martin Davidson, Raymond J. Connolly, George Faller, Des Fortune, Maurice Johnson, David Kelly, Jerome Keohane, Thomas McDonald, Paddy Matthews, Don Menzies, Austin Morgan, Donal O'Callaghan, Tim Paul, Gerry Sexton, Michael Slattery, Colm Traynor.

D'fhostaigh an Bord, freisin, seirbhísí Barry Doyle agus a Chuideachta, Aturnaetha.

FINANCE

Fees

Fees are payable to the Board by parties in respect of strategic infrastructure development applications, appeals, referrals, oral hearings requests and certain other matters which are submitted to the Board for determination under the Planning, Water Pollution, Air Pollution and Building Control Acts.

Fees are also payable by certain persons/bodies other than parties, generally known as “observers”, in respect of submissions or observations made to the Board.

Gross receipts from appeal fees in 2009 amounted to €2,409,237 of which (€344,782) was refunded where appeals were found to be late or otherwise invalid. Gross receipts from strategic infrastructure development applications in 2009 amounted to €1,900,000 of which (€420,764) was refunded where the cost of processing the application was less than the fee. A provision of (€442,180) is included in the Financial Statements to reflect future refunds on applications made in 2009.

In 2009, the net receipts from fees represented about 18.3% of total expenditure (22.2% in 2008).

Income and expenditure

In 2009, total expenditure amounted to €24,172,529 while income amounted to €24,053,114 leaving a deficit for the year of €119,415. There was an incoming deficit of €205,351 which left a deficit of €324,766. The accounts are reproduced in Appendix 10. Certification under the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act, 1997 is in Appendix 7.

Members' salaries and expenses

Members of the Board may hold no other employment and are paid salaries under the PAYE system. Fees are not paid to members. A statement on Remuneration and Members' fees is in Appendix 9.

Internal Audit and Financial Control

A full time dedicated Internal Audit function is operating and appropriate procedures for financial reporting, procurement and assets disposal are being carried out. A statement on the system of Internal Financial Controls is in Appendix 8.

Corporate Governance

The new Code of Practice on the Governance of State Bodies published in June 2009 has been formally adopted by the Board. A formal analysis of compliance levels with all of the provisions of the new code has been undertaken and the Board is confident that full compliance with all relevant provisions of the code will be achieved by end 2010.

AIRGEADAS

Táillí

Tá táillí iníoctha ag páirtithe leis an mBord, maidir le hiarratais, achomhairc, atreoraithe i leith forbairtí bonneagair straitéisigh agus ábhair áirithe eile a chuirtear faoi bhráid an Bhoird lena chinneadh, agus maidir le hiarratais ar éisteacht ó bhéal faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála, Truailithe Uisce, Aertruailithe agus Rialaithe Tógála.

Tá táillí iníoctha, freisin, ag daoine/comhlachtaí áirithe, seachas páirtithe a dtugtar “breathnóirí” de ghnáth orthu, maidir le haighneachtaí nó tuairimí a cuireadh chuig an mBord.

Ba é €2,409,237 an t-ollfháltas ó tháillí achomhairc i 2009, ach aisíocadh (€344,782) ar achomhairc a cinneadh a bheith mall nó neamhbhailí ar bhealach eile. Ba é €1,900,000 an t-ollfháltas ó iarratais ar fhorbairtí bonneagair Straitéisigh i 2009, agus aisíocadh (€420,764) má bhí costas próiseála an iarratais níos lú ná an táille. Chuimsigh na Ráitis Airgeadais soláthar de (€442,180) i leith aisíocaíochtaí todhchaí ar iarratais a rinneadh i 2009.

I 2009, b'ionann na glanfháltais ó tháillí agus 18.3% den chaiteachas iomlán (22.2% i 2008).

Ioncam agus Caiteachas

I 2009, bhí caiteachas iomlán de €24,172,529 agus ioncam de €24,053,114 ann, rud a d'fhág easnamh don bhliain de €119,415. Bhí easnamh isteach de €205,351, a d'fhág easnamh de €324,766. Atáirgtear na cuntais in Aguisín 10. Tá deimhniú faoin Acht um Íoc Pras Cuntas, 1997, ar fáil in Aguisín 7.

Tuarastail agus costais na gcomhaltaí

Ní ceadmhach do chomhaltaí an Bhoird fostaíocht eile a bheith acu, agus íoctar tuarastail leo faoin gcóras ÍMAT. Ní íoctar táillí leis na comhaltaí. Tá ráiteas faoi Luach Saothair agus táillí na gComhaltaí in Aguisín 9.

Rialú Iniúcháireachta Inmheánaí agus Airgeadais

Tá córas lánaimseartha iniúcháireachta inmheánaí i bhfeidhm agus tá nósanna imeachta cuí do thuairisciú airgeadais, do sholáthar foirne agus do dhiúscairt sócmhainní i bhfeidhm freisin. Tá ráiteas faoi Rialúcháin Inmheánacha Airgeadais le fáil in Aguisín 8.

Rialachas Corparáideach

Foilsíodh an Cód Cleachtais um Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit in Iúil 2009 agus tá glactha go foirmiúil ag an mBord leis. Tugadh faoi anailís fhoirmiúil a dhéanamh ar a dhlúithe is atáthar ag cloí le forálacha uile an chóid nua, agus tá an Bord dóchasach go mbeifear ag cloí leis na forálacha ábhartha uile faoi dheireadh 2010.

Evaluation of 2009 Performance

The Board has undertaken a formal evaluation of its performance in 2009 by reference to its annual plan and budget for that year. The outcome of this evaluation is reflected in the summary set out below.

The Board's main plan of action in 2009 was to continue to focus on clearance of the backlog of cases on hand as a basis for improvement in the compliance rate with the statutory time objective for the determination of cases. At the start of 2009 the number of cases on hand was 2,636 and by the end of the year this had reduced to 1,332 (a reduction of 49%). The statutory objective compliance rate for 2008 was 23% and same improved to 26% for 2009 which indicated that clearance of the bulk of the backlog was facilitating improvement in the Board's ability to begin to return to more satisfactory levels of compliance with the objective. This improvement is also reflected in the average time taken to dispose of cases reducing from 24.3 weeks to 23.2 weeks. In order to provide a solid foundation for continued and accelerated improvement in 2010 the Board planned to reach a 50% within month compliance rate by the end of the year and this was achieved in respect of decisions made in December 2009.

The original adopted budget for 2009 was approved by An Bord Pleanála in January 2009. The Board noted that the expenditure projections did not overrun and in total expenditure was 1% less than originally budgeted. The reduction in certain expenditure items below that budgeted for arose from conscious decisions taken by management in the course of the year in response to the rapidly deteriorating situation in respect of the fee income streams. The Board discontinued the use of fee per case planning consultants in the course of the year in response to the falling intake of cases and this is reflected in Consultants Fees (the full impact of this decision is more relevant to the 2010 budget). The budget situation in 2009 was most significantly affected by the decrease in the intake of all cases (32% reduction on 2008) and a consequent reduction in fee income and associated cost recoupment (a drop of over €2m from the original budget estimate). The pace of deterioration in the general economic climate and, in particular, in the construction sector was not fully appreciated in January 2009. However the Board is satisfied that reviews of the projections for case intake and fee income were prudently undertaken in the course of the year and led to measures to curtail expenditure in order to protect budgetary integrity as far as possible.

The Board is satisfied that there was significant and satisfactory progress made in 2009 in respect of compliance with its overall plan for the year. Adherence to the projections indicated in the 2009 budget was compromised by the difficulty in predicting the extent of the downturn in the economy and the consequent degree of impact of this on the Board's fee income streams.

Measúnú ar Fheidhmíocht in 2009

Rinne an Bord measúnú foirmiúil ar a fheidhmíocht in 2009 trí chomparáid a dhéanamh lena phlean bliantúil agus lena bhuiséad don bhliain sin. Léirítear torthaí an mheasúnaithe sin san achoimre thíos.

Ba é mórsprioc an Bhoird do 2009 ná leanúint de bheith ag cur an riaráiste cásanna de láimh d'fhonn cásanna a chinneadh laistigh den spriochthréimhse reachtúil níos minice. Ag tús 2009, ba é líon na gcásanna a bhí ann ná 2,636 agus faoi dheireadh na bliana bhí laghdú tagtha air sin go 1,332 (laghdú 49%). Ráta 23% a bhí ann ó thaobh bheith ag cloí leis an spriochthréimhse reachtúil in 2008 agus cuireadh feabhas air sin go 26% in 2009. Léiríonn sé sin gurbh fhusa don Bhord cloí leis an spriochthréimhse tar éis cuid den riaráiste cásanna a chur de láimh. Is féidir an feabhas céanna a shonrú ar an meán-am a thóg sé ar an mBord cásanna a chur de láimh: ó 24.3 seachtain go 23.2 seachtain. Ionas go bhféadfaí leanúint den fheabhsú seo in 2010 agus é a dhéanamh níos sciobtha, bheartaigh an Bord ar 50% de chásanna a chinneadh laistigh de mhí amháin faoi dheireadh na bliana. Baineadh sin amach le haghaidh na cinntí a rinneadh i mí na Nollag 2009.

In Eanáir 2009, d'fhaomh an Bord Pleanála an buiséad tosaigh a glacadh. Thug an Bord faoi deara nár sáraíodh na meastacháin chaiteachais sa bhuiséad agus bhí iomlán an chaiteachais 1% níos lú ná mar a bhí sa bhuiséad sin. Ba éard ba chúis leis an laghdú a tháinig ar mhíreanna áirithe den chaiteachas i gcomparáid leis an méid a measadh sa bhuiséad ná cinntí coinsiasacha a rinne an lucht bainistíochta le linn na bliana chun déileáil leis an laghdú suntasach a bhí na teacht ar ioncam ó tháillí. Le linn na bliana, staon an Bord de bheith ag úsáid comhairleoirí pleanála a íocadh in aghaidh an cháis toisc an laghdú a tháinig ar iontógáil cásanna. Is léir sin ó Tháillí Comhairleoirí (is mó a bhaineann tionchar iomlán an chinnidh sin leis an mbuiséad do 2010). Ba é ba mhó a chuir isteach ar an mbuiséad do 2009 ná an laghdú a tháinig ar líon na gcásanna a glacadh (laghdú 32% ar líon 2008). Dá thoradh sin, tháinig laghdú ar ioncam ó tháillí agus ar aisghabháil chostas a ghabhann leis sin (laghdú níos mó ná €2 milliún a bhí ann ar an meastachán a bhí sa bhuiséad ar dtús). In Eanáir 2009, níor tuigeadh i gceart a sciobtha is a bhí na cúinsí airgeadais agus an earnáil tógála go háirithe ag dul in olcas. Ina ainneoin sin, tá an Bord sásta go rinneadh na hathbheithnithe ar mheastacháin ar iontógáil cásanna agus ar ioncam ó tháillí go cúramach le linn na bliana agus, dá dtoradh, go nglacadh bearta chun caiteachas a laghdú d'fhonn an buiséad a chosaint chomh fada agus ab fhéidir.

Maidir le mórfheallan an Bhoird a bhaint amach, tá an Bord sásta go ndearnadh dul chun cinn suntasach sásúil le linn na bliana. Toisc a dheacra is a bhí sé meath an gheilleagair a thuar agus toisc an tionchar a d'imir an meath sin ar an ioncam a fuair an Bord ó tháillí, ba dheacair cloí leis na meastacháin a rinneadh sa bhuiséad do 2009.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

During 2009, High Court judicial review proceedings arising from the Board's decisions and procedures in relation to appeals and other matters were instituted in 16 cases. In the course of the year proceedings were discontinued, dismissed or withdrawn against the Board in 16 cases. Leave applications for judicial review were refused in 5 cases.

In 2009 High Court Judgments were given in 14 substantive cases, 12 of which went in favour of the Board and 2 against. In addition the Board consented to the quashing of one of its orders where a procedural defect was identified.

There were no judgments issued by the Supreme Court.

Access to Information

The Planning Acts, the Freedom of Information Act and Access to Information on the Environment Regulations provide for access to certain information on the Board's operations. Casework files are available for inspection free of charge on the third working day after the case is decided and copies of documents can be purchased. The Board's decision order and direction and the Inspector's report are also available on the Board's website.

The number of public access requests for casework files was 1,145 in 2009.

Further information on the above is available from the Board and on its website. Figure 15 gives a breakdown of the requests made under the Freedom of Information Act.

IMEACHTAÍ DLÍ

Le linn 2009, tionscnaíodh imeachtaí athbhreithnithe bhreithiúnaigh san Ard-Chúirt i 16 chás, imeachtaí a d'eascair as cinní agus as gnáthaimh an Bhoird maidir le hachomhairc agus ábhair eile. I gcaitheamh na bliana, scoradh, díbheadh nó aistarraingíodh imeachtaí in aghaidh an Bhoird i 16 chás. Diúltaíodh d'iarraais ar chead chun athbhreithniú breithiúnach a thionscnamh i 5 chás.

In 2009, thug an Ard-Chúirt breithiúnais i 14 chás shubstainteacha, 12 cheann acu i bhfabhar an Bhoird agus dhá cheann ina choinne. Ina theannta sin, thoiligh an Bord le hordú amháin dá chuid a neamhniú tar éis locht a aithint ar na gnáthaimh.

Níor eisigh an Chúirt Uachtarach aon bhreithiúnas.

Rochtain ar Fhaisnéis

Sna hAchtanna Pleanála, san Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise agus sna Rialacháin um Rochtain ar Fhaisnéis Chomhshaoil, foráiltear go mbeidh rochtain ar fhaisnéis áirithe faoi oibriúcháin an Bhoird. Bíonn comhaid chásoibre ar fáil le hiniúchadh saor in aisce ar an tríú lá oibre tar éis chinneadh an cháis agus is féidir cóipeanna de na cáipéisí a cheannach. Bíonn ordú agus treoir chinneadh an Bhoird, chomh maith le tuarascáil an Chigire, ar fáil ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird freisin.

Rinneadh 1,145 iarratas ar rochtain phoiblí a fháil ar chomhaid chásoibre in 2009.

Tá tuilleadh eolais faoin méid thuas le fáil ón mBord féin agus ar a shuíomh gréasáin. Tugann Figiúr 15 miondealú ar na hiarraais a rinneadh faoin Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise.

FIGURE 15
Freedom of Information – Breakdown of requests

On hands at start of year	Ar láimh ag tosach na bliana
Requests received	Iarratais faighte
Granted/Partially granted	Tugtha/Tugtha i bpáirt
Withdrawn or dealt with outside FOI	Aistarraingthe nó déileáilte le lasmuigh de SF
Refused	Diúltaithe
On hands at end of year	Ar láimh ag deireadh na bliana

FIGIÚR 15
Saoráil Faisnéise – Miondealú ar Iarratais

	2009	2008
On hands at start of year	0	2
Requests received	16	15
Granted/Partially granted	6	1
Withdrawn or dealt with outside FOI	0	6
Refused	10	8
On hands at end of year	0	0

CUSTOMER SERVICES/COMPLAINTS

SEIRBHÍSÍ/GEARÁIN CUSTAIMÉARA



In accordance with our Customer Service Action Plan, the Board has a system of dealing with enquiries about the quality of service provided and other issues of interest to the general public, and to analyse and measure the number of complaints or queries received. Our system is not designed to provide a further appeal against our decision on the planning appeal.

In 2009, the Board received 290 letters in relation to decided cases and replied to 285. The total number of response letters issued on decided cases in 2009 was 387. This figure includes responses to letters received in 2008 and other miscellaneous correspondence relating to decided cases.

The nature of the correspondence was varied. The following breakdown is based on the main reason for a contact. It is designed to illustrate the main reasons for correspondence, but it is often the case that the correspondence contains elements of several types of contact. For example, queries where interpretation and enforcement are involved.

Number of cases disputing decision	91
Number of cases requiring interpretation	31
Number of cases regarding enforcement issues	54*
Number of cases regarding miscellaneous issues	114

Faoi mar a shonraítear inár bPlean Gníomhaíochta um Sheirbhísí do Chustaiméirí, tá córas ag an mBord le déileáil le fiosrúcháin a dhéantar faoi chaighdeán na seirbhísí a sholáthraítear agus le déileáil le haon ábhar eile a bhfuil suim ag an bpobal ann. Déanann an córas anailís agus tomhas ar líon na ngearán agus líon na bhfiosrúcháin a fhaightear freisin. Níl sé i gceist leis an gcóras achomharc breise a thionscnamh i gcoinne aon chinnidh a dhéantar faoi achomhairc phleanála.

In 2009, fuair an Bord 290 litir faoi chásanna a cinneadh agus d'fhreagair sé 285 ceann acu. Freagraíodh 387 litir san iomlán faoi chásanna a cinneadh in 2009. Áirítear leis an uimhir sin freagraí ar litreacha a fuarthas in 2008 agus comhfhreagras éagsúil eile a bhaineann le cásanna a cinneadh.

Bhí ábhair éagsúla i gceist leis an gcomhfhreagras. Tá an miondealú seo a leanas bunaithe ar na príomhchúiseanna a bhí le teagmháil a dhéanamh. Ceapadh é chun léiriú a thabhairt ar na príomhchúiseanna a bhíonn le comhfhreagras a dhéanamh, ach is minic a bhíonn roinnt cúiseanna leis an gcomhfhreagras. Mar shampla, tá fiosruithe ann a bhaineann le léirmhíniú agus le forfheidhmiú araon.

Líon cásanna a agóideann in aghaidh cinnidh:	91
Líon cásanna a éilíonn léirmhíniú:	31
Líon cásanna faoi shaincheistean forghníomhaithe:	54*
Líon cásanna faoi shaincheistean ilghnéitheacha:	114

CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES

COMHAIRLE LE COMHLACHTAÍ EILE



- * Note that the Board is often contacted about cases where a person considers that the Board's decision is not being correctly implemented. This is a matter for the planning authority as the Board has no role in enforcement matters. As the Board can only direct the person to the planning authority with such queries, anyone with an interest in such matters should contact the planning authority directly.

The Board is obliged to keep itself informed of the policies of certain bodies whose functions have a bearing on proper planning and sustainable development. These include Ministers of the Government and planning authorities.

The Board continued its ongoing practice of maintaining contact with public authorities and other representative organisations whose functions impact on the planning process. During 2009, the Board met with the Irish Home Builders Association (IHBA), Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA), Industrial Development Ireland (IDA), Irish Planning Institute (IPI), Infrastructural Planning Commission England, and Joint Committee on the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

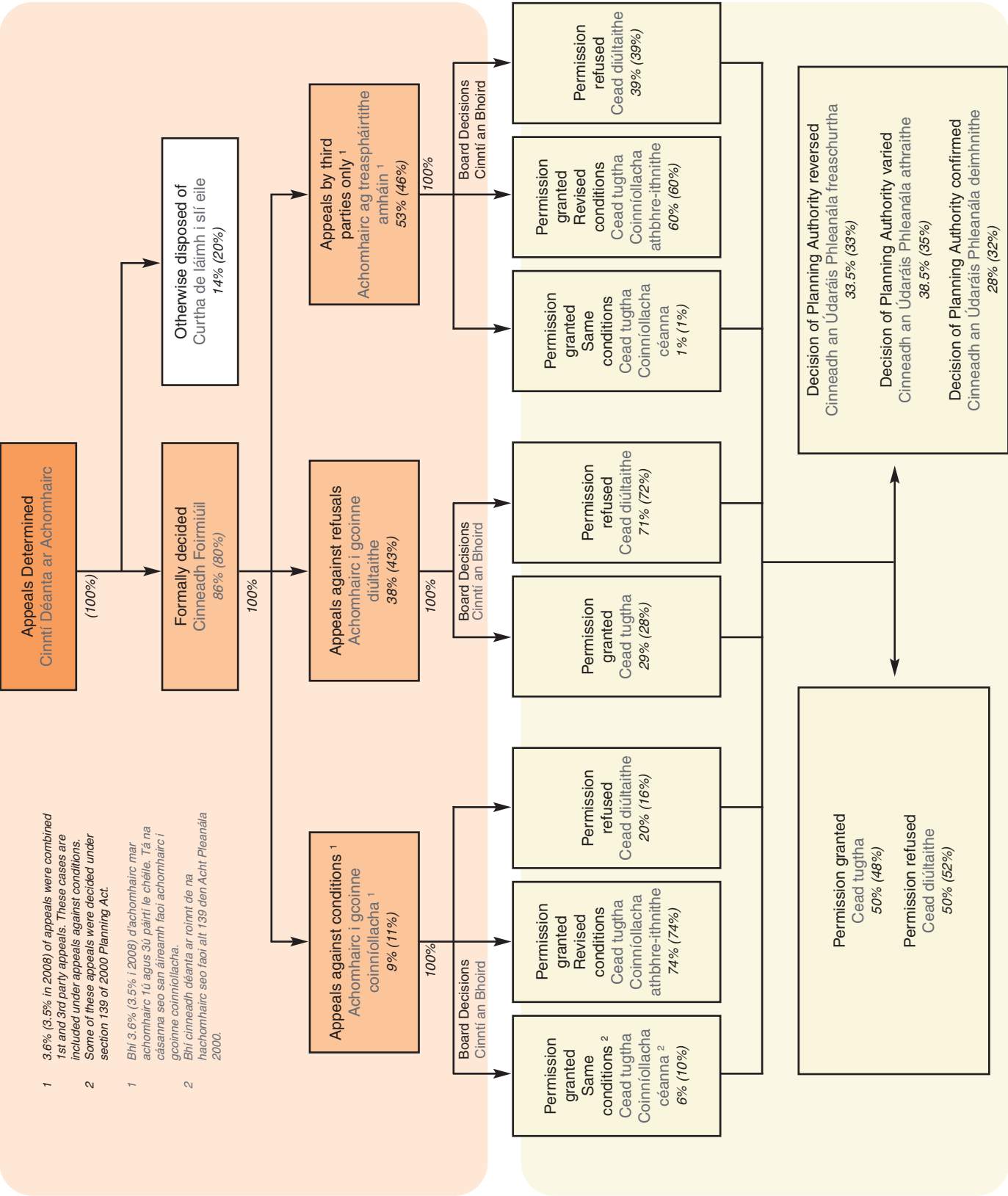
- * Tabhair faoi deara go ndéantar teagmháil leis an mBord go minic faoi chásanna mar a mheasann duine nach bhfuil cinneadh an Bhoird á fhorfheidhmiú i gceart. Is ceist í seo don údarás pleanála, óir níl ról ar bith ag an mBord i gcúrsaí forghníomhaithe. Ós rud é nach féidir leis an mBord ach duine a threorú chuig an údarás pleanála le fiosruithe dá shórt, is cóir don duine a bhfuil leas acu i gcúrsaí mar iad, teagmháil dhíreach a dhéanamh leis an údarás pleanála.

Tá sé de dhualgas ar an mBord a bheith ar an eolas i gcónaí faoi bheartais chomhlachtaí áirithe a bhfuil tionchar acu ar phleanáil chuí agus ar fhorbairt inbhuanaithe. Orthu seo tá Airí an Rialtais agus údarais phleanála.

Lean an Bord dá chleachtas leanúnach maidir le teagmháil a choinneáil le húdarais phoiblí agus le heagraíochtaí eile ionadaíocha a mbíonn tionchar ag a bhfeidhmeanna ar an bpróiseas pleanála. Le linn 2009, bhuaill an Bord leis an Irish Home Builders Association (IHBA), leis an Irish Wind Energy Association (IWEA), leis an Údarás Forbartha Tionscail (IDA), le hInstitiúid Pleanála na hÉireann (IPI), leis an Infrastructure Planning Commission i Sasana agus leis an gComhastracht um Chomhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil.

APPENDIX 1
ANALYSIS OF NORMAL PLANNING
APPEAL DECISIONS

AGUISÍN 1
ANAILÍS AR GHNÁTH CHINNTÍ
ACHOMHAIRC PHLEANÁLA



APPENDIX 2:

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Normal planning appeals received and decided by area in 2009
 Gnáth achomhairc phleanála faighte agus cinneadh déanta ortha de réir cheantair i 2009

County Area ¹	Contae	(1) Méid Cinntí déanta ag údarás pleanála ²	(2) Méid cinntí achomharc don Bhord	(3) % de chinntí faoi achomharc	(4) Cinntí achomhartha mar % de gach achomharc don Bhord	(5) % de chinntí an údaráis phleanála deimhnithe ag an mBord	(6) % de chinntí an údaráis phleanála athraithe ag an mBord	(7) % de chinntí an údaráis phleanála freaschuirthe ag an mBord
		(1) No. of decisions made by planning authority ²	(2) No. of decisions appealed to Board	(3) % of decisions appealed	(4) Decisions appealed as a % of all appeals to Board	(5) % of planning authority decisions confirmed by Board	(6) % of planning authority decisions varied by Board	(7) % of planning authority decisions reversed by Board
Carlow	Ceatharlach	490	41	8.4%	1.2%	10.0%	52.5%	37.5%
Cavan	An Cabhán	733	45	6.1%	1.3%	25.0%	36.4%	38.6%
Clare	An Clár	1,299	94	7.2%	2.7%	36.6%	34.7%	28.7%
Cork	Corcaigh	4,474	295	6.6%	8.6%	18.4%	43.9%	37.7%
Donegal	Dún na nGall	2,451	112	4.6%	3.3%	11.2%	29.3%	59.5%
Dun Laoghaire/ Rathdown	Dún Laoghaire/ Ráth an Dúin	1,380	260	18.8%	7.6%	38.8%	31.3%	29.9%
Fingal	Fine Gall	1,201	182	15.2%	5.3%	46.6%	25.9%	27.6%
Galway	Gaillimh	2,167	122	5.6%	3.5%	14.4%	38.8%	46.8%
Kerry	Ciarraí	1,661	169	10.2%	4.9%	29.7%	41.7%	28.6%
Kildare	Cill Dara	1,510	152	10.1%	4.4%	34.7%	37.4%	27.9%
Kilkenny	Cill Chainnigh	941	53	5.6%	1.5%	26.2%	45.9%	27.9%
Laois	Laois	613	37	6.0%	1.1%	22.5%	40.0%	37.5%
Leitrim	Liatroim	415	28	6.7%	0.8%	27.6%	31.0%	41.4%
Limerick	Luimneach	1,181	81	6.9%	2.4%	30.7%	32.7%	36.6%
Longford	An Longfort	360	30	8.3%	0.9%	12.0%	40.0%	48.0%
Louth	Lú	1,030	98	9.5%	2.9%	21.0%	51.4%	27.6%
Mayo	Maigh Eo	1,387	98	7.1%	2.9%	29.4%	38.5%	32.1%
Meath	An Mhí	1,595	100	6.3%	2.9%	38.2%	29.3%	32.5%
Monaghan	Muineachán	714	30	4.2%	0.9%	31.4%	40.0%	28.6%
North Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh	658	42	6.4%	1.2%	44.0%	30.0%	26.0%
Offaly	Uíbh Fhailí	577	45	7.8%	1.3%	23.7%	44.1%	32.2%
Roscommon	Ros Comáin	657	58	8.8%	1.7%	8.9%	37.8%	53.3%
Sligo	Sligeach	651	44	6.8%	1.3%	22.7%	50.0%	27.3%
South Dublin	Áth Cliath Theas	859	110	12.8%	3.2%	36.1%	33.3%	30.6%
South Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Theas	784	60	7.7%	1.7%	17.5%	42.9%	39.7%
Waterford	Port Láirge	718	83	11.6%	2.4%	16.5%	39.2%	44.3%
Westmeath	An Iarmhí	659	51	7.7%	1.5%	28.2%	29.5%	42.3%
Wexford	Loch Garman	1,838	91	5.0%	2.6%	11.2%	50.0%	38.8%
Wicklow	Cill Mhantáin	1,292	210	14.1%	6.1%	35.1%	28.7%	36.1%
City	Cathair							
Cork	Corcaigh	585	86	14.7%	2.5%	29.7%	48.4%	22.0%
Dublin	Baile Átha Cliath	2,268	414	18.3%	12.0%	27.1%	45.1%	27.7%
Galway	Gaillimh	475	61	12.8%	1.8%	25.4%	41.8%	32.8%
Limerick	Luimneach	285	32	11.2%	0.9%	20.0%	48.6%	31.4%
Waterford	Port Láirge	215	24	11.2%	0.7%	15.4%	57.7%	26.9%
Total	Iomlán	38,123	3,438	9.0%	100.0%	28.0%	38.5%	33.5%

1. 'Area' is a county planning authority and all other planning authorities in that area except city councils.
 2. Figures of decisions made by planning authorities courtesy of the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government.
1. 'Ceantar' is ea údarás phleanála contae agus aon údarás phleanála sa cheantar sin ach amháin comhairlí cathrach.
 2. Figiúirí ar chinntí déanta ag údaráis phleanála le caoinchead ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

APPENDIX 3

AGUISÍN 3

Normal planning appeals received by development category/area																
Gnáth achomhairc phleanála faighte de réir catagóire/ceantair forbartha																
County	Contae	Agriculture	Comm Fac	Education	Industry	Leis/Sport	Residential	Transport	Utilities	Wholesale	Mixed	Signs	Other	Retail	Misc	Total
Carlow	Ceatharlach	3	0	0	1	2	18	0	0	0	7	0	3	7	0	41
Cavan	An Cabhán	1	2	1	3	0	25	1	6	0	2	0	0	3	1	45
Clare	An Clár	2	2	0	1	1	68	4	4	0	4	0	1	6	1	94
Cork	Corcaigh	15	5	0	9	4	194	2	12	1	20	0	6	23	4	295
Donegal	Dún na nGall	4	2	1	3	2	85	1	6	0	2	1	0	5	0	112
Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown	Dún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin	0	12	1	1	4	206	1	2	0	12	2	3	14	2	260
Fingal	Fine Gall	1	2	2	3	2	129	5	5	2	11	1	4	13	2	182
Galway	Gaillimh	7	2	1	10	3	62	3	13	1	5	0	1	13	1	122
Kerry	Ciarraí	1	4	1	4	7	97	0	23	0	15	1	1	14	1	169
Kildare	Cill Dara	5	2	2	14	10	71	6	4	0	19	0	3	15	1	152
Kilkenny	Cill Chainnigh	1	3	0	4	1	29	0	0	0	8	1	0	6	0	53
Laois	Laois	2	0	0	5	0	18	0	2	0	2	0	0	8	0	37
Leitrim	Liatroim	2	0	0	0	1	20	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	28
Limerick	Luimneach	0	1	1	5	2	50	0	6	0	8	1	1	6	0	81
Longford	An Longfort	3	0	0	0	2	15	0	2	0	0	0	0	8	0	30
Louth	Lú	2	1	1	1	2	54	3	4	0	13	3	3	8	3	98
Mayo	Maigh Eo	6	0	1	7	1	52	0	13	1	5	0	1	11	0	98
Meath	An Mhí	8	1	0	8	3	55	0	3	0	14	1	1	6	0	100
Monaghan	Muineachán	3	1	0	0	1	17	1	3	0	1	0	0	2	1	30
North Tipp	Tiobraid Árann Thuaid	2	2	1	3	0	19	0	1	0	6	0	1	7	0	42
Offaly	Uíbh Fhailí	2	1	0	7	1	18	1	8	0	2	0	0	5	0	45
Roscommon	Ros Comáin	1	0	0	5	4	31	2	4	0	5	0	1	5	0	58
Sligo	Sligeach	0	2	0	2	2	26	1	2	0	4	0	1	2	2	44
Sth Dublin	Áth Cliath Theas	0	4	1	5	2	69	3	7	0	7	1	2	8	1	110
South Tipp	Tiobraid Árann Theas	4	1	0	2	0	27	0	6	0	8	0	0	10	2	60
Waterford	Port Láirge	5	0	0	2	0	55	0	4	0	5	0	0	9	3	83
Westmeath	An Iarmhí	2	0	0	2	2	29	1	5	0	4	1	0	5	0	51
Wexford	Loch Garman	3	1	0	6	4	56	1	6	0	4	0	1	9	0	91
Wicklow	Cill Mhantáin	3	8	1	9	5	147	5	6	0	8	1	0	16	1	210
City	Cathair															
Cork	Corcaigh	0	5	0	0	1	47	2	5	0	16	2	2	6	0	86
Dublin	Baile Átha Cliath	0	11	12	1	4	266	4	5	0	41	5	19	38	8	414
Galway	Gaillimh	1	3	3	1	2	40	0	1	0	0	2	3	4	1	61
Limerick	Luimneach	0	1	1	0	3	11	0	0	0	3	0	2	11	0	32
Waterford	Port Láirge	0	0	1	0	0	10	1	1	2	6	0	0	3	0	24
Total	Iomlán	89	79	32	124	78	2,116	48	171	7	267	24	60	308	35	3,438
Note:		Figures shown under 'Residential' in this Appendix includes units in hostels, hotels, nursing homes and similar types of accommodation. Residential units may also be included under other development categories e.g. under 'Mixed'.														
Nóta:		San áireamh sna figiúirí taispeánta faoi 'Cónaitheach' san Aguisín seo tá brúnna, óstáin, tithe altranaís agus a leithéid de lóistín. D'fhéadfadh aonaid chónaithe a bheith san áireamh chomh maith faoi chatagóir forbartha eile m.sh. faoi 'Measctha'.														

APPENDIX 4

AGUISÍN 4

Achoimre do gach cás curtha de láimh trí thagairt do sprioc thréimhse reachtúil

Gnáth Achomhairc Phleanála				Iarratais Forbartha i leith Bonneagair Straitéisigh			Gach Cás Eile			Iomlán na gcásanna		
Bliain	A	B	% Laistigh den Sprioc Thréimhse Reachtúil ¹	A	B	% Laistigh den Sprioc Thréimhse Reachtúil ¹	A	B	% Laistigh den Sprioc Thréimhse Reachtúil ¹	A	B	% Laistigh den Sprioc Thréimhse Reachtúil ¹

Summary of all cases disposed of by reference to statutory objective period

Normal Planning Appeals				Strategic Infrastructure Development Applications			All Other Cases			Total Cases		
Year	A	B	% Within Statutory Objective Period ¹	A	B	% Within Statutory Objective Period ¹	A	B	% Within Statutory Objective Period ¹	A	B	% Within Statutory Objective Period ¹
1999	2,097	2,442	46%	-	-	-	45	31	59%	2,155	2,478	47%
2000	2,236	2,500	47%	-	-	-	26	42	38%	2,282	2,551	47%
2001	1,403	3,477	29%	-	-	-	60	64	48%	1,482	3,567	29%
2002	1,957	3,637	35%	-	-	-	91	66	58%	2,068	3,736	36%
2003	3,278	1,167	74%	-	-	-	219	59	79%	3,526	1,256	74%
2004	3,995	670	86%	-	-	-	271	50	84%	4,357	754	85%
2005	3,879	1,085	78%	-	-	-	233	58	80%	4,210	1,177	78%
2006	2,660	2,543	51%	-	-	-	194	118	62%	2,934	2,694	52%
2007	2,647	2,997	47%	56	39	40%	255	135	65%	2,980	3,183	48%
2008	1,056	4,133	20%	11	18	38%	167	285	37%	1,306	4,495	23%
2009	1,113	3,526	24%	5	26	16%	155	184	46%	1,312	3,778	26%

Notes:

A Number disposed of within statutory objective periods.

B Number not disposed of within statutory objective periods.

¹ The statutory objective period is 18 weeks in the case of appeals, referrals and certain local authority project cases received by the Board under the 2000 Act, and 4 months in the case of appeals and other cases under the 1963 to 1999 Planning Acts, the Building Control Act and the Water Pollution Acts. A statutory objective period does not apply to certain cases. This figure is for all Strategic Infrastructure Development application cases formally decided.

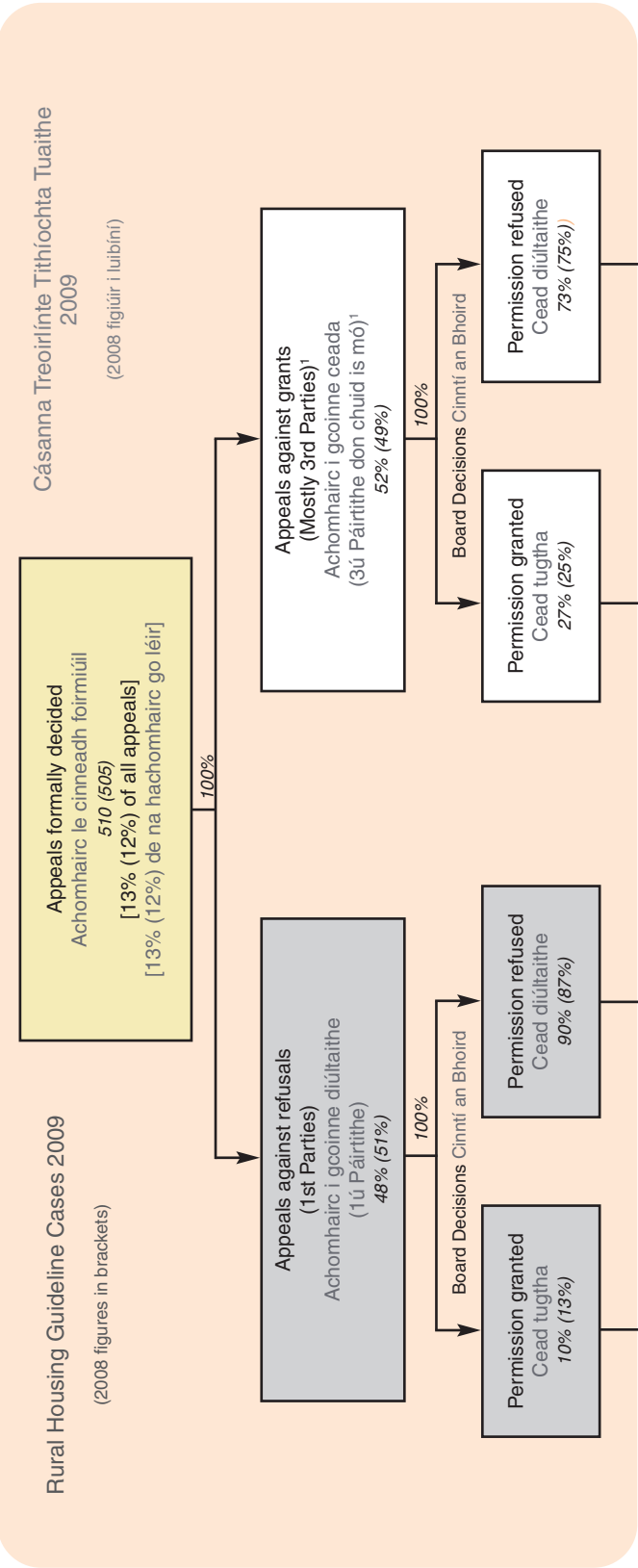
Nótaí:

A An méid curtha de láimh laistigh de sprioc thréimhsí reachtúla.

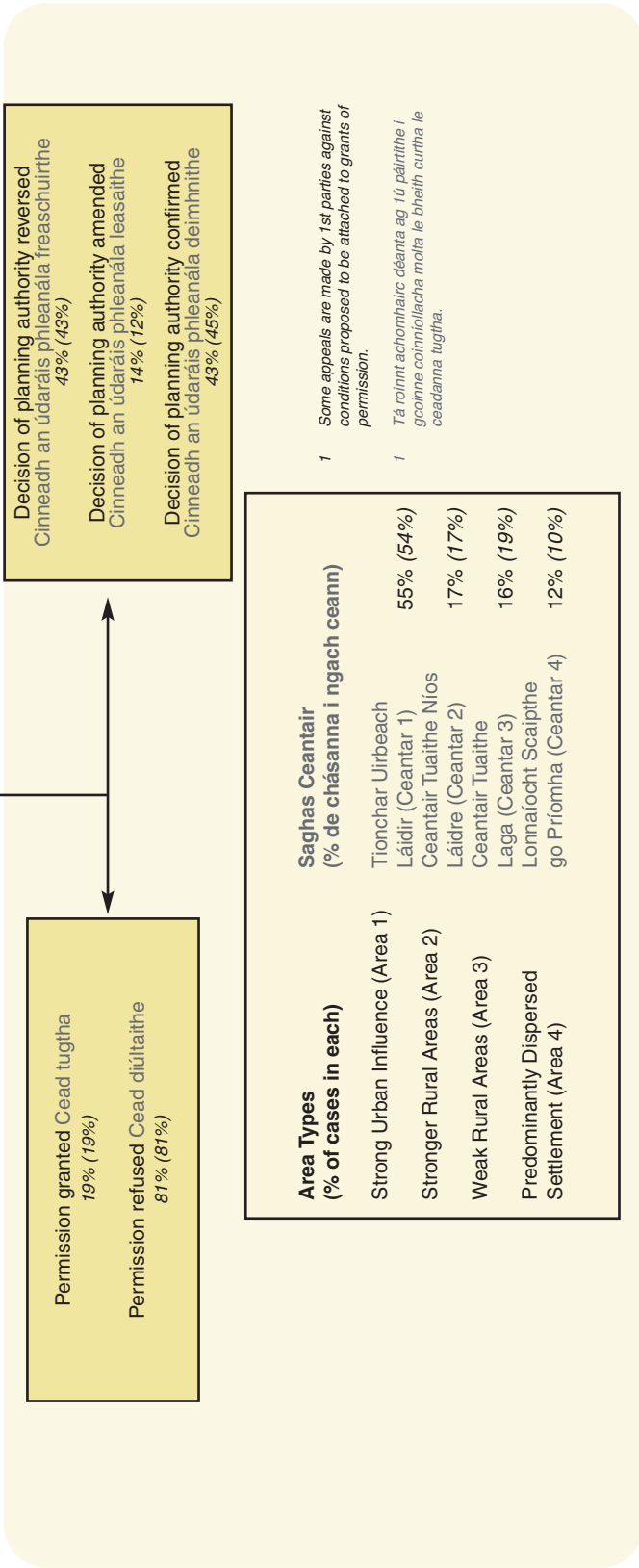
B An méid nach bhfuil curtha de láimh laistigh de sprioc thréimhsí reachtúla.

¹ Is é an sprioc thréimhse reachtúil ná 18 seachtain i gcás achomhairc, tarchuir agus tionscadail na n-údarás áitiúil faighte ag an mBord faoin Acht 2000 agus 4 mí i gcás achomhairc agus cásanna eile faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála 1963 go 1999, faoin Acht um Rialú Foirgníochta agus faoi na hAchtanna um Thruailliú Uisce. Ní bhaineann sprioc thréimhse reachtúil le cásanna áirithe. Baineann an figiúr seo leis na hiarratais Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéiseach uile a cinneadh go foirmeálta.

APPENDIX 5
ANALYSIS OF RURAL HOUSING
GUIDELINE DECISIONS

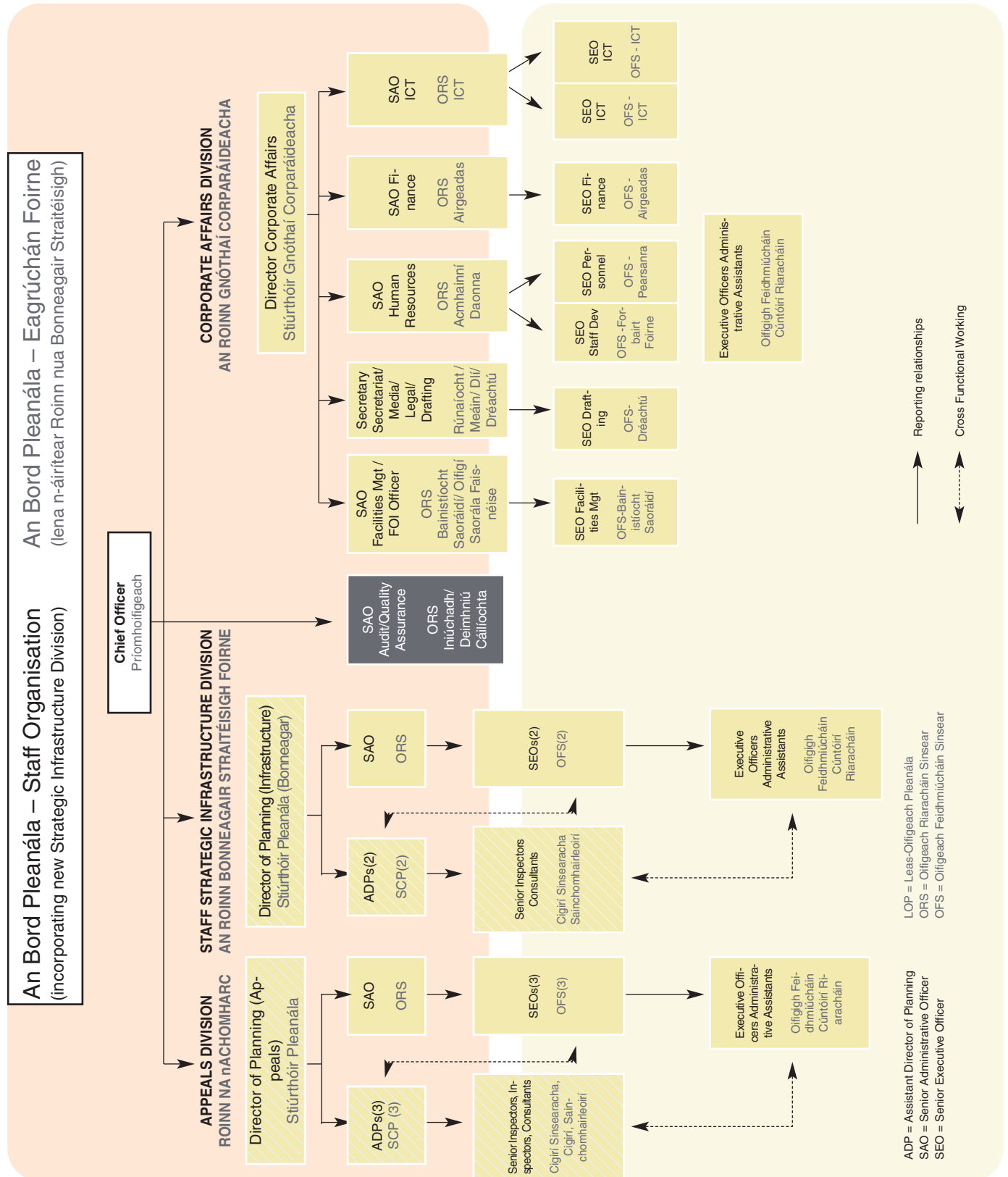


AGUISÍN 5
ANAILÍS AR CHINNTÍ AR
THITHÍOCHT TUAITHE
TREOIRLÍNTE



APPENDIX 6 ORGANISATIONAL CHART

AGUISÍN 6 EAGRÚCHAIN FOIRNE



APPENDIX 7

PROMPT PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS ACT 1997

The Board comes within the scope of the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997, as amended by the European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations 2002. The payment practices of the Board are reported on below for the year ended 31 December 2009 in accordance with section 12 of the Act.

1. It is the Board's policy to comply with the relevant provisions of the Act and, in particular, to ensure that all invoices are paid promptly. Specific procedures are in place that enable it to track all invoices and ensure that payments are made before the due date. Invoices are registered daily and payments are made as required to ensure timely payments. In 2009, the Board did not set or agree payment periods outside the terms of the Act.
2. The system of internal control incorporates such controls and procedures as are considered necessary to ensure compliance with the Act. This system includes accounting and computer controls designed to ensure the identification of invoices and contracts for payment within the payment periods required by the Act. Reports are produced that identify unpaid outstanding invoices and these reports are reviewed regularly at a senior level.
3. The procedures referred to at 1 and 2 above are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material non-compliance with the Act. The Board is satisfied that its procedures have operated adequately in the main and that no remedial action is required.

AGUISÍN 7

AN TACHT UM ÍOC PRAS CUNTAS 1997

Tagann an Bord laistigh de réimse an Achta um Íoc Pras Cuntas 1997, mar atá leasuithe ag Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Íocaíocht Déanach in Idirbhearta Tráchtála) 2002. Tá cleachtais íocaíochta an Bhoird tuairiscithe thíos don bhliain dár críoch 31 Nollaig 2009 de réir alt 12 den Acht.

1. Is é polasaí an Bhoird géilleadh do fhorálacha ábhartha an Achta agus, go háirithe, a chinntiú go ndíoltar sonraisc go pras. Tá gnáthaimh áirithe ar bun a chuireann ar a gcumas sonraisc a rianú lena chinntiú go ndéantar íocaíochtaí roimh an dáta dlite. Cláraítear sonraisc go laethúil agus déantar íocaíochtaí mar is gá lena chinntiú go bhfuil íocaíochtaí tráthúla déanta. I 2009, níor eagraigh nó níor aontaigh an Bord tréimhsí íocaíochta lasmuigh de théarmaí an Achta.
2. Ionchorpraíonn an córas rialaithe inmheánach na rialúcháin agus ghnáthaimh atá riachtanach chun géilleadh don Acht a chinntiú. San áireamh leis an gcóras seo tá rialúcháin ríomhaireachta agus cuntasáíochta, atá ceaptha chun sonraisc agus conarthaí iníoctha a aithint laistigh de na tréimhsí íocaíochta atá riachtanach faoin Acht. Cuirtear tuairiscí ar fáil a aithníonn sonraisc gan íoc agus athbhreithnítear na tuairiscí seo go rialta ag leibhéal sinsearach.
3. Tá na nósanna gnáthaimh a bhfuil tagairt dóibh ag 1 agus 2 thuas ceaptha chun deimhniú réasúnta seachas iomlán a thabhairt in aghaidh neamh-ghéilliúlacht don Acht. Tá an Bord sásta go n-oibríonn a chuid ghnáthaimh go leormhaith tríd is tríd agus nach bhfuil gá le haon ghníomhaíocht feabhais.

4. The average delay in making payments, after the statutory period of 30 days, was 31 days. Under Article 3(2)(b) of the above regulations when the interest is less than €5.00 the regulations do not apply.

A detailed review of the records for the year reveals the following:

○ Total number of late payments in excess of €320	1
○ Total value of late payments in excess of €320	€5,069.00
○ Total value of all late payments (A)	€5,069.00
○ Total value of all payments (B)	€8,206,460.00
○ (A) as a % of (B)	0.0006%
○ Total amount of interest paid on late payments	€0.00

Since 1 January 2009 there have been no material developments insofar as the Board's compliance with the Act is concerned.

4. Ba é an meánmhoill ag déanamh íocaíochtaí, tar éis na tréimhse reachtúla de 30 lá, ná 31 lá. Faoi Alt 3(2)(b) de na rialúcháin thuas, nuair atá an t-ús níos lú ná €5.00, ní fheidhmíonn na rialúcháin. Nochtann mionathbhreithniú ar thaifid na bliana an méid seo a leanas:

Taispeánann athbhreithniú sonracha ar thaifid na bliana é seo a leanas:

○ Líon iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí déanacha de bhreis ar €320	1
○ Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí déanacha de bhreis ar €320	€5,069.00
○ Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí déanacha (A)	€5,069.00
○ Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí (B)	€8,206,460.00
○ (A) mar % de (B)	0.0006%
○ Méid an úis iomláin a íocadh ar íocaíochtaí déanacha	€0.00

Ó 1 Eanáir 2009 ní raibh aon fhabhraíocht ábhartha maidir le géilliúlacht an Bhoird don Acht.

APPENDIX 8 STATEMENT ON SYSTEM OF INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROL

Responsibility for System of Internal Financial Control

On behalf of the Board of An Bord Pleanála, I acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated.

The system can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected in a timely period.

Key Control Procedures

The Board has taken steps to ensure an appropriate control environment by:

- clearly defining management responsibilities;
- establishing formal procedures for reporting significant control failures and ensuring appropriate corrective action.

The Board established a process to identify and evaluate business risks by

- identifying the nature, extent and financial implications of risks facing the body including the extent and categories which it regards as acceptable;
- assessing the likelihood of identified risks occurring;

The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information, administrative procedures including segregation of duties, and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular it includes:

- a comprehensive budgeting system with an annual budget which is reviewed and agreed by Board members;
- regular reviews by the management committee of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against forecasts;
- review by the Board members of annual financial estimates and financial reports
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined capital investment control guidelines;

AGUISÍN 8 RÁITEAS FAOI RIALÚ INMHEÁNACH AIRGEADAIS

Freagracht as an gCóras Rialaithe Inmheánaigh Airgeadais

Thar ceann Bhord an Bhoird Phleanála, admhaím go bhfuil dualgas orainn a chinntiú go bhfuil córas éifeachtach rialaithe inmheánaigh airgeadais á choimeád agus á fheidhmiú.

Ní féidir leis an gcóras ach deimhniú réasúnta, seachas deimhniú iomlán, a sholáthar go bhfuil sócmhainní á gcosaint, idirbhearta údaraithe agus taifeadta go cuí, agus go gcosctar nó go mbraitear dearmadaí laistigh de thréimhse tráthúil.

Príomh-Imeachtaí Rialaithe

Ghlac an Bord na bearta seo a leanas a dhéanamh le cinntiú go bhfuil córas cuí rialaithe i bhfeidhm:

- cúraimí bainistíochta a shainmhíniú go soiléir;
- gnáthaimh fhoirmeálta a bhunú chun mórtheipeanna rialaithe a thuairisciú agus cuighníomh ceartaitheach a chinntiú.

Tá próiseas curtha ar bun ag an mBord chun rioscaí gnó a aithint agus a mheas trí na bearta seo a leanas a dhéanamh:

- nádúir, méid agus impleachtaí airgeadais na rioscaí don chomhlacht a shainmhíniú, lena n-áirítear an méid agus na catagóirí a mheasann sé a bheith inghlactha;
- an dealraitheacht go dtarlódh rioscaí sainaitheanta a mheas;

Tá an córas rialaithe inmheánaigh airgeadais bunaithe ar chreat eolais rialta faoi bhainistíocht, faoi ghnáthaimh riaracháin a chuimsíonn leithscaradh dualgas, agus ar chóras tarmhigin agus freagrachta. Áirítear leis go háirithe:

- córas cuimsitheach buiséadaithe, agus buiséad bliantúil atá athbhreithnithe agus aontaithe ag comhaltaí an Bhoird;
- athbhreithniú rialta ag an gcoiste bainistíochta ar thuairiscí airgeadais tréimhsiúla a léiríonn feidhmíocht airgeadais in aghaidh réamhaisnéisí;
- athbhreithniú comhaltaí Boird ar mheastacháin bhliantúla airgeadais agus ar thuairiscí airgeadais;
- spriocanna a cheapadh chun feidhmíocht airgeadais agus eile a thomhas;
- treoirínte faoi rialú infheistíochta caipitil atá sainmhíniú go soiléir.

The Board has an internal audit function which operates in accordance with the Framework Code of Best Practice set out in the Code of Practice on the Governance of State Bodies. The work of internal audit is informed by analysis of the risk to which the body is exposed, and annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. The analysis of risk and the internal audit plans are endorsed by the Audit Committee and then must be approved by the Board. At least annually, the Internal Auditor provides the Audit Committee with a report of internal audit activity. The report includes the Internal Auditor's opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the system of internal financial control.

The Board's monitoring and review of the system of internal financial control is informed by the work of the Internal Auditor, the Audit Committee which oversees the work of the Internal Auditor, the executive managers within the Board who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the financial control framework, and comments made by the Comptroller and Auditor General in his management letter or other reports.

Annual Review of Controls

I confirm that in the year ending 31st December 2009, the Board has conducted a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial controls.



John O'Connor
Chairperson

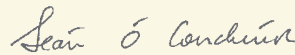
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Tá córas iniúchóireachta inmheánaí ag an mBord a fheidhmíonn de réir an Chreatchóid Dea-Chleachtais. Leagtar an creatchód sin amach sa Chód Cleachtais Um Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit. Tá na hiniúchtaí inmheánacha bunaithe ar an anailís a dhéantar ar na rioscaí a bhagraíonn ar an gcomhlacht, agus is i bhfianaise na hanailíse sin a cheaptar pleananna don iniúchadh inmheánach bliantúil. Tacaíonn an Coiste Iniúchóireachta leis an anailís sin ar rioscaí agus leis na pleananna don iniúchadh inmheánach. Ní mór iad a chur faoi bhráid an Bhoird chun iad a fhaomhadh ansin. Tugann an tIniúcháir Inmheánach tuarascáil ar chúrsaí iniúchóireachta inmheánaí don Choiste Iniúchóireachta uair amháin sa bhliain ar a laghad. Sa tuarascáil sin, tugann an tIniúcháir Inmheánach a thuairim faoi éifeachtacht agus faoi chuibheas an chórais rialaithe inmheánaigh airgeadais.

Glacann na daoine seo a leanas páirt sa mhonatóireacht agus san athbhreithniú a dhéanann an Bord ar an gcóras rialaithe inmheánaigh airgeadais: an t-iniúcháir inmheánach, an Coiste Iniúchóireachta a dhéanann maoirsiú ar obair an iniúcháir inmheánaigh, na bainisteoirí feidhmiúcháin laistigh den Bhord atá freagrach as an gcreat rialaithe airgeadais a fhorbairt agus a choimeád, agus an tArd-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste trí na tuairimí a léiríonn sé ina litir bhainistíochta nó i dtuarascálacha eile.

Athbhreithniú Bliantúil na Rialúchán

Deabbhaím gur láimhseáil an Bord, sa bhliain dar críoch 31ú Nollaig 2009, athbhreithniú ar éifeachtacht an chórais inmheánaigh airgeadais.



Seán Ó Conchúir
Cathaoirleach

30 Meitheamh 2010

APPENDIX 9 STATEMENT ON REMUNERATION AND MEMBERS' FEES

General

The Board complies with the guidelines covering the payment of fees to the Chairperson and other members of the Board set out in the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies. The Board implements wage increases in accordance with sanction from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. It does not depart from Government pay policy in any way.

Members' Fees and Expenses

The salary of the Chairperson, under section 105(14)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, is set at the same salary as is paid to a judge of the High Court. The salary of the post of Deputy Chairperson is set at a rate equivalent to a maximum of the salary scale for an Assistant Secretary in the Civil Service. The salary of other members is set at a rate equivalent to the minimum of the Assistant Secretary scale in the Civil Service.

The Chairperson is paid a fixed car allowance and a representational allowance at levels sanctioned by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 1994.

One member qualified for special expenses. The expenses, which were sanctioned by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government with the consent of the Minister for Finance, cover costs associated with travel from home to Dublin, and accommodation in Dublin.

There are no fees paid to Board Members.



John O'Connor
Chairperson

Brian Hunt
Deputy Chairperson

30 June 2010

AGUISÍN 9 RÁITEAS FAOI LUACH SAOTHAIR AGUS TÁILLÍ NA GCOMHALTAÍ

Ginearálta

Cloíonn an Bord leis na treoirínte faoi tháillí a íoc le Cathaoirleach agus comhaltaí eile an Bhoird, atá leagtha amach sa Chód Cleachtais do Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit. Forfheidhmíonn an Bord arduithe pá de réir fhaomhadh na Roinne Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil. Ní imíonn sé ó pholasaí pá an Rialtais ar aon bhealach.

Costais agus Táillí na gComhaltaí

Tá tuarastal an Chathaoirleach, faoi alt 105(14)(a) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, socraithe ag an leibhéal céanna tuarastail a íoctar le breitheamh Ard-Chúirte. Tá tuarastal do phost an Leas-Chathaoirleach socraithe ag ráta atá cothrom leis an uasmhéid tuarastail do Rúnaí Cúnta sa Státseirbhís. Tá tuarastail comhaltaí eile socraithe ag ráta atá cothrom leis an íosmhéid do Rúnaí Cúnta sa Státseirbhís.

Íoctar liúntas gluaisteáin seasta agus liúntas ionadaíochta leis an gCathaoirleach ag leibhéal a d'fhaomhaigh an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil i 1994.

Cháiligh comhalta amháin le haghaidh costais speisialta. Clúdaíonn na costais, a d'fhaomhaigh ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil le toiliú an Aire Airgeadais, na costais a bhaineann le taisteal ón mbaile go Baile Átha Cliath, agus le cóiríocht i mBaile Átha Cliath.

Ní íoctar aon táillí le Comhaltaí an Bhoird.



Seán Ó Conchúir
Cathaoirleach

Brian Hunt
Leas-Chathaoirleach

30 Meitheamh 2010

APPENDIX 10 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Board's Responsibilities

Section 117(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requires the Board to prepare financial statements in such form as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, after consultation with the Minister for Finance. In preparing those financial statements, the Board is required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, and
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Board is responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Board and which enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with section 117(1) of the 2000 Act. The Board is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Board and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The books of account are kept at the Board's headquarters at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

John O'Connor *Brian Hunt*

John O'Connor
Chairperson

Brian Hunt
Deputy Chairperson

30 June 2010

AGUISÍN 10 RÁITIS AIRGEADAIS

Ráiteas faoi Dhualgais an Bhoird

Éilíonn Ailt 117(1) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 ar an mBord ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú i bhfoirm a fhaomhfaidh an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil, i ndiaidh dul i gcomhairle leis an Aire Airgeadais. Ag ullmhú na ráitis airgeadais dó, ní mór don Bhoird:

- polasaithe cuntasáochta cuí a roghnú agus ansin iad a chur i bhfeidhm go seasta,
- breithiúnais agus meastacháin a dhéanamh atá réasúnta agus stuama,
- ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú ar bhonn gnóthais leantaigh, agus
- a shonrú ar leanadh de chaighdeán cuntasáochta infheidhme, faoi réir aon difríochtaí ábhartha a nochtar agus a mhínítear sna ráitis airgeadais.

Tá an Bord freagrach as cuileabhair chuntais a choimeád a thaispeánann le cruinneas réasúnta am ar bith seasamh airgeadais an Bhoird, agus a chuireann ar a chumas a chinntiú go gcomhlíonann na ráitis airgeadais Alt 117(1) d'Acht 2000. Tá an Bord freagrach chomh maith as sócmhainní an Bhoird a chosaint agus, dá réir sin, as céimeanna réasúnta a ghlacadh chun calaois agus mírialtachtaí eile a bhrath.

Coimeádtar na leabhair chuntais ag ceannáras an Bhoird, 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1.

Seán Ó Conchúir *Brian Hunt*

Seán Ó Conchúir
Cathaoirleach

Brian Hunt
Leas-Chathaoirleach

30 Meitheamh 2010

Statement of Accounting Policies

1. General:

The Board was established under section 3 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1976.

Under the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2009, the Board is responsible for the determination of applications for strategic infrastructure development from 31 January 2007, appeals and certain other matters. The Board is also responsible for dealing with appeals under the Building Control Acts 1990 and 2007, the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977 to 2007 and the Air Pollution Act 1987.

2. Basis of Preparation:

The financial statements are prepared under the accruals method of accounting, except as otherwise indicated, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles under the historical cost convention. Financial reporting standards recommended by the recognised accountancy bodies are adopted, as they become operative.

3. Oireachtas Grant:

Oireachtas grants are accounted for on a cash receipt basis.

Ráiteas faoi Bheartais Chuntasaíochta

1. Ginearálta:

Bunaíodh an Bord faoi alt 3 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Pleanáil agus Forbairt) 1976.

Faoi na hAchtanna um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, tá an Bord freagrach as cinneadh a dhéanamh ar iar-ratais chun bonneagar straitéiséach a fhorbairt ó 31 Eanáir, as achomhairc agus as ábhair áirithe eile. Tá an Bord freagrach chomh maith as déileáil le ha-chomhairc faoi na hAchtanna um Rialú Foirgníochta 1990 agus 2007, na hAchtanna Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailiú Uisce) 1977 go 2007, agus faoin Acht um Thruailliú Aeir 1987.

2. Bonn Ullmhúcháin:

Tá na ráitis airgeadais ullmhaithe faoi mhodh fabhráithe na cuntasaíochta, seachas má chuirtear a mhalairt in iúl, agus de réir na ngnáthphrionsabail chuntasaíochta inghlactha faoi choinbhinsiún na gcostas stairiúil. Glactar leis na caighdeáin tuairiscithe airgeadais a mholann comhlachtaí aitheanta cuntasaíochta, de réir mar a thagann siad i bhfeidhm.

3. Deontas Oireachtais:

Déantar cuntasaíocht ar dheontais Oireachtais, ar bhonn fáltais airgid.

4. Fees:

These represent fees paid to the Board in accordance with regulations made by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government under:

- section 10 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1982,
- section 7 of the Building Control Act 1990, as amended,
- sections 6 and 19 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977, as amended,
- section 35 of the Air Pollution Act 1987
- in respect of appeals and certain other matters under those Acts. Fee income in the accounts is shown net of refunds, which are made in respect of invalid appeals, referrals and other cases.

5. Local Authority Development/Strategic Infrastructural Development:

Fees in respect of strategic infrastructure development applications are fixed by the Board in accordance with section 144 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, and are recognised when received.

Such fees are normally pre-funded and can exceed the costs incurred on the relevant projects. In such circumstances, current Board policy is to refund to applicants, any surpluses generated in this way.

6. Fixed Assets and Depreciation:

Fixed assets, which are stated at historical cost, are depreciated using the straight-line method at an annual rate of 10% for leasehold buildings, 33% for Computers* and 20% for all other asset categories.

- * In 2009, the Board approved a change to the depreciation rate on Computers from 20% to 33%.

4. Táillí:

Léiríonn siad seo na táillí a íocadh leis an mBord de réir rialachán a rinne an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil faoi:

- alt 10 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Pleanáil agus Forbairt) 1982,
- alt 7 den Acht um Rialú Foirgníochta 1990, mar atá leasaithe,
- ailt 6 agus 19 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú Uisce) 1977, mar atá leasuithe,
- alt 35 den Acht um Thruailliú Aeir 1987

maidir le hachomhairc agus gnóthaí áirithe eile faoi na hAchtanna sin. Taispeántar ioncam ó tháillí sna cuntais, glan ar aisíocaíochtaí, a déantar i leith achomharc neamhbhaillí, tarchur agus cásanna eile.

5. Forbairt/Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh ag Rialtais Áitiúla:

Socraíonn an Bord táillí i leith fhorbairt an Bhonneagair Straitéisigh de réir alt 144 den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha, 2000 mar atá leasaithe, agus aithnítear iad arna bhfáil.

De ghnáth, réamh-mhaoinítear táillí dá shórt agus is féidir iad a bheith níos mó ná na costais a thabhaítear ar na tionscadail ábhartha. Sna cúinsí seo, is é polasaí reatha an Bhoird aon bharrachais a ghintear sa tslí seo a aisíoc leis na hiarratasóirí.

6. Sócmhainní Seasta agus Dímheas:

Dímheastar sócmhainní seasta, a luaitear ar a luach stairiúil ar mhodh na líne dírlí, ag ráta bliantúil de 10% d'fhoirgnimh ar léas 33% do ríomhairí agus 20% do gach catagóir sócmhainne eile.

- * Sa bhliain 2009, cheadaigh an Bord athrú a dhéanamh do ráta dhímheas ríomhairí ó 20% go 33%.

7. Capital Account:

The Capital Account represents the unamortised amount of income used to purchase fixed assets.

8. Superannuation:

The Board operates defined benefit superannuation schemes through the medium of four different independent schemes namely:

- An Bord Pleanála Staff Superannuation Scheme 1986 to 2006
- An Bord Pleanála Staff Spouses' and Children's Contributory Pension Scheme 1986
- An Bord Pleanála (Chairman and Members) Superannuation Scheme 1986 to 2009
- An Bord Pleanála (Chairman and Members) Spouses' and Children's Contributory Pension Scheme 1986 to 2002.

The payment of superannuation benefits to and in respect of employees and members of the Board is provided for in these defined benefit superannuation schemes approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and with the consent of the Minister for Finance under section 119 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

The schemes are funded annually on a pay-as-you-go basis from monies available to the Board, including monies from exchequer funds provided by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and from contributions deducted from staff and members' salaries.

Superannuation costs reflect superannuation benefits earned by members and employees in the period and are shown net of staff superannuation contributions, which are retained by the Board. An amount corresponding to the superannuation charge is recognised as income to the extent that it is recoverable, and offset by grants received in the year to discharge superannuation payments.

Actuarial gains or losses arising on scheme liabilities are reflected in the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses and a corresponding adjustment is recognised in the amount recoverable from exchequer funds provided by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

7. Cuntas Caipitiúil:

Léiríonn an Cuntas Caipitiúil an méid ioncaim neamhamúchta a úsáidtear chun sócmhainní seasta a cheannach.

8. Aoisliúntas:

Feidhmíonn an Bord scéim sochair shainithe aoisliúntais trí cheithre scéim neamhspleácha ar leith, arbh iad:

- Scéim Aoisliúntais Fhoireann an Bhoird Phleanála 1986 go 2006
- Scéim Pinsean Ranníocach Chéilí agus Leanaí Fhoireann an Bhoird Phleanála 1986
- Scéim Aoisliúntais (Cathaoirleach agus Comhaltaí) an Bhoird Phleanála 1986 go 2009
- Scéim Pinsean Ranníocach Chéilí agus Leanaí (Cathaoirleach agus Comhaltaí) an Bhoird Phleanála 1986 go 2002.

Tá soláthar déanta chun sochair aoisliúntais a íoc le, agus maidir le, fostaithe agus comhaltaí an Bhoird, sna scéimeanna aoisliúntais sochair-shainithe a d'fhaomhaigh an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil le cead an Aire Airgeadais, faoi alt 119 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000.

Maoinítear na scéimeanna go bliantúil ar bhonn 'íoc mar a théann tú' as airgid atá ar fáil don Bhoird, lena n-áirítear airgid státchiste a cuireann an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil ar fáil, agus ranníocaíochtaí a asbhaintear as tuarastail na foirne.

Léiríonn costais aoisliúntais na sochair aoisliúntais a thuill comhaltaí agus baill foirne sa tréimhse, agus luaitear iad glan ar ranníocaíochtaí aoisliúntais na foirne, a choimeádann an Bord. Aithnítear mar ioncam, suim atá comhfhreagrach leis an gcostas aoisliúntais, chomh fada agus is in-aisghabhála é, agus seach-chuirtear é ag deontais a fhaightear i rith na bliana chun íocaíochtaí aoisliúntais a íoc.

Léirítear na gnóthachain agus caillteanais achtúire a éiríonn as fiachais na scéime sa Ráiteas faoi Ghnóthachain agus Caillteanais Iomlána Aitheanta, agus aithnítear coigeartú comhfhreagrach sa mhéid atá in-aisghabhála ó chistí Státchiste a sholáthraíonn an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

Superannuation liabilities represent the present value of future superannuation payments earned by staff to date. Deferred superannuation funding represents the corresponding asset to be recovered in future periods from exchequer funds provided by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

9. Legal Costs:

It is the policy of the Board to discharge any legal costs awarded against it following conclusion of cases on foot of taxed Bills of Costs. It is also the policy of the Board to discharge its own legal costs associated with applications for judicial review of the Board's decisions following presentation of cases in the High Court or Supreme Court.

The Board, where practicable, seeks recovery of its legal costs arising out of legal actions where such costs are awarded by the Courts (see Note 11). Income from such awards is accounted for on a cash receipt basis and the amount recovered is netted to legal expenditure fees in the current year.

In addition, outstanding costs are written off when they are deemed to be unrecoverable.

10. Lease Costs:

It is the policy of the Board to write off all ancillary costs associated with the new lease at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 over 10 years.

Léiríonn na fiachais aoisliúntais luach reatha na n-íocaíochtaí todhchaí aoisliúntais atá tuillte ag fostaithe go dtí seo. Léiríonn maoiniú aoisliúntais iarchurtha an tsócmhainn chomhfhreagrach a bheadh le haisghabháil i dtreimhsí sa todhchaí as na cistí Státhchiste a sholáthraíonn an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

9. Costais Dlí:

Is é polasaí an Bhoird go n íocfaí aon chostas dlíthiúil a dhámhtar ina choinne tar éis críochnú cásanna de bhun Billí Costais cánaíthe. Is é polasaí an Bhoird, freisin, a gcostais dlí féin a íoc i leith iarratas faoi athbhreithniú breithiúnach ar chinneadh an Bhoird, tar éis cásanna a bheith curtha i láthair na hArd-Chúirte nó na Cúirte Uachtaraí.

Déanann an Bord iarracht, nuair is praiticiúil, na costais dlí a éiríonn as caingin dlí a aisghabháil, má dhámhann na Cúirteanna na costais sin (féach nóta 11). Cuirtear ioncam óna leithéid de dhámhachtain san áireamh ar bhonn fáltais airgid, agus bíonn an méid aisghafa, glan ar tháillí caiteachais dhlíthiúla, sa bhliain reatha.

Ina theanntas, déantar na costais amuigh a dhíscríobh, má mheastar nach féidir iad a aisghabháil.

10. Costais Léasa:

Is é polasaí an Bhoird gach costas coimhdeach a bhaineann leis an léas nua ag 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1 a dhíscríobh thar 10 bliain.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for year ended 31 December 2009

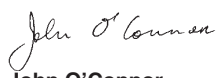
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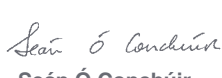
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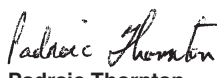
		2009 €	2008 €
Income:	Ioncam:		
Oireachtas Grant	Deontas Oireachtais	15,331,000	15,098,000
Fees (Note 1)	Táillí (Nóta 1)	2,064,456	3,230,003
Strategic Infrastructure Fees & Cost Recoupment (Note 2)	Forchúiteamh ar Tháillí & ar Chostas Bonneagair Straitéisigh (Nóta 2)	2,333,065	3,007,020
Miscellaneous	Ilghnéitheach	7,906	11,698
Net Deferred Funding for Superannuation (Note 5(c))	Glanchistiú larchurtha d'Aoisliúntas (Nóta 5(c))	3,835,000	3,994,000
Profit on Disposal of Fixed Assets	Brabús as Sócmhainní a Dhiúscairt	244	1,151
		<u>23,571,671</u>	<u>25,341,872</u>
Transfer from Capital Account (Note 11)	Tarchur ón gCuntas Caipitiúil (Nóta 11)	481,443	559,661
		<u>24,053,114</u>	<u>25,901,533</u>
Expenditure:	Caiteachas:		
Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation (Note 3)	Tuarastail, Liúntais agus Aoisliúntas (Nóta 3)	15,966,069	16,346,294
Establishment Expenses (Note 6)	Costais Bhunaíochta (Nóta 6)	3,180,566	2,998,267
Operating Expenses (Note 7)	Costais Oibriúcháin (Nóta 7)	5,025,894	6,946,901
Total Expenditure	Caiteachas Iomlán	<u>24,172,529</u>	<u>26,291,462</u>
(Deficit) for year	(Easnamh) don bhliain	(119,415)	(389,929)
(Deficit) brought forward	(Easnamh) tugtha ar aghaidh	(205,351)	184,578
Cumulative (Deficit) at 31 December	(Easnamh) Carntha ag 31 Nollaig	<u><u>(324,766)</u></u>	<u><u>(205,351)</u></u>
Statement of Total Recognised Gains & Losses	Ráiteas faoi Ghnóthachain & Chaillteanais Iomlána Aitheanta		
Experience (loss) on superannuation scheme liabilities (Note 5(d))	(Caillteanas) taithí ar fhiachais na scéime aoisliúntais (Nóta 5(d))	528,000	(4,636,000)
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of superannuation scheme liabilities	Athruithe ar thiomhdí a tacaíonn le luach reatha fhiachais na scéime aoisliúntais	0	9,322,000
		<u>528,000</u>	<u>4,686,000</u>
Actuarial gain on Superannuation Liabilities (Note 5(b))	Gnóthachan achtúire ar Fhiachais Aoisliúntais (Nóta 5(b))	528,000	4,686,000
Adjustment to Deferred Superannuation Funding	Coigeartú ar Mhaoiniú Aoisliúntais larchurtha	(528,000)	(4,686,000)
(Deficit) for year	(Easnamh) don bhliain	<u>(119,415)</u>	<u>(389,929)</u>
Total Recognised (Loss) for year	(Caillteanas) Iomlán Aitheanta don bhliain	<u><u>(119,415)</u></u>	<u><u>(389,929)</u></u>

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Chief Officer


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Príomh-Oifigeach

30 June 2010

30 Meitheamh 2010

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2009

CLÁR COMHARDAITHE

mar atá ar an 31 Nollaig 2009

		2009 €	2008 €
Fixed Assets (Note 8)	Sócmhainní Seasta (Nóta 8)	1,801,606	2,283,049
Current Assets	Sócmhainní Reatha:		
Debtors and Prepayments (Note 9)	Féichiúnaithe agus Réamh-íocaíochtaí (Nóta 9)	681,693	696,995
Cash in bank and on hand	Airgead sa bhanc agus ar láimh	2,178,775	1,785,650
		<u>2,860,468</u>	<u>2,482,645</u>
Current Liabilities	Fiachais Reatha:		
Sundry Creditors and Accrued Expenses (Note 10)	Il-Chreidiúnaithe agus Costais Fabhrúithe (Nóta 10)	(3,185,234)	(2,687,996)
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	Glansócmhainní/(Fiachais) Reatha	<u>(324,766)</u>	<u>(205,351)</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities before superannuation	Sócmhainní Iomlána Lúide Fiachais roimh aoisliúntas	1,476,840	2,077,698
Deferred Superannuation Funding	Maoiniú Aoisliúntais larchurtha	64,924,000	61,617,000
Superannuation Liabilities (Note 5(b))	Fiachais Aoisliúntais (Nóta 5(b))	<u>(64,924,000)</u>	<u>(61,617,000)</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	Sócmhainní Iomlána Lúide Fiachais Reatha	<u>1,476,840</u>	<u>2,077,698</u>
Represented by	Léirithe ag:		
Capital Account (Note 11)	Cuntas Caipitiúil (Nóta 11)	1,801,606	2,283,049
Income and Expenditure Account	Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais	<u>(324,766)</u>	<u>(205,351)</u>
		<u>1,476,840</u>	<u>2,077,698</u>

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for year ended 31 December 2009

RÁITEAS FAOI SHREABHADH AIRGID

don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2009

Reconciliation of operating (deficit)/surplus to net cash inflow from operating activities

Réiteach barrachas/(easnamh) oibríochta le hinsreabhadh glan ó imeachtaí oibríochta

		2009	2008
		€	€
(Deficit) for year	(Easnamh) don bhliain	(119,415)	(389,929)
Movement on Capital Account	Gluaiseacht ar Chuntas Caipitiúil	(481,443)	(559,661)
Depreciation	Dímheas	864,507	774,348
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	Laghdú/(Méadú) ar fhéichiúnaithe	(62,578)	204,451
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	Méadú/(Laghdú) ar chreidiúnaithe	575,118	1,359,539
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow)	Insreabhadh/(Eis-sreabhadh) Glan Airgid	776,189	1,388,748

Cash Flow Statement

Ráiteas faoi Shreabhadh Airgid

Net cash Inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	Insreabhadh/(Eis-sreabhadh) glan airgid óghníomhaíochtaí oibríochta	776,189	1,388,748
Capital Expenditure (net of Disposals)	Caiteachas Caipitiúil (glan ar Dhiúscairtí)	(383,064)	(214,687)

Increase/(Decrease) in cash

Méadú/(Laghdú) ar airgead tirim

393,125 1,174,061

Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds

Réiteach sreabhadh glan airgid le gluaiseacht i nglanchistí

Increase/(Decrease) in cash in year	Méadú/(Laghdú) ar airgead tirim sa bhliain	393,125	1,174,061
Net Funds at 1 January	Glanchistí ag 1 Eanáir	1,785,650	611,589
Net Funds at 31 December	Glanchistí ag 31 Nollaig	2,178,775	1,785,650

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for year ended 31 December 2009

1 Fee Income

	2009 €	2008 €
Fees received in respect of appeals and referrals	2,409,238	3,733,001
Refunds in respect of Appeals	(344,782)	(502,998)
	<u>2,064,456</u>	<u>3,230,033</u>

2 Strategic Infrastructure Fees and Cost Recoupment

	2009 €	2008 €
Fees received in respect of strategic infrastructure development	1,900,000	3,600,000
Cost Recoupment from applicants in respect of strategic infrastructure development	1,296,009	506,241
Refunds paid to applicants in respect of strategic infrastructure	(420,764)	(102,364)
Refund Liability in respect of strategic infrastructure	(442,180)	(996,857)
	<u>2,333,065</u>	<u>3,007,020</u>

3 Salaries and Allowances

At 31 December 2009, the Board consisted of a chairperson and 9 ordinary members, (ten members at the end of 2008) in accordance with section 104 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Membership of the Board is wholetime.

At 31 December 2009, there were 157 whole time equivalent employees in the Board of which 15 were management, 51.1 were professional and 90.9 were administrative. The average number of wholetime equivalent employees during the year was 164.8 (166.8 in 2008). During 2009, there was a decrease in the intake of cases. The volume of cases disposed of decreased by 12%. Staffing levels are approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government with the consent of the Minister for Finance.

NÓTAÍ LEIS NA RÁITIS AIRGEADAIS

don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2009

1 Ioncam ó Tháillí

	2009 €	2008 €
Táillí a fuarthas i leith achomharc agus tarchur	2,409,237	3,733,001
Aisíocaíochtaí i leith Achomharc	(344,782)	(502,998)
	<u>2,064,456</u>	<u>3,230,033</u>

2 Aisghabháil ar Tháillí agus ar Chostais Bhonneagair Straitéisigh

	2009 €	2008 €
Táillí a fuarthas i leith an bonneagar straitéiseach a fhorbairt	1,900,000	3,600,000
Aisghabháil ar chostais ó iarratasóirí i leith an bonneagar straitéiseach a fhorbairt	1,296,009	506,241
Aisíocaíochtaí a tugadh d'iarratasóirí i leith an bhonneagair straitéisigh	(420,764)	(102,364)
Fiachas aisíocaíochta i leith an bhonneagair straitéisigh	(442,180)	(996,857)
	<u>2,333,065</u>	<u>3,007,020</u>

3 Tuarastail agus Liúntais

Ar an 31 Nollaig 2009, bhí cathaoirleach agus 9 gnáthchomhaltaí ar an mBord, (deichniúr comhaltaí ag deireadh 2008), de réir mar a leagtar síos in alt 104 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú. Tá comhaltas an Bhoird lánaimseartha.

Ar an 31 Nollaig 2009, bhí comhionann agus 157 fostaí lánaimseartha ag an mBord; bhain 15 duine acu le bainistíocht, 90.9 le riarachán agus bhí 51.1 duine acu gairmiúil. I rith na bliana, ba é meánlíon na bhfostaithe a bhí comhionann le fostaithe lánaimseartha ná 164.8 (166.8 in 2008). Le linn 2009, tháinig laghdú ar líon na gcásanna a glacadh. Tháinig laghdú 12% ar líon na gcásanna a críochnaíodh. Le toiliú an Aire Airgeadais, faomhann an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil líon na foirne.

	2009 €	2008 €
Salaries and Allowances	10,510,768	10,835,665
Superannuation Costs	4,728,168	4,727,442
Employers' PRSI	727,133	783,187
	<u>15,966,069</u>	<u>16,346,294</u>

An amount of €568,537 was paid to the Department of Finance in respect of pension levy.

4 Chairperson's Remuneration

The total remuneration paid to the Chairperson in 2009 comprised:

Salary	242,239
Allowances	3,086
Total	<u>245,325</u>

In 2009, the chairperson gifted a payment from salary of €22,529 to the Minister for Finance under Section 483 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

The Chairperson's pension entitlements do not extend beyond the standard entitlements in the model public sector defined benefit superannuation scheme.

5 Pension Costs

(a) Analysis of total pension costs charged to Expenditure

	2009 (€,000)	2008 (€,000)
Current service costs	1,671	1,780
Interest on Pension Scheme Liabilities	3,603	3,490
Employee Contributions	(546)	(543)
	<u>4,728</u>	<u>4,727</u>

(b) Movement in Net Pension Liability during the financial year

	2009 (€,000)	2008 (€,000)
Net Pension Liability at 1 January	(61,617)	(62,309)
Current Service Cost	(1,671)	(1,780)
Interest Costs	(3,603)	(3,490)
Actuarial gain	528	4,686
Pensions Paid in the year	1,439	1,276
Net Pension Liability at 31 December	<u>(64,924)</u>	<u>(61,617)</u>

	2009 €	2008 €
Tuarastail agus Liúntais	10,510,768	10,835,665
Costais Aoisliúntais	4,728,168	4,727,442
ÁSPC na bhFostóirí	727,133	783,187
	<u>15,966,069</u>	<u>16,346,294</u>

D'íoc an Bord €568,537 don Roinn Airgeadais mar cháin pinsin.

4 Luach Saothair an Chathaoirligh

I 2009 an méid iomláine luach saothair a bhfuair an Cathaoirleach ná:

Pá	242,239
Liúntais	3,086
Iomlán	<u>245,325</u>

I 2009, thug an an Cathaoirleach €22,529 don Aire Airgeadais mar ranníocaíocht faoi Alt 483 an Achta Comhdhlúite Cánacha, 1997.

Ní théann teidlíochtaí pinsin an Chathaoirligh thar an gnáth- teidlíochtaí mar atá leagtha amach sa scéim eiseamlárach pinsin le sochar sainithe na hearnála poiblí.

5 Costais Phinsin

(a) Anailís ar chostais iomlána a rangáíodh faoi Chaiteachas

	2009 (€,000)	2008 (€,000)
Costais Reatha Seirbhísí	1,671	1,780
Ús ar Fhiachais na Scéime Pinsin	3,603	3,490
Ranníocaíochtaí Fostaithe	(546)	(543)
	<u>4,728</u>	<u>4,727</u>

(b) Gluaiseacht i nGlan-Fhiachas Pinsin le linn na bliana airgeadais

	2009 (€,000)	2008 (€,000)
Glan-Fhiachas Pinsin ar an 1 Eanáir	(61,617)	(62,309)
Costais Reatha Seirbhísí	1,671	(1,780)
Costais Úis	(3,603)	(3,490)
Gnóthachan Achtúireach	528	4,686
Pinsin a íocadh le linn na bliana	1,439	1,276
Glan-Fhiachas Pinsin ar 31 Nollaig	<u>(64,924)</u>	<u>(61,617)</u>

(c) Deferred Funding for Pensions

The Board recognises these amounts as an asset corresponding to the unfunded deferred liability for pensions on the basis of the set of assumptions described above and a number of past events. These events include the statutory basis for the establishment of the pension scheme, and the policy and practice currently in place in relation to funding public service pensions including contributions by employees and the annual estimates process.

While there is no formal agreement regarding these specific amounts with the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, the Board has no evidence that this funding policy will not continue to meet such sums in accordance with current practice.

The Net Deferred Funding for Pensions recognised in Income and Expenditure Accounts was as follows:

	2009 (€,000)	2008 (€,000)
Funding recoverable in respect of the current year pensions costs	5,274	5,270
State Grant applied to pay pensioners	(1,439)	(1,276)
	<u>3,835</u>	<u>3,994</u>

The deferred funding asset for pensions at 31st December 2009 amounts to €64.9 million (2008: €61.6 million).

(d) History of defined benefit obligations

	2009 (€,000)	2008 (€,000)	2007 (€,000)	2006 (€,000)
Defined benefit obligations	64,924	61,617	62,309	62,392
Experience losses on Scheme Liabilities amount	(528)	4,636	1,530	679
Percentage of Scheme Liabilities	1%	8%	2%	1%

(e) General Description of the Scheme

The pension scheme is a defined benefit final salary pension arrangement with benefits and contributions defined by reference to current "model" public sector scheme regulations. The scheme provides a pension (1/80th per year of service), a gratuity or lump sum (3/80th per year of service) and spouse's and children's pensions. Normal Retirement Age is a member's 65th birthday, and pre 2004 members have an entitlement to retire without actuarial reduction from age 60. Pensions in payment (and deferment) normally increase in line with general public sector salary inflation.

(c) Maoiniú larchurtha do Phinsin

I bhfianaise na sraithe toimhde a bhfuil cur síos orthu thuas agus i bhfianaise roinnt teagmhas a tharla roimhe seo, aithníonn an Bord na méideanna seo mar shócmhainn a fhreagraíonn don fhiachas iarchurtha neamh-mhaoinithe do phinsin. Ar na teagmhais seo, tá an bonn reachtúil leis an scéim pinsin a bhunú agus an beartas agus an cleachtas atá i bhfeidhm faoi láthair maidir le pinsin na seirbhíse poiblí a mhaoiniú, lena n-áirítear ranníocaíochtaí ó fhostaithe agus próiseas na meastachán bliantúil. Cé nach bhfuil aon aontú foirmiúil ann faoi na méideanna áirithe seo leis an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil, níl aon fhianaise ag an mBord nach leanfar den bheartas maoinithe chun glanadh a dhéanamh ar na méideanna, faoi mar dhéantar faoi láthair.

Is mar seo a leanas a bhí an Glanmhaoiniú larchurtha do Phinsin a aithníodh sna Cuntais Ioncaim agus

Caiteachais:

	2009 (€,000)	2008 (€,000)
Maoiniú in-aisghabhála i leith costais pinsin sa bhliain reatha	5,274	5,270
Deontas Stáit a feidhmíodh chun pinsinéirí a íoc	(1,439)	(1,276)
	<u>3,835</u>	<u>3,994</u>

Is é an tsócmhainn mhaoinithe iarchurtha do phinsin ar an 31ú Nollaig 2009 ná €64.9 milliún (2008: €61.6 milliún).

(d) Stair na ndualgas i leith sochair shainithe

	2009 (€,000)	2008 (€,000)	2007 (€,000)	2006 (€,000)
Dualgas i leith sochair shainithe	64,924	61,617	62,309	62,392
Cailteanas ó thaithí ar fhiachais na scéime	(528)	4,636	1,530	679
Céatadán Fhiachais na Scéime	1%	8%	2%	1%

(e) Tuairisc Ghinearálta ar an Scéim

Is éard atá sa scéim pinsin ná socrú críochnúil faoi thuarastail le sochar sainithe. Dá réir, déantar tairbhí agus ranníocaíochtaí a shainiú trí chomparáid a dhéanamh le rialúcháin "shamplacha" reatha i scéimeanna san earnáil phoiblí. Solathraíonn an scéim pinsean (sa mhéid d'aon ochtú in aghaidh gach bliana seirbhíse), agus aisce nó cnapshuim (sa mhéid de trí ochtú in aghaidh gach bliana seirbhíse) agus pinsin i gcomhair chéilí agus leanaí. De ghnáth, is é an Aois Scoir do bhail ná a 65ú breithlá, agus tá daoine a bhí ina mbaill roimh 2004 i dteideal dul ar scor gan laghdú achtúireach ó aois 60 ar aghaidh. De ghnáth,

The valuation used for FRS17 (Revised) disclosures has been based on a full actuarial valuation on the 26th February 2010 by a qualified independent actuary taking account of the requirements of the FRS in order to assess the scheme liabilities at 31st of December 2009.

The principal actuarial assumptions were as follows:

	2009	2008
Rate of increase in salaries	3.50%	3.50%
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	3.50%	3.50%
Discount Rate	5.75%	5.75%
Inflation Rate	2.00%	2.00%

Mortality

62% of PNML00 for males

70% of PNFL00 for females

Annuity factors increase by 0.39% p.a. for each year between 2008 and the year of retirement.

(f) Revised FRS17 Disclosures

The information on pensions has been presented in line with new disclosure requirements required from 2009 under an amendment to FRS17.

6 Establishment Expenses

	2009 €	2008 €
Rent and Service Charge (Note 15)	2,082,718	2,002,745
Repairs and Maintenance	108,816	70,993
Insurance	39,532	26,794
Light and Heat	84,993	123,387
Depreciation	864,507	774,348
Total	3,180,566	2,998,267

méadaítear pinsin atá á n-íoc (nó iarchurtha) de réir bhoilsciú thuarastail na hearnála poiblí. Tá an luacháil a úsáidtear le haghaidh CTA17 (Athscrúdaithe) a nochtadh, tá sí bunaithe ar luacháil achtúireach iomlán a rinneadh ar an 26ú Feabhra 2010 ag achtúire cáilithe neamhspleách. Chuir an t-achtúire san áireamh riachtanais an CTA chun fiachais na scéime ar an 31ú Nollaig 2009 a mheas.

Ba iad seo a leanas na príomhthoimhdí achtúireacha:

	2009	2008
Ráta breisithe i dtuarastail	3.50%	3.50%
Ráta breisithe i bpinsin atá á n-íoc	3.50%	3.50%
Ráta Lascaine	5.75%	5.75%
Ráta an Bhoilscithe	2.00%	2.00%

Ráta Báis

62% de PNML00 i gcás fireannach

70% de PNFL00 i gcás baineannach

Tagann méadú 0.39% per annum ar fhachtóirí blianachta do gach bliain idir 2008 agus an bhliain a théitear ar scor.

(f) CTA17 Athscrúdaithe a Nochtadh

Cuireadh an fhaisnéis faoi phinsin ar fáil de réir na riachtanas nua faoi nochtadh atá i bhfeidhm ó 2009 i leith faoi leasú a rinneadh ar CTA17.

6 Costais Teaghlachais

	2009 €	2008 €
Cíos agus Táillí Seirbhíse (Nóta 15)	2,082,718	2,002,745
Deisiú agus Cothabháil	108,816	70,993
Árachas	39,532	26,794
Solas agus Teas	84,993	123,387
Dímheas	864,507	774,348
Iomlán	3,180,566	2,998,267

7 Operating Expenses

	2009 €	2008 €
Travel and Subsistence	410,766	640,006
Legal Fees (Note 13)	1,198,759	1,673,417
Office Equipment and Stationery	237,441	307,977
Information and Communications Technology	330,425	330,820
Printing and Books	32,327	29,384
Statutory Notices	139,487	150,137
Recruitment, Staff Training and Development and Conferences	158,545	279,817
Telephone and Postage	233,834	362,392
Consultants' Fees and Services (Note 14)	2,184,400	3,148,281
Audit Fees	17,390	18,500
Provision for Doubtful Debt	77,880	0
Sundries	4,640	6,170
Total	5,025,894	6,946,901

8 Fixed Assets / Sócmhainní Reatha

Cost	Costas
Balance at 01/01/09	larmhéid ar 01/01/09
Additions	Breiseanna
Disposals	Diúscairt
Balance at 31/12/09	larmhéid ar 31/12/09
Depreciation	Dímheas
Balance at 01/01/09	larmhéid ar 01/01/09
Charge for the year	Táille don bhliain
Disposals	Diúscairt
Balance at 31/12/09	larmhéid ar 31/12/09
Net Book Value	Glanluach Leabhair
31 December 2009	31 Nollaig 2009
31 December 2008	31 Nollaig 2008

7 Costais Oibriúcháin

	2009 €	2008 €
Taisteal agus Cothú	410,766	640,006
Táillí Dlí (Nóta 13)	1,198,759	1,673,417
Trealamh Oifige agus Páipéarachas	237,441	307,977
Teicneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide	330,425	330,820
Clódóireacht agus Leabhair	32,327	29,384
Fógraí Reachtúla	139,487	150,137
Earcaíocht, Oiliúint agus Forbairt na Foirne, agus Comhdhálacha	158,545	279,817
Teileafón agus Post	233,834	362,392
Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleoirí (Nóta 14)	2,184,400	3,148,281
Táillí Iniúcháireachta	17,390	18,500
Soláthar le haghaidh Fiacha Amhrasacha	77,880	0
Ilnithe	4,640	6,170
Iomlán	5,025,894	6,946,901

Leasehold Premises Áitreabh Léas-seilbhe €	Furniture & Fittings Trosacán & Feisteas €	IT & Office Equipment TF & Trealamh Oifige €	Total Iomlán €
6,545,501	90,542	1,446,573	8,082,616
137,924	0	245,140	383,064
0	0	(48,830)	(48,830)
6,683,425	90,542	1,642,883	8,416,850
4,520,710	81,562	1,197,295	5,799,567
668,342	2,754	193,411	864,507
0	0	(48,830)	(48,830)
5,189,052	84,316	1,341,876	6,615,244
1,494,373	6,226	301,007	1,801,606
2,024,791	8,980	249,278	2,283,049

9 Debtors

	2009 €	2008 €
Debtors	215,969	0
Prepayments	465,724	696,995
	<u>681,693</u>	<u>696,995</u>

10 Creditors due within one year

	2009 €	2008 €
Creditors	48,145	12,054
Accruals	3,137,089	2,675,942
	<u>3,185,234</u>	<u>2,687,996</u>

11 Capital Account

	2009 €	2008 €
Balance at 1 January	2,283,049	2,842,710
- Income allocated for capital purposes (gross of asset disposals)	383,064	214,687
- Amount released on disposal of fixed assets	(48,830)	(102,199)
- Amortisation in line with asset depreciation	(815,677)	(672,149)
Transfer from/(to) Income and Expenditure Account	(481,443)	(559,661)
Balance at 31 December	<u>1,801,606</u>	<u>2,283,049</u>

9 Féichiúnaithe

	2009 €	2008 €
Féichiúnaithe	215,969	0
Réamhiocaíochtaí	465,724	696,995
	<u>681,693</u>	<u>696,995</u>

10 Airgead atá dlite do chreidiúnaithe laistigh de bhliain amháin

	2009 €	2008 €
Creidiúnaithe	48,145	12,054
Fabhrúithe	3,137,089	2,675,942
	<u>3,185,234</u>	<u>2,687,996</u>

11 Cuntas Caipitil

	2009 €	2008 €
larmhéid ar an 1 Eanáir	2,283,049	2,842,710
- Ioncam a leithroinneadh chun críocha caipitil (glan ar dhiúscairtí sócmhainní)	383,064	214,687
- An méid a tháinig ó sócmhainní seasta a bheith réadaithe	(48,830)	(102,199)
- Amúchadh de réir le dímheas sócmhainní	(815,677)	(672,149)
- Aistriú ó / (chuig) Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachas	(481,443)	(559,661)
larmhéid ar an 31 Nollaig	<u>1,801,606</u>	<u>2,283,049</u>

12 Contingencies with Regard To Legal Actions

There is a contingent liability of an undetermined amount as a result of legal actions against the Board in relation to its decisions on planning appeals and other cases. It is the Board's policy to contest such actions, where appropriate.

13 Recoverable Legal Costs

As indicated at 9 in the Statement of Accounting Policies, certain legal costs are initially borne by the Board and recovery is pursued. The situation in 2009 regarding these costs was as follows:-

	2009 €	2008 €
Outstanding at 1 January	3,319,416	3,097,264
Recovered during year ¹	(803,739)	(952,018)
Recoverable costs arising during year	1,213,237	1,174,170
Costs written off during year	(648,376)	0
Costs re-designated during year ²	(392,591)	0
Outstanding at 31 December	2,682,947	3,319,416

The Board continually reviews the recoverability of the above costs. It is anticipated that a substantial amount thereof will not be recovered.

- 1 The amount recovered was netted to legal fees in the current year.
- 2 Costs which were initially deemed recoverable prior to the completion of legal actions and are now being written off on foot of court decisions.

14 Consultants' Fees and Services

The Board engages part-time consultant inspectors on a fee-per-case basis in accordance with rates approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government with the consent of the Minister for Finance. In addition, the Board engages, in accordance with section 124 of the Act, other consultants and advisors, as it is necessary for the performance of its functions. In 2009, about 37% of all inspectors' reports came from consultant inspectors and their fees, along with associated costs relating to recording of oral hearings, accounted for nearly 99% (2008: 86%) of all consultancy fees and services costs.

12 Teagmhais i leith Caingne Dlí

Tá dliteanas teagmhasach de mhéid neamhchinntithe ann de bharr caingne dlí in aghaidh an Bhoird, caingne a tionscnaíodh maidir le cinntí an Bhoird faoi achomhairc phleanála agus faoi chásanna eile. Is é beartas an Bhoird cur in aghaidh caingne dá leithéid, nuair is cuí.

13 Costais Dlí In-Aisghabhála

Mar a thaispeántar ag 9 sa Ráiteas faoi Bheartais Chuntasaíochta, íocann an Bord costais áirithe dlí i dtosach, agus ansin déantar iarracht iad a aisghabháil. Maidir leis na costais seo in 2009, is mar seo a leanas a bhí cúrsaí:-

	2009 €	2008 €
Gan íoc ar an 1 Eanáir	3,319,416	3,097,264
Méid a aisghabhadh i rith na bliana ¹	(803,739)	(952,018)
Costais in-aisghabhála i rith na bliana	1,213,237	1,174,170
Costais díscríofa i rith na bliana	(648,376)	0
Costais ath-ainmnithe i rith na bliana ²	(392,591)	0
Gan íoc ar an 31 Nollaig	2,682,947	3,319,416

Déanann an Bord athbhreithniú leanúnach, féachaint an bhfuil na costais thuas in-aisghabhála. Meastar nach mbeidh cuid mhaith acu in-aisghabhála.

- 1 Bhí an méid a aisghabhadh glan ar tháillí dlí sa bhliain reatha.
- 2 Costais a bhí ainmnithe ar dtús mar inghnóthaithe sula cuireadh críoch leis an gcás ach anois de bharr breithiúnais na Cúirte, cuirtear ar ceal iad.

14 Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleoirí

Fostaíonn an Bord cigirí comhairleacha páirtaimseartha a íoctar in aghaidh an cháis. Fostaítear iad de réir rátaí a d'fhaomh an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil le cead an Aire Airgeadais. Chomh maith leis sin, fostaíonn an Bord, de réir alt 124 den Acht, comhairleoirí eile atá riachtanach chun a chuid feidhmeanna a chomhlíonadh. In 2009, tháinig timpeall 37% de na tuarascálacha cigireachta uile ó chigirí comhairleacha, agus b'ionann a gcuid táillí, chomh maith leis na costais a ghabhann le héisteachtaí ó bhéal a thaifeadadh, b'ionann iad agus beagnach 99% (2008: 86%) de na táillí comhairleoireachta agus de na costais seirbhísí uile.

15 Premises

The Board occupies and pays rent on premises at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 which is held on a 25 year lease from October 2001.

The costs in relation to the fit-out and certain other matters, other than normal establishment and operating costs, were allocated for capital purposes and included under Leasehold Premises in the Fixed Assets. Ongoing improvements to the premises are treated in a similar manner.

The financial commitment on the above lease is the annual rent which in 2009 was €1,250,000.

16 Board Members & Staff Interests

The Code of Practice for State Bodies requires a written code of conduct for Board members. A Code in compliance with the guidelines is in operation and members are required to make declarations of interests to the Secretary on an annual basis.

In addition, members and certain staff are subject to the requirements of the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001, and yearly statements of registrable interests are made under the Acts. The Acts require that the statements of Board members be furnished to the Standards in Public Offices Commission every year. In 2009, all members made statements in accordance with the Acts.

Board members and certain staff are required to make declarations/disclosures of interests in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

Section 147 of the 2000 Act provides for statutory declarations by members and certain staff in relation to certain interests. A register of interests is maintained by the Secretary in accordance with section 147 of the Act and is available for public inspection during office hours.

Section 148 of the 2000 Act relates to disclosures regarding a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in, or which is material to, any appeal or other matter to be determined by the Board. In 2009, members made one (1) disclosure, staff made five (5) disclosures and consultants made zero (0) disclosures.

15 Áitreabh

Áitíonn an Bord, agus íocann sé cíós ar, áitreabh ag 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1, atá ar léas 25 bliain ó Dheireadh Fómhair 2001 i leith.

Leithroinneadh na costais a ghabhann le feistiú agus le cúrsaí áirithe eile, seachas na gnáthchostais teaghlachais agus oibriúcháin, chun críocha caipitil agus cuireadh san áireamh iad faoi Áitreabh Léasach sna Sócmhainní Seasta. Tá feabhsuithe leanúnacha ar an áitreabh á láimhseáil ar an gcaoi chéanna.

Is é an ceangaltas airgeadais ar an léas thuas ná an cíós bliantúil, a chosain €1,250,000 in 2009.

16 Leasanna Comhaltaí Boird & Foirne

De réir an Chóid Chleachtais do Chomhlachtaí Stáit, ní mór cód cleachtais scríofa a chur ar fáil do chomhaltaí Boird. Tá cód a chloíonn leis na treoirlínte i bhfeidhm agus ní foláir do chomhaltaí leasanna a nochtadh don Rúnaí gach bliain.

Ina theannta sin, tá comhaltaí agus baill foirne áirithe faoi réir riachtanais na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001, agus déantar ráitis bhliantúla de leasanna inchláraithe faoi na hAchtanna sin. De réir na nAchtanna, ní mór ráitis ó chomhaltaí an Bhoird a chur ar fáil do Choimisiúin na nOifigí Poiblí gach bliain. In 2009, rinne na comhaltaí uile ráitis de réir na nAchtanna.

Ní mór do chomhaltaí an Bhoird agus do bhaill foirne áirithe dearbhú / nochtadh leasa a dhéanamh, de réir fhorálacha an Achta um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000.

Forálann alt 147 d'Acht 2000 go ndéanfaidh comhaltaí agus baill foirne áirithe dearbhú reachtúil i leith leasanna áirithe. Tá clár leasanna ar coimeád ag an Rúnaí de réir alt 147 den Acht agus tá an clár sin ar fáil le haghaidh iniúchta phoiblí i rith uaireanta oifige.

Baineann alt 148 den Acht 2000 le nochtadh maidir le leas airgid nó leas tairbhíúil eile in aon achomharc nó ábhar eile atá le cinneadh ag an mBord, nó a bhaineann leo. In 2009, rinne comhaltaí a haon (1) nochtadh, rinne an fhoireann cúig (5) nochtadh agus rinne comhairleoirí dhá náid (0) nochtadh.

Under section 150 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, the Board has adopted a code of conduct for dealing with conflicts of interest and promoting public confidence in the integrity of the conduct of its business. The code applies to members, certain staff and other persons whose services are availed of by the Board. In 2009, zero (0) member made disclosures, seven (7) staff made disclosures and zero (0) consultants made disclosures under the Code.

17 Approval of Financial Statements

The Board approved the financial statements on 30 June 2010.

Faoi alt 150 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, tá cód iompair glactha ag an mBord chun déileáil le coinbhleachtaí leasa agus chun muinín an phobail a chothú as ionracas an Bhoird agus é i mbun gnó. Tá feidhm ag an gcód i leith comhaltaí, baill foirne áirithe agus daoine eile a mbaineann an Bord úsáid as a seirbhísí. In 2009, rinne náid (0) chomhaltaí nochtadh, rinne seacht (7) ball foirne nochtadh, agus rinne náid (0) chomhairleoirí nochtadh faoin gCód.

17 Na Ráitis Airgeadais a Fhaomhadh

D'fhaomh an Bord na ráitis airgeadais ar an 30 Meitheamh 2010.



APPENDIX 11 REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL

Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

I have audited the financial statements of An Bord Pleanála for the year ended 31 December 2009 under the Planning and Development Act 2000.

The financial statements, which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein, comprise the Statement of Accounting Policies, the Income and Expenditure Account, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes.

Respective Responsibilities of the Board and the Comptroller and Auditor General

An Bord Pleanála is responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 and for ensuring the regularity of transactions. An Bord Pleanála prepares the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland. The accounting responsibilities of the Members of the Board are set out in the Statement of Board's Responsibilities.

My responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

I report my opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland. I also report whether in my opinion proper books of account have been kept. In addition, I state whether the financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

I report any material instance where moneys have not been applied for the purposes intended or where the transactions do not conform to the authorities governing them.

I also report if I have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of my audit.

I review whether the Statement on Internal Financial Control reflects An Bord Pleanála's compliance with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies and report any material instance where it does not do so, or if the statement is misleading or inconsistent with other information of which I am aware from my audit of the financial statements. I am not required to consider whether the Statement on Internal Financial Control covers all financial risks and controls, or to form an opinion on the effectiveness of the risk and control procedures.

AGUISÍN 11 TUARASCÁIL AN ARD-REACHTAIRE CUNTAS AGUS CISTE

Tuarascáil an Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste le cur i láthair Thithe an Oireachtais

Tá ráitis airgeadais An Bhoird Pleanála don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2009 iniúchta agam faoin Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000.

Tá na ráitis airgeadais, a ullmhaíodh faoi na beartais chuntasaíochta arna leagan amach sna ráitis, comhdhéanta den Ráiteas ar Bheartais Chuntasaíochta, an Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais, an Ráiteas Gnóthachan agus Caillteanas Aitheanta Iomlán, an Clár Comhardaithe, an Ráiteas ar Shreabhadh Airgid agus na nótaí gaolmhara.

Freagrachtaí an Bhoird agus an Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste faoi seach

Tá an Bord Pleanála freagrach as na ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú de réir an Achte um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 agus as rialtacht na n-idirbheart a chinntiú. Ullmhaíonn An Bord Pleanála na ráitis airgeadais de réir Cleachtais Chuntasaíochta a nGlactar Leis go Coitianta in Éirinn. Tá freagrachtaí cuntasaíochta Chomhaltaí an Bhoird leagtha amach sa Ráiteas um Fhreagrachtaí an Bhoird.

Is é m'fhreagrachtsa ná na ráitis airgeadais a iniúchadh de réir cheanglas ábhartha dlí agus rialúcháin agus Caighdeán Idirnáisiúnta maidir le hIniúcháireacht (Ríocht Aontaithe agus Éire).

Tuairiscím mo thuairim maidir le cibé an dtugann na ráitis airgeadais léargas fíorcheart, de réir Cleachtais Chuntasaíochta a nGlactar Leis go Coitianta in Éirinn. Tuairiscím freisin cibé, dar liom, an raibh leabhair chuntais chuí coinnithe. Lena chois sin, deirim cibé an dtugann na ráitis airgeadais leis na leabhair chuntais.

Tuairiscím ar aon chás ábhartha nár feidhmíodh suimeanna airgid chun na gcríoch a bhí beartaithe nó sa chás nach leanann na hidirbhearta do na húdaráis a rialaíonn iad.

Tuairiscím freisin mura bhfuil an fhaisnéis agus na mínithe ar fad faighte agam agus atá riachtanach chun críocha m'iniúchta.

Scrúdaím an Ráiteas maidir leis an Córas um Rialú Inmheánach Airgeadais le féachaint an léirítear ann gur chomhlíon An Bord Pleanála an Cód Cleachtais maidir le Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit agus tuairiscím ar aon chás ábhartha nach ndéanann sé amhlaidh, nó más rud é go bhfuil an ráiteas míthreorach nó nach dtugann sé le faisnéis eile atá ar eolas agam de bharr na ráitis airgeadais a bheith iniúchta agam. Ní cheanglaítear orm a bhreithniú cibé an gclúdaíonn an Ráiteas maidir leis an Córas um Rialú Inmheánach Airgeadais gach príacal agus rialú airgeadais, ná teacht ar thuairim maidir le héifeachtacht na nósanna imeachta maidir le príacail agus rialú.

I read other information contained in the Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. I consider the implications for my report if I become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Basis of Audit Opinion

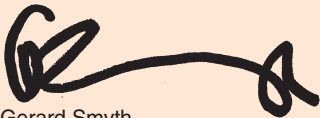
In the exercise of my function as Comptroller and Auditor General, I conducted my audit of the financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board and by reference to the special considerations which attach to State bodies in relation to their management and operation. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures and regularity of the financial transactions included in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to An Bord Pleanála's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations that I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, of the state of An Bord Pleanála's affairs at 31 December 2009 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by An Bord Pleanála. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.



Gerard Smyth
For and on behalf of Comptroller and Auditor General

30 June 2010

Léim faisnéis eile atá sa Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, agus breithním cibé an dtagann sé leis na ráitis airgeadais iniúchta. Breithním na himpleachtaí do mo thuarascáil má thagaim ar an eolas faoi aon rud atá, de réir cosúlachta, ina mhíríteas nó ina neamhréireacht ábhartha leis na ráitis airgeadais.

An Bunús atá le mo Thuairim ar na Ráitis

I mbun m'fheidhme mar Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste, rinne mé m'iniúchadh ar na ráitis airgeadais de réir Caighdeán Idirnáisiúnta maidir le hIniúcháireacht (Ríocht Aontaithe agus Éire) arna n-eisiúint ag an mBord um Chleachtais Iniúcháireachta agus trí thagairt a dhéanamh do na nithe ar leith is gá a chur san áireamh i ndáil le cúrsaí bainisteoireachta agus oibriúcháin a ghabhann le comhlachtaí Stáit. Déantar scrúdú mar chuid den iniúchadh, ar bhonn tástála, ar fhianaise a bhaineann le suimeanna agus rialtacht na n-idirbheart airgeadais a chuirtear san áireamh sna ráitis airgeadais, agus leis na hidirbhearta a fhoilsítear iontu. Chomh maith leis sin, cuimsíonn an t-iniúchadh measúnacht ar na meastacháin agus ar na breitheanna suntasacha a rinneadh agus na ráitis airgeadais á n-ullmhú, agus measúnacht le féachaint an n-oireann na beartais chuntasaíochta don bhail atá ar chúrsaí an Bhoird Pleanála, ar feidhmíodh na beartais sin ar bhealach leanúnach agus ar foilsíodh iad ar bhealach sásúil.

Phleanáil mé agus rinne mé m'iniúchadh sa chaoi is go bhfaighinn an fhaisnéis agus na mínithe ar fad a mheas mé a bheith riachtanach ionas go mbeadh leordhóthain fianaise agam a d'fhágfadh cinnteacht réasúnach ann go bhfuil na ráitis airgeadais saor ó mhíríteas ábhartha, cibé acu calaais nó neamhrialtacht eile nó earráid is cúis leis sin. I dteacht ar mo thuairim, rinne mé meastóireacht ar a shásúla is a cuireadh faisnéis i láthair sna ráitis airgeadais san iomlán freisin.

Tuairim

Is é mo thuairim go dtugann na ráitis airgeadais léargas fíorcheart, de réir Cleachtais Chuntasaíochta a nGlactar Leis go Coitianta in Éirinn, ar riocht ghnóthaí an Bhoird Pleanála ag 31 Nollaig 2009 agus ar a ioncam agus ar a chaiteachas don bhliain dar críoch sin.

Is é mo thuairim go raibh leabhair chuntais chuí coinnte ag an mBord Pleanála. Tá na ráitis airgeadais ag teacht leis na leabhair chuntais.



Gerard Smyth
Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste

30 Meitheamh 2010

