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Date Received: 20th of June 2025

Query Subject: Planning

Deputy/Senator: Deputy Grace Boland

Language: English

Query:

Following on from a Parliamentary Question which I raised with the Minister for Housing, I have been asked to contact An Bord Pleanála for direct reply.

I would appreciate if you could provide updates on the following:

1. How many staff were employed by An Bord Pleanála for the years 2020,2021, 2022, 2023,2024 as of December in each year - could this be provided in tabular form please
2. How many decisions made by An Bord Pleanála were overturned after judicial review;
3. What are the number of cases where An Bord Pleanála agreed with the court to overturn or amend a decision in 2023 and 2024;
4. How much was spent on legal fees in 2022,2023 and 2024
5. What is the budget for legal costs for the years 2025 and 2026
6. What is the annual budget for An Bord Pleanála
7. What are the annual payroll costs for An Bord Pleanála
8. What are the total number of applications awaiting a decision from An Bord Pleanála for 6,12,18,24,30,36 and 36+ months - could this be provided in tabular form please
9. What is the number of planning appeal cases awaiting decision from An Bord Pleanála as of 1st May 2025; the numbers of homes included in those cases, how many involve single homes, how many involve multiple homes.

Substantive Reply

Part 1: Please find below a table with the number of staff only employed (excluding Board member/Commissioners) by An Coimisiún Pleanála for the years requested

Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Staff Count	183	195	197	239	273
WTE	175.3	189.2	191	232.9	268.2

Parts 2-5: Our legal team have gathered the relevant information, please see attached documents.

Part 6: The Budget figures for 2025 are as follows:

- The Grant from the Department for 2025: €39.8m.
- Estimated income from fees for 2025: €5.452m.
- Total income for 2025 budget: €45.252m.

Part 7: The annual payroll costs are set out in each of our annual reports published on the website. The 2024 Annual Report and Financial Statements is expected to be published towards the end of September 2024. A copy of which we can send on to you. In the meantime set out below is an extract from the 2023 Annual Report and Financial Statements relating to both 2022 and 2023 for payroll and pensions. Extract from 2023 Annual Report – Expenditure re Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation €22,718,377 in 2023 and €19,314,027 in 2022. (page 51)

Parts 8 and 9: please find table below.

Please note we based the information in relation to housing units on instances where between 1 and 29 residential units, including apartments, and 30+ residential units have been appealed to ACP. Please note that a number of cases on hand over 12 months may have legal issues associates with the case or further information was required. We are currently working through the backlog of cases which were lodged in 2024 and expect to have all those cleared by the end of the year. So far in 2025 at end of July are compliance rate for cases lodged in 2025 is at 56% year to date for all case types in comparison to approximately 25% at the end of December, 2024.

Cases with the Commission - At end of July 2025									
Q	Case Types	<6 month	between 6 and 12 Months	between 12 and 18 Months	between 18 and 24 months	Between 24 and 30 months	between 30 and 36 months	>36 months	Total
8	Normal Planning Appeals (Inc LRD)	603	157	67	9	6	6	13	861
9	NPA (Inc LRD) between 1-29 units, including Apartments	192	67	16	1	1	1	2	280
9	NPA (Inc LRD) 30+ residential units	55	7	6	1	2	2	1	74

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Date Received: 31st July 2025

Query Subject: Planning

Deputy/Senator: Connor Sheehan

Language: English

Query:

To ask the Minister for Housing; Local Government and Heritage the amount spent by his Department and State bodies under its aegis on travel and subsistence in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. As advised by Minister Browne below, I am writing to you to request information on the amount spent by your organisation on travel and subsistence in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 to date. I would appreciate if this information could be provided in tabular form at your earliest convenience.

Substantive Reply

Details of expenditure on travel and subsistence are published annually in our Annual Reports and Accounts, which are available on our website. For your convenience, I have extracted the relevant figures for the years 2021–2024.