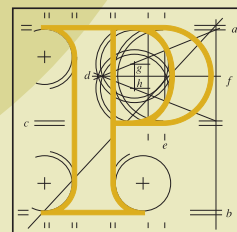


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MISSION STATEMENT

RÁITEAS MISIN



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.

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.

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.

Cuspóirí

Tá cuspóirí an Bhoird seo ar fáil ar ár suíomh idirlín.

Tá mórtháscairí feidhmíochta maidir le hachomhairc agus le feidhmiú coibhneasta ar fáil sa Tuarascáil seo.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

COMHALTAÍ AN BHOIRD



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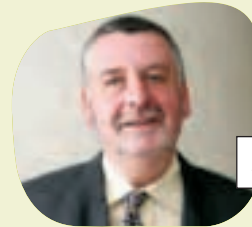
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* Members of the Management Committee
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- 1 John O'Connor *
Chairperson
Cathaoirleach
- 2 Brian Hunt*
Deputy Chairperson
Leas-Chathaoirleach
- 3 Jane Doyle
- 4 Angela Tunney
- 5 Brian Swift
- 6 Mary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

CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

The year 2008 was notable for An Bord Pleanála in three main respects. Firstly, reflecting the downturn in the national economy, the continuous rise in the intake of cases which we had experienced over preceding years was reversed, although it still remained high by historical standards. Secondly, the new functions assigned to the Board under the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006 were bedded down and the first decisions were made in relation to strategic infrastructure projects. Thirdly, we succeeded in fully implementing the new management structures and additional resources which had been approved following an external organisational review and the assumption of the new functions.

Workload and Performance in 2008

The following gives an overview of the Board's workload and performance in 2008:

- ▢ Intake of new cases 5,571 - down 16% on 2007.
- ▢ Cases determined 5,801 - down 6% on 2007.
- ▢ 18 week statutory objective met in 23% of cases, compared to 48% in 2007.

Despite the decreased intake the backlog of cases on hands arising from those record intake levels has frustrated the Board's ability to bring the timelines of its decision making back to a satisfactory level by reference to the statutory time objective of 18 weeks. The assimilation of the new functions and the problems associated with appeals in respect of quarry registrations also proved to be significant in this respect.

Other noteworthy features in 2008

The percentage of local authority planning decisions appealed to the Board showed an increase to 8.1% compared to 6.7% in 2007.

The rate of reversal of local planning authority decisions appealed showed a slight increase - 33% in 2008 compared to 32% in 2007.

The Board disposed of 130 appeals in relation to the imposition by local authorities of conditions on the registration of quarries under section 261 of the 2000 Act.

RÁITEAS AN CHATHAOIRLIGH

Ba bhliain shuntasach don Bhord Pleanála i 2008, ar thrí phríomhbhealach. Sa chéad áit, agus mar léiriú ar an gcor chun donais eacnamaíoch, aisiompaíodh an méadú leanúnach a bhí ar iontógáil cásanna sna blianta roimhe sin, cé gurbh ard fós é de réir na gcaighdeán stairiúil. Sa dara háit, neadaíodh na feidhmeanna nua a sannadh don Bhord faoin Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006, agus rinneadh na chéad chinntí i leith tionscadail bonneagair straitéisigh. Sa tríú háit, d'éirigh linn na nua-struchtúir bainistíochta agus na hacmhainní breise uile a bhí faofa a fhorfheidhmiú, tar éis athbhreithniú sheachtrach a bheith déanta ar an eagraíocht agus na feidhmeanna nua glactha ar láimh againn.

Ualach Oibre agus Feidhmíocht i 2008

Tugann an méid seo a leanas forbheathnú ar an ualach oibre agus ar fheidhmíocht an Bhoird i 2008:

- ▢ Iontógáil cásanna nua, 5,571 – laghdú 16% ar 2007.
- ▢ Cásanna a cinneadh, 5,801 – laghdú 6% ar 2007.
- ▢ Aimsíodh an sprioc reachtúil de 18 seachtain i 23% cásanna, i gcomparáid le 48% i 2007.

Ainneoin na hiontógála laghdaithe, chuir an riaráiste cásanna a bhí ar láimh de bharr barrleibhéil na hiontógála úd, bac ar chumas an Bhoird a amlínte cinnteoireachta a laghdú go leibhéil sásúil, de réir na spriocthréimhse reachtúil de 18 seachtain. B'ábhar suntais, freisin, é comhshamlú na bhfeidhmeanna nua agus na bhfadhbanna a bhaineann le hachomharc maidir le clárúcháin chairéil, ón taobh sin de.

Gnéithe suntasacha eile i 2008

Bhí méadú 8.1%, i gcomparáid le 6.7% i 2007, ar an gcéatadán de chinntí pleanála údaráis áitiúil a achomharcadh chuig an mBord.

Bhí méadú beag – 33% i 2008, i gcomparáid le 32% i 2007 – ar ráta aisiompaithe chinntí pleanála na n-údarás áitiúil.

Dhéileáil an Bord le 130 achomharc i leith coinníollacha a leag údaráis áitiúla síos maidir le clárú coiréal faoi alt 261 d'Acht 2000.



There was a 20% drop in the number of appeals dealt with in relation to one-off houses in rural areas.

Just over half of planning appeals lodged with the Board came from third parties, similar to the level in recent years.

Invalid appeals constituted 12% (12.5% in 2007) of all appeals determined, with invalid fee (4.6%), late appeals (3.3%) and third party appeals with no acknowledgement (3.2%) being the main reasons. Appeals withdrawn as a percentage of the intake decreased to 6.1% (6.3% in 2007).

There were 128 applications for leave to appeal by third parties of which 21% succeeded.

Strategic Infrastructure

2008 saw the first decisions on applications for major infrastructural projects made under the new provisions of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006. It is significant to note that of the 9 formal decisions made under the new system 7 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 in its infancy, 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.



Bhí laghdú 20% ar líon na n-achomharc a láimhseáladh i leith tithe aonair i gceantair thuaithe.

Tháinig breis bheag agus leath na n-achomharc pleanála a lóisteáladh leis an mBord ó thríú páirtithe, rud a bhí ar aon dul le leibhéal na mblianta beaga roimhe sin.

B'ionann agus 12% (12.4% i 2007) líon na n-achomharc neamhbhailí, agus bhí táille neamhbhailíochta (4.6%), achomhairc dhéanacha (3.3%) agus achomhairc tríú páirtí gan admháil (3.2%) mar phríomhchúiseanna leosan. Laghdaíodh na hachomhairc aistarraingthe mar chéatadán den iontógáil go 6.1% (6.3% i 2007).

Rinne tríú páirtithe 128 iarratas ar chead chun achomharc a dhéanamh, agus d'éirigh le 21% acu.

Bonneagar Straitéiseach

I 2008, rinneadh na chéad chinntí faoi nua-ghorálacha an Achta um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006, ar iarratais i leith mórthionscadail bhonneagair. Is ábhar suntais é go ndearnadh 7 den 9 cinneadh foirmeálta, faoin gcóras nua, laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil de 18 seachtain, tar éis dianmheasúnú iomlán a bheith déanta, lena n-áirítear éisteachtaí ó bhéal. Cé gur úrnua an córas seo fós, táim sásta go bhfuil measúnacht thráthúil á déanamh aige ar mhórthionscadail bhonneagair, gan laghdú ar rannpháirtíocht an phobail agus ar lán-anailísíú na saincheisteanna pleanála ábhartha uile a éiríonn i gcásanna dá shórt.



By end May 2009, 5 further decisions had been made in these cases, 4 of which were completed within the statutory objective period. Since the commencement of the new system in January, 2007 the Board has entered into 123 pre-application consultations with prospective applicants, 88 of which have concluded – 183 pre-application consultation meetings have been held in this period and a total of 28 formal applications have been received. In the same period the Board has also received a total of 66 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 2008 the Board received 123 and disposed of 47 such appeals 30% of which were disposed of within 18 weeks.

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 5 months of 2009 has shown a 31% decline in the intake of cases (1,730 cases received) over the corresponding period in 2008 while the Board's output in the same period was 2,357 cases. By end May considerable progress had been made in clearing the backlog of cases arising from the record levels of intake experienced over

Faoi dheireadh Bealtaine 2009, bhí 5 cinneadh breise déanta sna cásanna seo agus 4 ceann acu laistigh den spriochtáimhse reachtúil. Ó tosaíodh an córas nua in Eanáir 2007, bhí an Bord páirteach i 123 comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais le hiarratasóirí ionchais, a bhfuil 88 acu críochnaithe – reáchtáladh 183 cruinniú comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais sa tréimhse seo agus fuarthas 28 iarratas foirmeálta, in iomlán. Sa tréimhse chéanna, freisin, fuair an Bord 66 iarratas in iomlán i leith tionscadail bhonneagair ó údarais áitiúla, lena n-áirítear mórthionscadail bhóthair.

Tharlódh sé go gcuimseodh gnáth-achomhairc phleanála forbairt bheartaithe a mheasfaí mar mhór-bhonneagair, agus tugann an Bord tosaíocht i gcónaí do na hachomhairc seo. I 2008 fuair an Bord 123 achomharc dá shórt agus chuir siad 47 de láimh, 30% acusan laistigh de 18 seachtain.

Sa timpeallacht eacnamaíoch reatha, tuigeanann an Bord gur gá i gcónaí béim a leagan ar chásanna mórthionscadal bonneagair agus ar chinn le móracmhainn cruthaithe post a phróiseáil, gan aon mhoill ineachanta.

Treochtaí agus Ionchas Reatha

Sa chéad chúig mhí de 2009, bhí laghdú 31% ar iontógáil cásanna (fuarthas 1,730 cás) i gcomparáid leis an tréimhse chomhfhreagrach i 2008, agus d'aschuir an Bord 2,357 cás sa tréimhse chéanna. Faoi dheireadh Bealtaine, bhí dul chun cinn suntasach déanta ar réiteach an riaráiste cásanna a d'éirigh as barrleibhéil iontógála na dtrí blianta roimhe sin, mar is léir ón laghdú ar an líon cásanna ar láimh, ón mbuaic de 3031 ag deireadh Márta 2008 go 2240 ag deireadh Márta 2009. Is é dearcadh an Bhoird, go

the last three years as is evidenced by a decrease in the number of cases on hand from a peak of 3,031 at end March 2008 to 2009 at end May 2009. It is the Board's view that its continued focus on maintaining a high output should see the remaining backlog diminish fairly rapidly. The Board recognises and regrets the disappointing level of compliance with the statutory time objective.

Resources and Structures

The Board has undergone significant restructuring in its staffing profile arising primarily from the recommendations of an independent review of the organisation and an internal and Departmental review to take account of the new functions assigned to it in respect of strategic infrastructure. This new structure was finally put in place in 2008 and is designed to ensure that the Board can deliver on its various responsibilities and roles in a manner which is thorough, professional and timely.

The new structure includes a unified management at Director level involving two Directors of Planning and a new post of Director of Corporate Affairs under the general management of the Board's Chief Officer. This will facilitate a more integrated approach to managing the organisation at a strategic level.

The structure also enabled the Board appoint a dedicated Head of ICT for the first time and it is hoped that this appointment will be the catalyst for the roll-out of a successful ICT strategy for the Board over the next few years which will facilitate increased efficiency and greater ease of access for the public. In addition the appointment of a dedicated Head of Internal Audit in 2008 should significantly improve on the transparency and accountability of the Board's operations at all levels and promote greater efficiency in those operations.

I would mention however that like other areas of the public sector the Board is required to operate off a significantly reduced budget for 2009 – in this regard the Board's grant from central exchequer funds has been reduced by approximately 10% from that pertaining in 2008. This poses a significant challenge to the Board in meeting its overall remit but I am confident that the Board members and staff will 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.

bhfeicfear laghdú measartha gasta ar an riaráiste de thart ar 600 cás atá fágtha, de thoradh na béime leanúnaí atá curtha aige anois ar aschur ard a chinntiú. Aithníonn an Bord go bhfuil leibhéal míshásúil comhaill ann i gcás an spriocama reachtúil, agus is trua leis sin.

Acmhainní agus Struchtúir

Tá athstruchtúrú suntasach déanta ar phróifíl soláthar foirne an Bhoird, go háirithe de bharr moltaí athbhreithnithe neamhspleáigh ar an eagraíocht agus as an athbhreithniú inmheánach agus Rannach a rinneadh faoi na feidhmeanna nua i leith bonneagair straitéisigh a sannadh dó. Cuireadh an struchtúr nua seo i bhfeidhm ar deireadh i 2008, agus é ceaptha a chinntiú go gcomhlíonfaidh an Bord a fhreagrachtaí agus a ról éagsúla ar bhealach a bheidh críochnúil, gairmiúil, tráthúil.

Mar chuid den struchtúr nua, tá bainistíocht aonta ann ag leibhéal Stiúrthóra, agus é comhdhéanta de bheirt Stiúrthóirí Pleanála agus post nua mar Stiúrthóir gnóthaí Corpartha, faoi bhainistiú ginearálta Phríomh-Oifigeach an Bhoird. Éascóidh seo cur chuige níos comhtháite i mbainistiú na heagraíochta ag leibhéal straitéiseach.

Chuir an struchtúr nua ar chumas an Bhoird, freisin, Ceann tiomnaithe ICT a cheapadh don chéad uair, agus táthar ag súil go mbeidh an ceapachán seo ina chatalaíoch chun straitéis rathúil ICT a sheachadadh don Bhord sna blianta beaga atá romhainn, ag éascú éifeachtacht bhreise agus so-rochtain níos fearr don phobal. Ina theanntas, trí Cheann Iniúchóireachta Inmheánaí tiomanta a cheapadh i 2008, ba chóir go bhfeabhsófaí go mór trédhearcacht agus cuntasacht oibríochtaí an Bhoird ag gach leibhéal, agus go gcothófaí breis éifeachtachta sna hoibríochtaí sin.

Caithfear a lua, áfach, gur gá don Bhord, dála réimsí eile den earnáil phoiblí, feidhmiú le buiséad do 2009 atá laghdaithe go mór – ina leith seo, tá laghdú de thart ar 10% tagtha ar dheontas lárchiste an stáit don Bhord i gcomparáid lena raibh aige i 2008. Is dúshlán suntasach é seo don Bhord ó thaobh a shainchúram foriomlán a chomhlíonadh, ach tá muinín agam go mbeidh comhaltaí agus foireann an Bhoird lántiomanta d'fhócas leanúnach a choinneáil ar ár gcuspóirí feidhmíochta, fiú sna cúinsí deacra nó srianta atá ann de bharr thionchair na gciorroithe airgeadais.

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.

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. A scheme under section 11 of the Official Languages Act 2004 detailing the services provided through Irish is in place.

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.

Feabhsú na hEagraíochta

Tuigtear go maith don Bhord Pleanála go bhfuil sé riachtanach bheith ag síor-iarraidh an fheidhmíocht fhoriomlán a fheabhsú, mar eagraíocht ardchaighdeán de chuid na hearnála poiblí a thugann luach ar airgead agus sársheirbhís chustaiméara. Ón taobh sin de, tá an Bord lánfheasach ar chlár an Rialtais maidir le claochlú leanúnach Sheirbhís Phoiblí na hÉireann, de thoradh Thuarascáil an Tascfhórsa ar an tSeirbhís Phoiblí, agus tá sé ag eagrú a chuid oibríochtaí agus acmhainní daonna go leanúnach de réir chur chuige an chlár. Tá sé mar phríomh-thosaíocht ag an mBord forleibhéal comhaill níos airde a aimsiú i leith na spriocthréimhse reachtúla de 18 seachtain, agus cuimsíonn na spriocanna feidhmíochta inmheánacha d'fhoirne agus do dhaoine aonair go n-aimseofaí na hamlínite inmheánacha is gá i bpróiseáil cásanna chun comhall an chuspóra fhoriomláin a éascú. 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 leibhéal is gá chun ár gcuspóirí foriomlána a bhaint amach. Tá soghluaiseacht/solúbthacht foirne inti ag feidhmiú, freisin, sa dóigh gur féidir le baill foirne bogadh ar bhonn leanúnach chuig réimsí den eagraíocht ina bhfuil gá leo, de réir éilimh na sreabha oibre.

An Ghaeilge

Cuireann an Bord fáilte roimh úsáid na Gaeilge ag daoine a dhéanann gnó linn, agus spreagtar an fhoireann, agus tugtar an tacaíocht dóibh, le bheith líofa sa teanga. Tá scéim i bhfeidhm faoi Alt 11 d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2004 a shonraíonn na seirbhísí atá ar fáil trí Ghaeilge.

Muinín an Phobail

Tá trí bhunphrionsabal an Bhoird, neamhspleáchas, neamhchlaontacht agus oscailteacht, neadaithe inár Ráiteas Bunchuspóra agus inár gcuspóirí, agus tá buntacaíocht reachtaíochta acu. Is feasach dúinn i gcónaí go mbrathann muinín an phobail ar shláine agus ar cháilíocht na cinnteoireachta a dhéanaimid, agus ar an ngairmiúlacht lena gcomhlíonaimid ár bhfeidhmeanna. Is cód reachtúil iompair é seo dár gcomhaltaí, don fhoireann agus do chomhairleoirí uile an Bhoird, a leagann diandualgais ar chomhaltaí agus ar fhostaithe an Bhoird a sainleasanna a fhógairt agus iad féin a iompar i gcoitinne ar bhealach a threisióinn muinín an phobail. Tá sé mar pholasáí ag an mBord a bheith chomh hoscailte agus is féidir inár bplé leis an bpobal, agus feidmimid de réir córais lena mbíonn na comhaid lánoscailte ón uair a ndéantar cinneadh faoi chásanna.



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.

Complaints / Correspondence

As part of our increased focus on customer service, the Board operates a system of considering complaints made in relation to cases determined. 289 complaints were received in 2008 and 225 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 2008. Expenditure increased from €23,213,677 million in 2007 to €26,291,462 million in 2008. In 2008, fee income together with costs recouped from local authorities on infrastructure projects was €6,237,023 million which represented 23.72% of the total costs of the Board's operations (14% in 2007).

Ós rud é go bhféadfadh baint a bheith ag ár gcinntí le mórfhorbairtí, ní hábhar iontais é go gcothódh cuid acu conspóid phoiblí. Measann an Bord, áfach, gur cuí cloí leis an gcleachtas seanbhunaithe, gan páirt a ghlacadh i ndíospóireacht faoi chásanna ar leith, toisc nádúr garbhreithiúnaigh ár bhfeidhmeanna, agus an baol go ndéanfaí dochar do chásanna sa todhchaí a sheachaint.

Gearáin / Comhfhreagras

Mar chuid den bhéim bhreise atá againn ar sheirbhís don chustaiméir, tá córas i bhfeidhm ag an mBord lena mbreithnítear gearáin faoi na cásanna a cinneadh. Fuarthas 289 gearán i 2008, agus eisíodh 225 freagraí ar ghearáin le linn na bliana. Feidhmíonn córas aiseolais ag gach leibhéal den eagraíocht, sa dóigh gur féidir linn foghlaim ó na saincheistanna a ardaítear agus ár ngnáthaimh a fheabhsú nuair is gá.

Cuntais

Tá cuntais iniúchta an Bhoird do 2008 le fáil in Aguisín 10. Mhéadaigh an caiteachas ó €23,213,677 milliún i 2007 go €26,291,462 milliún i 2008. I 2008, bhí an t-ioncam ó tháillí, móide na costais a fuarthas ar ais ó údaráis áitiúla ar thionscadail bhonneagair, cothrom le €6,237,023 milliún, rud ab ionann agus 23.72% de chostais iomlána oibríochtaí an Bhoird (14% i 2007).



In 2008, income amounted to €25,901,533 million leaving a deficit for the year of €389,929. There was an incoming surplus of €184,578 which left a cumulative deficit of €205,351.

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

5 June 2009



I 2008, b'ionann an t-ioncam agus €25,901,533 milliún, rud a d'fhág caillteanas de €389,929 don bhliain. Bhí barrachas isteach de €184,578, rud a d'fhág caillteanas carnach de €205,351.

Buíochas

Is mian liom mo bhuíochas a chur in iúl don Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil, John Gormley, T.D., agus d'oifigigh a Roinne, as an tacaíocht a thug siad don Bhord. Is mian liom, go háirithe, mo mheas a chur in iúl do chomhaltaí eile agus d'fhoireann an Bhoird ar gach leibhéal as a dtiomantas agus a gcomhoibriú leanúnach, agus do na comhairleoirí, freisin, agus do chigirí na dtáillí in aghaidh cáis. Is cuí go gcuirfi ár mbuíochas in iúl, freisin, do bhainistíocht agus d'oifigigh na n údarás pleanála as a gcomhoibriú, agus do chomhairleoirí dlí an Bhoird.

Séan Ó Conchúir
Cathaoirleach

5 Meitheamh 2009

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 2008 and compares with 2007 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.

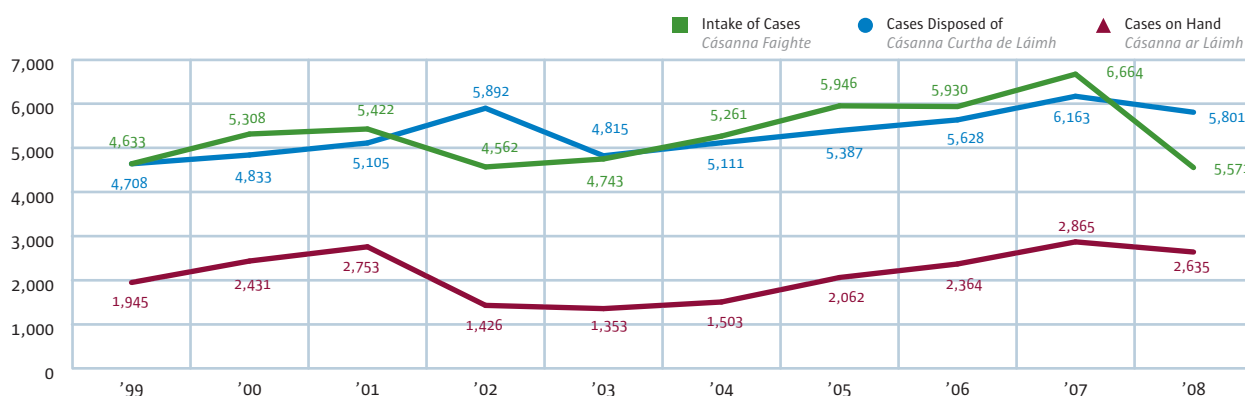
Tá mórháscairí feidhmíochta i bhfigiúir 1 go dtí 6 maidir le gach cás a faighte agus curtha de láimh ag an mBord i 2008 agus déantar comparáid le 2007 nó le claonta ar feadh tréimhse deich mbliana. Tugtar briseadh síos ar an gcásobair de réir tagartha do ghnáth achomhairc phleanála, tionscadail údaráis áitiúla agus cásanna eile sna táblaí seo a leanas.

FIGURE 1: Summary All Cases	FIGIÚR 1: Achoimre Gach Cás			
		2008	2007	Méadú/(laghdú) % Increase/ (decrease) %
On hands at start	Idir lámha ag an tús	2,865	2,364	21%
Received	Faighte	5,571	6,664	(16%)
Disposed of	Curtha de láimh	5,801	6,163	(6%)
On hands at end	Idir lámha ag an deireadh	2,635	2,865	(8%)
Disposed of within statutory objective period	Curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil	23%	48%	-
Average time taken (weeks)	Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí)	24	19	26%



FIGURE 2
Trend in intake, disposal and cases on hands 1999 to 2008

FIGIÚR 2
Claonadh i gcásanna a fuarthas, a cuireadh de láimh agus a bhí idir lámha 1999 go dtí 2008



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

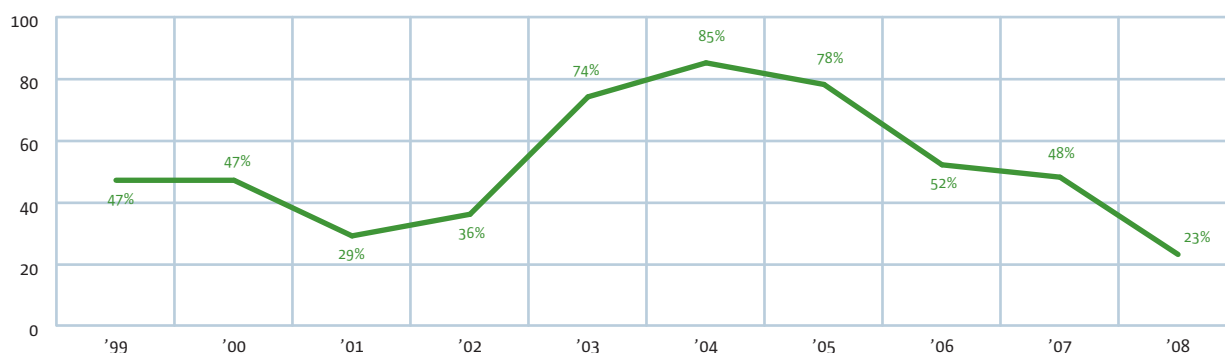
Leag na forálacha atá sna hAchtanna um Pleanail, Rialú Tógála agus Truailliú Uisce agus i Rialacháin déanta faoi na hAchtanna mar chuspóir ag an mBord riachtanas chun a chinntiú go dtabharfar cinneadh ar achomhairc agus ar ábhair eile laistigh de thréimhsí ama sonracha.

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 1999 to 2008

FIGIÚR 3
Céatadán de chásanna a chinntíodh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil 1999 go dtí 2008



During 2008, 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 1999 to 2008.

Le linn 2008, 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 1999 go dtí 2008.

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
1999	21	-	16	21
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

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 2008 the number of oral hearing requests in relation to normal planning appeals was 85 and the number of hearings held was 18.

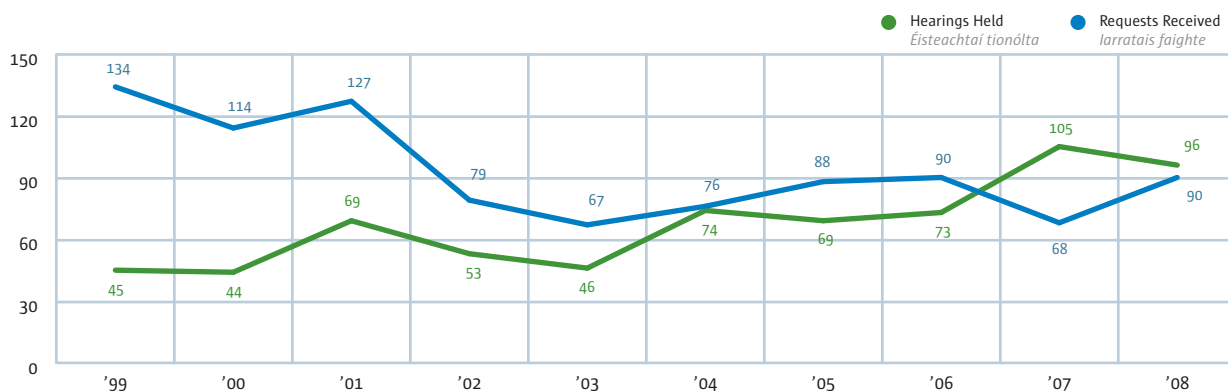
Éisteachtaí Béil

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 lánrogha 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 2008 bhí 85 iarratas ar éisteachtaí béil maidir le gnáth achomhairc phlanaála agus bhí 18 éisteacht tionólta.

FIGURE 5
Oral hearings of all cases

FIGIÚR 5
Éisteachtaí béil maidir le gach cás



Inspectors' Reports and Recommendations

In 2008, the number of formal decisions made with Inspectors' reports were 4,525. The number of Inspectors' recommendations not generally accepted by the Board was 592 (13.1%) compared to 603 (13.1%) in 2007.

Moltaí agus Tuarascálacha gCigirí

I 2008, rinneadh 4,525 cinneadh foirmiúil le tuarascálacha na gCigirí. Níor ghlac an Bord go ginearálta le 592 (13.1%) de mholtaí na gCigirí i gcomparáid le 603 (13.1%) i 2007.

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 2008. 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 phleanála) iad 91% de na cásanna go léir a fuarthas in 2008. Eascraíonn gnáth achomhairc phleanála as cinntí na n-údarás phleanála ar iarratais ar chead d'fhorbairt talún.

Is féidir le hachomharc phleanála 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 phleanála.

FIGURE 6
Summary of appeals

		2008	2007	(laghdú) % Increase/(decrease) %
On hands at start	Idir lámha ag an tús	2,480	2,223	12%
Received	Faighte	5,056	5,891	(14%)
Disposed of	Curtha de láimh	5,189	5,644	(8%)
On hands at end	Idir lámha ag deireadh	2,347	2,480	(5%)
Disposed of within statutory objective period	Curtha de láimh laistigh de sprioc thréimhse reachtúil	20%	47%	-
Average time taken (weeks)	Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí)	24	20	20%

FIGIÚR 6
Achoimre na nAchomharc

FIGURE 7
Analysis of appeals disposed of and analysis of invalid cases

Appeals Disposed of	Achomhairc curtha de láimh	2008	2007
Formally	Go foirmeálta	4,145	4,440
Otherwise	Ar bhealaí eile	1,044	1,204
- Invalid All	- Neamhbhailí Iomlán	621	707
• late	- Déanach	170	227
• no acknowledgement	- gan admháil	166	198
• incorrect fee, no fee	- táille mícheart, gan táille	239	210
• name/address of appellant/agent	- ainm/seoladh achomharcóir/gníomhaire	29	53
• grounds/subject	- bonn/ábhar	9	8
• hours	- uaireanta	3	3
• other	- eile	5	8
- Appeal withdrawn by appellant (section 140(1) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc aistarraingthe ag an achomharcóir (alt 140(1)den Acht 2000)	306	363
- Application withdrawn by applicant (section 140(1) of 2000 Act)	- Iarratas aistarraingthe ag an iarratasóir (alt 140(1)den Acht 2000)	87	96
- Appeal dismissed (section 37(4)(b) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 37(4)(b)den Acht 2000)	0	1
- Appeal dismissed (section 133 of the 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 133 den Acht 2000)	0	1
- Appeal dismissed (section 138(1)(a)(i) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 138(1)(a)(i))den Acht 2000)	6	12
- Appeal dismissed (section 138(1)(b) of the 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 138(1)(b)den Acht 2000)	16	15
- Appeal declared withdrawn (section 140(2) of 2000 Act)	- Fógraíodh gur aistarraingíodh an achomharc (alt 140(2)den Acht 2000)	4	7
- Application declared withdrawn (section 140(2) of 2000 Act)	- Fógraíodh gur aistarraingíodh an t-iarratas (alt 140(2)den Acht 2000)	3	1
- Application regarded as withdrawn (article 96(4) of 2001 Regulations)	- Meastar an t-iarratas mar aistarraingthe (airteagal 96(4) de Rialacháin 2001)	0	1
- Otherwise disposed of	- Curtha de láimh i slí eile	1	1
Total	Iomlán	5,189	5,644

FIGIÚR 7

Anailís ar achomhairc a cuireadh de láimh agus anailís ar chásanna neamhbhailí

Invalid Appeals

The rate of invalid appeals in 2008 reduced from 12.5% in 2007 to 12.0% of the total disposed.

Late: The period for making an appeal is four weeks starting on the day the planning authority make their 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 12.5% in 2008 go 12.0% i 2007 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 8.1%, compared to 6.7% in 2007.

Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown (18.3%), Fingal (17.2%) and Cork City (16.4%) had the highest levels of decisions appealed. Areas with the highest rate of appealed decisions overturned by the Board were Waterford (51.9%), Cavan (49.3%) and Donegal (45.9%) while those with the lowest rate of appealed decisions overturned were Waterford City (17.9%), Limerick City (20.8%) and Sligo (22.5%).

Major Infrastructure Appeals

The number of major infrastructure appeals received during 2008 was 123. The number disposed of was 47, of which 30% were disposed of within the statutory objective period. The average time taken to dispose of major infrastructure appeals was 31 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 relative economic significance;
- Significant employment potential;
- Large scale industrial/commercial/residential/tourism projects including mixed use projects. This would include some single use district shopping centres normally in excess of 10,000sq.m. floor area;
- Tall buildings (normally in excess of 15 storeys);
- Large energy generation and transmission projects. Normally transmission lines in excess of 15km only.

Achomhairc de réir Ceantair

Taispeánann Aguisín 2 anailís ar chinntí faoi iarratais phleanála, achomhairc, agus cinntí faoi achomhairc do gach ceantar contae agus cathrach. Ar an iomlán, bhí na hachomhairc a fuarthas cothrom le 8.1% de na cinntí a rinne údaráis phleanála faoi iarratais phleanála, i gcomparáid le 6.7% in 2007.

Rinneadh an leibhéal ab airde achomharc in aghaidh cinntí i nDún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin (18.3%), Fine Gall (17.2%) agus Cathair Chorcaí (16.4%). B'iad na ceantair leis an ráta ab airde achomharc a chealaigh an Bord, Port Láirge (15.9%), an Cabhán (49.3%) agus Dún na nGall (45.9%), agus na ceantair leis an ráta ba lú achomharc a cealaíodh, Cathair Phort Láirge (17.9%), Cathair Luimnigh (20.8%) agus Sligeach (22.5%).

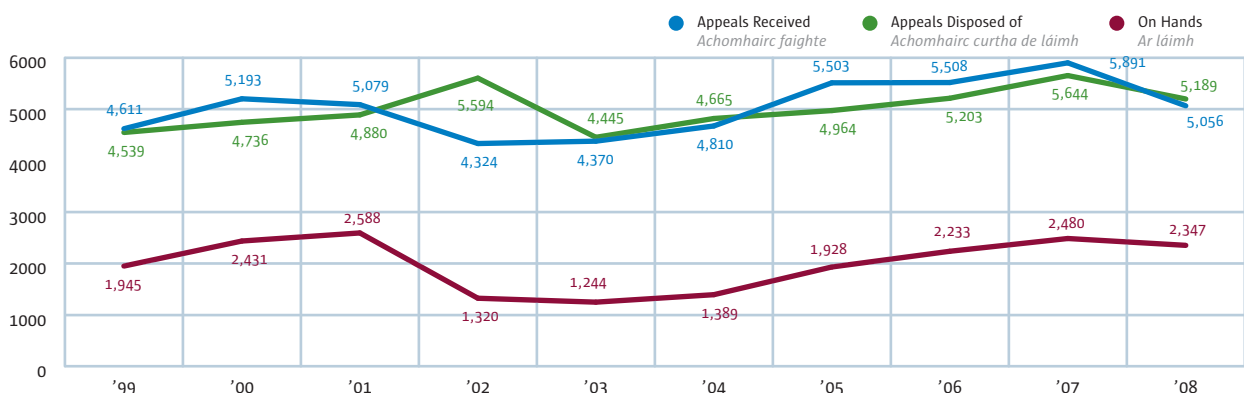
Achomhairc um Bhonneagair Mhóra

Fuathas 123 achomharc um bhonneagar mór le linn 2008, bhí 47 curtha de láimh, dá raibh 30% curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil. Thóg é 31 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 phleanála:

- Tionscadail náisiúnta, réigiúnacha agus/nó áitiúla ar bhain tábhacht choibhneasta gheilleagrach leo;
- Acmhainn shuntasach fostaíochta;
- Tionscadail mórsála tionscadail/tráchtála/cónaithe/turasóireachta lena n-áirítear tionscadail ilchineálacha. Chuimseodh seo roinnt ceantar-ionad siopadóireachta aonúsáide thar 10,000 m.cr. d'achar urláir, de ghnáth;
- Foirgnimh arda (thar 15 stór de ghnáth);
- Tionscadail mhóra giniúna agus tarchuir fuinnimh, De ghnáth, línte tarchuir thar 15km, amháin.;

FIGURE 8
Appeals received, disposed of and on hands 1999 to 2008

FIGIÚR 8
Achomhairc a fuarthas, a cuireadh de láimh 1999 go dtí 2008



- ❑ Significant windfarm projects (normally in excess of 10 turbines);
- ❑ Large landfill, waste projects (normally in excess of 10ha. working area) waste water, incinerators;
- ❑ Large scale mining/major quarrying projects (normally excess of 10ha. working area);
- ❑ Strategic Development Zones;
- ❑ Major medical facilities including hospitals and major medical centres and large scale nursing homes and extensions to such facilities, retirement homes/ villages;
- ❑ 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;
- ❑ Large scale public sculptures, monuments and works of art;
- ❑ Other cases whether through scale, nature, significant public interest or importance justify priority MIA status;
- ❑ 50+ housing developments.

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 2008, planning authorities submitted the planning file and other documents in relation to appeals to the Board within the statutory period of two weeks in 77% of appeals (69% in 2007).

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.

- ❑ Tionscadail suntasacha feirm ghaoithe (de ghnáth thar 10 turbín);
- ❑ Tionscadail mhóra líonta talún, dramhaile (de ghnáth thar 10ha. d'achar oibre) fuíolluisce, loisceoirí;
- ❑ Tionscadail mhórsála mianadóireachta/ cairéalachta (de ghnáth thar 10ha. 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;
- ❑ Staidiamaí mórsála spóirt agus/nó áiseanna spóirt/fóillíochta;
- ❑ Dealbha, leachtanna agus saothair ealaíne mhórsála poiblí;
- ❑ Cásanna eile a dhliteanaíonn stádas tosaíochta MIA de bharr scála, nádúir, spéis shuntasach phoiblí nó tábhachta;
- ❑ Forbairtí tithíochta de 50+.

Déantar anailís cas ar chás ar an ngá atá ann stádas 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 2008, chuir údaráis phleanála an comhad pleanála agus cáipéisí eile maidir le hachomhairc, faoi bhráid an Bhoird laistigh den tréimhse reachtúil de dhá sheachtain i gcás 77% de na hachomhairc (69% i 2007).

Tithíocht Tuaithe

Sheol an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil na Treoirlínte um Thithíocht Tuaithe Inmharthana i mí Aibreáin 2005. Toisc go bhfuil na treoirlínte 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-uair 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 2008, the Board determined 4 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 1 electricity application, 1 gas application (and related compulsory acquisition request) and 2 railway order applications.

In line with the Board's wish to ensure the fullest possible public participation in applications made to it, oral hearings were held in relation to all of the above cases. The average time to determine the above cases was 28 weeks from the date of lodgement of the applications.

FIGURE 9
Strategic Infrastructure Cases
(excluding Local Authority Cases)

	Received 2008	Concluded 2008	On-hands end 2008
Consultation Requests	37	45	33
Applications	16	12	10
Scoping Requests	2	2	1
Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Cases	0	0	0
Alteration/Ammendment Requests	3	3	0
Total	58	62	44

In respect of the 12 applications concluded in 2008, 9 of same were formally determined by the Board and 3 were withdrawn. Of the 9 formal decisions 7 (78%) were made within the statutory objective time period. Both of the railway order applications were determined within the statutory objective period. 8 cases were the subject of approval decisions (subject to conditions) while 1 was refused approval.

CÁSANNA BONNEAGAIR STRAITÉISIGH

Ó Eanáir 2007, agus ó tosaíodh forálacha ábhartha an Achta um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006, rinneadh údarás toilithe pleanála den Bhord i leith tionscadail bonneagair straitéisigh i réimsí an fhuinnimh, iompair agus comhshaoil (cibé cothaithe ag an earnáil phoiblí nó phríobháideach), lena n-áirítear iompar iarnróid, píblínte gáis, agus giniúint agus tarchur leictreachais. Rinneadh freagrach, freisin, í i gcinneadh na n-iarratas ar shealbhú éigeantach i gcás tionscadail gáis, aerfoirt agus iarnróid.

In Acht 2006, rangáíodh mar bhonneagar straitéiseach, freisin, iarratais forbartha ó údarais áitiúla áirithe agus na cásanna sealbhaithe éigeantaigh a bhain leo. Bhí an Bord ag plé leis na cásanna seo ó 2001 i leith, áfach.

I 2008, rinne an Bord cinneadh faoi 4 iarratas ar chead d'fhorbairt bonneagair straitéisigh, sonraithe sa Seachtú Sceideal den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, arna leasú. Rinne an Bord cinneadh, freisin, faoi iarratas 1 ar leictreachas, iarratas 1 ar ghás (agus an t-iarratas bainteach ar shealbhú éigeantach) agus 2 iarratas ar ordú iarnróid.

Ag teacht le mian an Bhoird go gcinnteofaí sna hiarratais a chuirtear chucu an oiread rannpháirtíocht pobail is féidir, reachtáladh éisteachtaí ó bhéal faoi na cásanna thuas uile. Cinneadh na cásanna thuas, ar an meán, 28 seachtain ó dháta lóisteála na n iarratas.

FIGURE 9
Cásanna Bonneagair Straitéisigh
(Seachas Cásanna Udarais Áitiúil)

	Faighe 2008	Críochnaithe 2008	Ar Láimh, deireadh 2008
Iarrataí ar Chomhairliúchán	37	45	33
Iarratais	16	12	10
Iarrataí Scóipe	2	2	1
Cásanna Scagtha um Mheasúnacht Tionchair Tímeallachta	0	0	0
Iarrataí ar Athrú/Leasú	3	3	0
Iomlán	58	62	44

Maidir leis an 12 iarratas a cuireadh i gcrích i 2008, rinne an Bord cinneadh foirmeálta ar naoi gcinn acu agus aistarraingíodh trí cinn. As an naoi gcinneadh foirmeálta sin, rinneadh seacht gcinn (78%) laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil. Rinneadh cinneadh faoin dá iarratas ar ordú iarnróid laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil. Bhain ocht gcás le cinntí a faomhadh (faoi réir coinníollacha) agus diúltaíodh faomhadh do chás amháin.



FIGURE 10
Local Authority Strategic Infrastructure Cases

	Received 2008	Concluded 2008	On-hands end 2008
Applications	34	20	37
Scoping Requests	4	0	4
Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Cases	11	13	4
Alteration/Amended Requests	1	0	1
Total	50	33	46

In respect of the local authority cases concluded in 2008, 36% were determined within the statutory objective period. Of the 20 applications concluded 17 were approved subject to conditions, 1 was approved without conditions and 2 were refused approval. 11 of the decisions related to major road projects, all of which were approved. In the environmental impact assessment screening cases, an environmental impact statement was required in 6 cases, not required in 6 cases and 1 case was withdrawn.

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, two Senior Executive Officers, 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 2008	Críochnaith e 2008	Ar Láimh, deireadh 2008
Iarratais	34	20	37
Iarrataí Scoipe	4	0	4
Cásanna Scagtha um Mheasúnú Tionchar Timpeallachta	11	13	4
Iarrataí ar Athrú/Leasú	1	0	1
Iomlán	50	33	46

Maidir leis na cásanna údaráis áitiúil a críochnaíodh i 2008, cinneadh 36% acu laistigh den spriochtáimhse reachtúil. As an 20 iarratas a críochnaíodh, faomhadh 17 faoi réir coinníollacha, faomhadh 1 amháin gan choinníollacha, agus diúltaíodh faomhadh do 2 ceann. Bhain 11 cinneadh le mórtionscadail bhóthair, agus faomhadh iad uile. Sna cásanna inar scagadh measúnú tionchar comhshaoil, iarradh ráiteas faoi thionchar comhshaoil i 6 cás, níor iarradh é i 6 cás, agus aistarraingíodh cás amháin.

Feidhmiú na Rannóige um Bonneagar Straitéiseach

Chuimsigh an Rannóg um Bonneagar Straitéiseach an Cathaoirleach, an Leas-Chathaoirleach agus triúr ball eile (Margaret Byrne, Angela Tunney agus Karl Kent). Bhí foireann na Rannóige comhdhéanta de Stiúrthóir Pleanála amháin, beirt Stiúrthóirí Pleanála Cúnta, Oifigeach Riaracháin Sinsearach amháin, beirt Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearach, ceathrar Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin agus ceathrar Cúntóirí Riaracháin. Thug Cigirí agus Comhairleoirí eile cúnamh nuair ba ghá, ar bhonn chás ar chás.

In non-local authority strategic infrastructure cases prospective applicants are required to engage in pre-application consultations with the Board and in 2008 the Board received 37 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

	2008	Since Jan 2007
Received	37	111
Meetings Held	60	157
Concluded	45	78

Of the 45 cases concluded in 2008, 18 were deemed strategic infrastructure, 19 were deemed not strategic infrastructure and 8 were withdrawn.

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 2008	Concluded 2008	On-hands end 2008
Compulsory Acquisition CPO	46	48	19
Compulsory Acquisition Derelict Sites	11	15	4
Other Local Authority Projects	1	2	2
Total	58	65	25

Of the compulsory acquisition cases concluded in 2008, 21 cases were approved without modifications, 8 were approved with modifications and 4 were refused approval. There were 30 informal decisions e.g. where no objections were received in CPO cases. The two other local authority project cases concluded in 2008 relate to local authority development approval applications lodged prior to classification of such cases as strategic infrastructure. One of these was refused approval and the other approved with modifications. Of the 65 cases disposed in 2008, 63% were concluded within the statutory objective period.

I gcásanna bonneagair straitéisigh nach ó údaráis áitiúla iad, is gá d'iaratasóirí ionchais páirt a ghlacadh i gcomhairliúcháin réamhiarratais leis an mBord, agus i 2008 fuair an Bord seacht n-iaratas is tríocha 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 bhfuil nó nach bhfuil an fhorbairt a mholtar ina bonneagar straitéiseach.

FIGURE 11
Comhairliúcháin Réamh-Iarratais

	2008	Ó Eanáir 2007
Faighte	37	111
Cruinnithe reáchtáilte	60	157
Críochnaithe	45	78

As an 45 cás a críochnaíodh i 2008, measadh mar bhonneagar straitéiseach 18 acu, nár bhonneagar straitéiseach 19, agus aistarraingíodh 8 ceann.

Tionscadail Eile ag Údaráis Áitiúla

Mar aon le cásanna bonneagair straitéisigh, pléann an Bord le cásanna eile ag údaráis áitiúla, lena n-áirítear orduithe ceannacháin éigeantacha agus sealbhú éigeantach faoin Acht um Láithreáin Thréigthe.

FIGURE 12
Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúil nár Bhonneagair Straitéiseach iad

	Faighte 2008	Críochnaith e 2008	Ar Láimh, deireadh 2008
Sealbhú Éigeantach CPO	46	48	19
Sealbhú Éigeantach Láithreán Tréigthe	11	15	4
Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúil Eile	1	2	2
Iomlán	58	65	25

As na cásanna sealbhaithe éigeantaigh a críochnaíodh i 2008, faomhadh 21 cás gan aon mhionathrú, 8 le mionathruithe, agus diúltaíodh faomhadh do 4 cinn. Rinneadh 30 cinneadh neamhfhoirmeálta, e.g. nuair nach ndearnadh agóid in aghaidh cásanna CPO. Baineann an dá chás údaráis áitiúil eile a críochnaíodh i 2008, le hiarratais ar fhaomhadh d'fhorbairt údaráis áitiúil a lóisteáladh sular rangaíodh cásanna dá shórt mar bhonneagar straitéiseach. Diúltaíodh cead do cheann acu seo agus faomhadh an ceann eile le mionathruithe. As an 65 cás a cuireadh i gcrích i 2008, críochnaíodh 63% laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil.

OTHER CASES

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 2008 is set out in Figure 13.

CÁSANNA EILE

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

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 Aer 1987. Tá achoimre de na cásanna a tháinig faoi bhráid an Bhoird i 2008 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 Aer

		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 sli eile	Gach	Idir lámha ag deireadh na bliana
Planning Acts	Achtanna Pleanála							
Leave to Appeal	Cead Achomharc	10	118	128	94	29	123	5
Referrals	Tarchuir	63	128	191	80	37	117	74
Determinations ¹	Cinntí ¹	1	3	4	0	1	1	3
Section 254 Licences	Ceadúnais Rannóg 254	2	4	6	5	0	5	1
Planning Scheme(SDZ)	Scéim Pleanála (SDZ)	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
EIS Exemption	Diolúine ó RMT	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Special Amenity Order	Ordú Taitneamhachta Speisialta	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Control of Quarries (section 261)	Rialú Cairéal (alt 261)	145	1	146	111	19	130	16
Subtotal	Fo-lomlán	223	255	478	293	86	379	99
Building Control Acts	Achtanna um Rialú Foirgníochta							
Fire Safety Certificate	Teastas Sábháilteachta Tine	29	48	77	34	8	42	35
Relaxation & Dispensation Certificates	Teastais Riartha agus Maolaithe	7	0	7	7	0	7	0
Subtotal	Fo-lomlán	36	48	84	41	8	49	35
Water Pollution Acts	Achtanna um Thruailliú Uisce							
Discharge to water	Curtha chuig Uisce	10	33	43	10	2	12	31
Discharge to sewers	Curtha chuig Séarachas	1	3	4	0	3	3	1
Subtotal	Fo-lomlán	11	36	47	10	5	15	32
Air Pollution Act	Acht um Thruailliú Aer							
Air emission	Scaoileadh aer	6	10	16	6	3	9	7
Total	Iomlán	276	349	625	350	102	452	173

167 (37%) of the 452 cases were disposed of within 18 weeks/4 months, as appropriate.

¹ These cases relate to the 1963 to 1999 Planning Acts.

167 (37%) de na 452 cásanna curtha de láimh laistigh de 18 seachtaine/4 mí, mar is cuí.

¹ Baineann roinnt de na cásanna sin leis na hAchtanna Pleanála 1963 go 1999.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Board recognises that its main asset is its staff. The Board's authorised staffing complement at the end of 2008, exclusive of Board members, was 172. The average number of staff employed during 2008 was 166.8, (152.4 in 2007).

The following staff were employed as at 31 December 2008. The new organisational structure incorporating the strategic infrastructure division is in Appendix 6.

Chief Officer*:	Padraic Thornton.
Director of Corporate Affairs*:	Gerard Egan.
Secretary*:	Chris Clarke.
Directors of Planning*:	Ben Cranwell, Des Johnson.
Assistant Directors of Planning*:	David Dunne, Mary Cunneen, Philip Green, Philip Jones, Brendan Wyse.
Senior Administrative Officers*:	Diarmuid Collins, Michael Donlan, Brid Hill, Mary Holohan, Mary Kelly, Carol Moloney, Ellen Morrin.
Senior Planning Inspectors	Andrew Boyle, Paul Caprani, Una Crosse, Derek Daly, Philip Davis, Jane Dennehy, Michael Dillon, Emer Doyle, 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, Marcella Doyle, John Duffy, Tom Gill, Jane Gilvarry, Josephine Hayes, Anne Killian, Sinead McInerney, Myriam O'Neill, Nora Ryan, Siobhan White.
Planning Inspectors:	Angela Brereton, Siobhan Carroll, Auriol Considine, Caryn Coogan, Mary Crowley, Aisling Cunnane, John Desmond, Lorraine Dockery, Donal Donnelly, Fiona Fair, Gillian

ACMHAINNÍ DAONNA

Aithníonn an Bord gurb í an fhoireann a phríomh-acmhainn. Ba é 172 líon foirne údaráithe an Bhoird ag deireadh 2008, gan comhaltaí Boird a chur san áireamh. Bhí meánlíon foirne de 166.8 fostaithe aige i 2008 (152.4 i 2007).

Bhí na baill foirne seo a leanas fostaithe ag 31 Nollaig 2008. Is féidir an nua-struchtúr eagraíochta, a chuimsíonn an rannóg bonneagair straitéisigh, a fheiceáil in Aghuisín 6.

Príomh-Oifigeach*	Padraic Thornton.
Stiúrthóir Gnóthaí Corpartha*	Gerard Egan.
Rúnaí*	Chris Clarke.
Stiúrthóirí Pleanála*	Ben Cranwell, Des Johnson.
Stiúrthóirí Pleanála Cúnta*	David Dunne, Mary Cunneen, Philip Green, Philip Jones, Brendan Wyse.
Oifigigh Riaracháin Shinsearacha*	Diarmuid Collins, Michael Donlan, Brid Hill, Mary Holohan, Mary Kelly, Carol Moloney, Ellen Morrin.
Cigirí Pleanála Sinsearacha	Andrew Boyle, Paul Caprani, Una Crosse, Derek Daly, Philip Davis, Jane Dennehy, Michael Dillon, Emer Doyle, 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 Feidhmiúcháin Shinsearacha	David Curran, Pierce Dillon, Marcella Doyle, John Duffy, Tom Gill, Jane Gilvarry, Josephine Hayes, Anne Killian, Sinead McInerney, Myriam O'Neill, Nora Ryan, Siobhan White.
Cigirí Pleanála	Angela Brereton, Siobhan Carroll, Auriol Considine, Caryn Coogan, Mary Crowley, Aisling Cunnane, John Desmond, Lorraine Dockery, Donal Donnelly, 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.

** Members of Management Committee*

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

Administrative Assistants: Síle Bannon, Anthony Byrne, Sarah Byrne, Philip Canny, Bill Coleman, Roslyn Collins, Ian Conroy, Katy Cringanu, Manuela Cringanu, Stephen Deighan, Caroline Dennis, Vincent Dillon, Neil Doherty, Marie Doyle, James Fagan, Lita Foley, Siobhan Gavin, Joanne Glass, David Gray, 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, James Roe, Chloe Rogers, Fergal Ryan, Noel Ryan, Maeve Shaw, Lianna Slowey, Stephen Sutton, Sinead Sweeney, Caroline Treacy, Maeve Williams, Damien Wyse.

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

Cúntóirí Riaracháin Síle Bannon, Anthony Byrne, Sarah Byrne, Philip Canny, Bill Coleman, Roslyn Collins, Ian Conroy, Katy Cringanu, Manuela Cringanu, Stephen Deighan, Caroline Dennis, Vincent Dillon, Neil Doherty, Marie Doyle, James Fagan, Lita Foley, Siobhan Gavin, Joanne Glass, David Gray, 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, James Roe, Chloe Rogers, Fergal Ryan, Noel 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 2008, 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 continued the engagement of 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, generally report on the smaller/less complex planning appeals. Qualified planners from professional consultancy firms (PCFs) were also engaged on a limited basis to report on larger/more complex planning appeals.

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 in 2008 and 2007. The number of reports received from these inspectors in 2008 represented 45% of all reports received, (43% in 2007).

Consultants retained by the Board in the foregoing capacities in 2008, other than FPC Inspectors, are on page 28.

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 2008, 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.

De réir alt 120(2) den Acht, lean an Bord ag fhostú cigirí comhairleacha páirtaimseartha, i bhfianaise an spriocam reachtúil at a leagtha síos ag an mBord chun cásanna a chinneadh. De ghnáth tuairiscíonn Cigirí Táille in aghaidh Cáis (FPCs), iad uile ina bpleanálaithe cáilithe, ar na mion-achomhairc phleanála atá neamhchasta. Fostaíodh, freisin, pleanálaithe cáilithe ó chomhlachtaí comhairleachta gairmiúla (PCFs) ar bhonn teoranta (tar éis próiseas tairisceana oscailte i 2001) chun tuairiscíú ar na mór-achomhairc phleanála atá níos casta.

D'fhostaigh an Bord, freisin, comhairligh pháirtaimseartha (PTCs), innealtóirí le taithí cuí den chuid is mó, chun éisteachtaí ó bhéal a reáchtáil agus tuairiscí agus moltaí a thabhairt i dtaobh tionscadail bhonneagair ag údaráis áitiúla, e.g. scéimeanna bóthair/ mótarbhealaigh, dramhaíl etc.

Léiríonn Figiúr 14 an líon tuairiscí a fuarthas ó chigirí comhairleacha páirtaimseartha i 2008 agus 2007. B'ionann agus 45% de na tuairiscí uile a fuarthas, an líon tuairiscí ó na cigirí seo i 2008 (43% i 2007).

Tá na comhairligh a d'fhostaigh an Bord i 2008 leis na cumais thuasluaite, seachas Cigirí FPC, le feiceáil ar leathanach 28.

FIGURE 14
Reports received from Part-time Consultant Inspectors

		2008	2007	Méadú/ (laghdú) % Increase/(decrease) %
FPC Inspectors	Cigirí TC	1,987	1,990	(0.1%)
PCF Inspectors	Cigirí CCG	22	30	(27%)
PTC Inspectors	Cigirí CPT	91	129	(29%)
TOTAL	Iomlán	2,100	2,149	(2%)

FIGIÚR 14
Tuairiscí faighte ó Chigirí Comhairleora Páirt-aimseartha

Consultants engaged by the Board during 2008 (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, Jonathan Evans, Gerry Farrington, Des Fitzgerald, James J. Harney, Thomas Haugh, Jim Hearn, Dom Hegarty, Vincent Hussey, Gerard McGlinchey, Billy Moore, Martin Nolan, John O'Donnell, Pádraig Ó Gliaáin, Michael Ward.

Professional Consultants

David M. Ball, Shane Bennet, Eugene Daly, Raymond J. Connolly, George Faller, Maurice Johnson, Jerome Keohane, Thomas McDonald, Paddy Matthews, Don Menzies, Austin Morgan, Donal O'Callaghan, Tim Paul, Michael Slattery, Des Fortune.

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

Comhairligh a d'fhostaigh an Bord le linn 2008 (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, Jonathan Evans, Gerry Farrington, Des Fitzgerald, James J. Harney, Thomas Haugh, Jim Hearn, Dom Hegarty, Vincent Hussey, Gerard McGlinchey, Billy Moore, Martin Nolan, John O'Donnell, Pádraig Ó Gliaáin, Michael Ward.

Comhairligh Ghairmiúla

David M. Ball, Shane Bennet, Eugene Daly, Raymond J. Connolly, George Faller, Maurice Johnson, Jerome Keohane, Thomas McDonald, Paddy Matthews, Don Menzies, Austin Morgan, Donal O'Callaghan, Tim Paul, Michael Slattery, Des Fortune.

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 and certain other matters which are submitted to the Board for determination and in relation to requests for oral hearings 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 2008 amounted to €3,733,001 of which €502,998 was refunded where appeals were found to be late or otherwise invalid. Gross receipts from strategic infrastructure development applications in 2008 amounted to €3,600,000 of which €102,364 was refunded where the cost of processing the application was less than the fee. A provision of €996,857 is included in the Financial Statements to reflect future refunds on applications made in 2008.

In 2008, the net receipts from fees represented about 22.2% of total expenditure (12.6% in 2007).

Income and expenditure

In 2008, total expenditure amounted to €26,291,462 while income amounted to €25,901,533 leaving a deficit for the year of €389,929. There was an incoming surplus of €184,578 which left a deficit of €205,351.

The accounts are reproduced in Appendix 10. Certification under the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997 is in Appendix 7.

AIRGEADAS

Táillí

Tá táillí iniúctha 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, Truaillithe Uisce, Aerthruaillithe agus Rialaithe Tógála.

Tá táillí iniúctha, 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 €3,733,001 an t-ollfháltas ó tháillí achomhairc i 2008, ach aisíocadh €502,998 ar achomhairc a cinneadh a bheith mall nó neamhbhailí ar bhealach eile. Ba é €3,600,000 an t-ollfháltas ó iarratais ar fhorbairtí bonneagair Straitéisigh i 2008, agus aisíocadh €102,364 má bhí costas próiseála an iarratais níos lú ná an táille. Chuimsigh na Ráitis Airgeadais soláthar de €996,857 i leith aisíocaíochtaí todhchaí ar iarratais a rinneadh i 2008.

I 2008, b’ionann na glanfháltais ó tháillí agus 22.2% den chaiteachas iomlán (12.6% i 2007).

Ioncam agus Caiteachas

I 2008, bhí caiteachas iomlán de €26,291,462 agus ioncam de €25,901,533 ann, rud a d’fhág easnamh don bhliain de €389,929. Bhí barrachas isteach de €184,578, a d’fhág easnamh de €205,351.

Atáirgtear na cuntais in Aguisín 10. Tá deimhniú faoin Acht um Íoc Pras Cuntas, 1997, ar fáil in Aguisín 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

The Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies has been adopted and is being complied with and, in particular, appropriate procedures for financial reporting, procurement and assets disposal are being carried out. A statement on the system of Internal Financial Control is in Appendix 8.

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.

Iniúchadh Inmheánach agus Rialú Airgeadais

Glacadh le, agus comhlíontar, an Cód Cleachtais do Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit, agus go háirithe, tá cuíghnáthaimh i bhfeidhm maidir le tuairisciú airgeadais, soláthar agus diúscairt sócmhainní. Tá ráiteas faoin gcóras Rialaithe Inmheánaigh Airgeadais le fáil in Aguisín 8.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

During 2008, High Court judicial review proceedings arising from the Board's decisions and procedures in relation to appeals and other matters were instituted in 45 cases. In the course of the year proceedings were discontinued, dismissed or withdrawn against the Board in 12 cases. Leave applications for judicial review were refused in 3 cases.

In 2008 High Court judgments were given in 8 substantive cases, 5 of which went in favour of the Board and 3 against. In addition the Board consented to the quashing of its orders in 9 cases where procedural defects were identified 3 of these cases concerned errors committed by the original planning authority.

In the Supreme Court the Board won 1 appeal, lost 1 appeal and another appeal against the Board was withdrawn.

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 2,209 in 2008.

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 2008, tionscnaíodh imeachtaí athbhreithnithe bhreithiúnaigh san Ard-Chúirt, a d'éirigh as cinntí agus gnáthaimh an Bhoird maidir le hachomhairc agus ábhair eile i 45 cás. I gcaitheamh na bliana scoradh, dibheadh nó aistarraingíodh imeachtaí in aghaidh an Bhoird i 12 cás. Diúltaíodh d'iarraíais ar chead chun athbhreithniú breithiúnach a thionscnamh i 3 cás.

I 2008 tugadh breithiúnais Ard-Chúirte in 8 cás ábhartha, 5 acu i bhfabhar an Bhoird agus trí cinn ina choinne. Ina theanntasan, thoiligh an Bord le neamhniú a ordúithe i 9 cás inar sainaithníodh lochtanna gnáthaimh; bhain 3 chás acu seo le hearráidí a rinne an chéad údarás pleanála.

Sa Chúirt Uachtarach d'éirigh leis an mBord in achomharc amháin, chaill sé achomharc amháin, agus aistarraingíodh achomharc eile in aghaidh an Bhoird.

Rochtain ar Fhaisnéis

Déanann na hAchtanna Pleanála, an tAcht um Shaoráil Faisnéise agus na Rialacháin um Rochtain ar Fhaisnéis Chomhshaoil, soláthar maidir le rochtain ar fhaisnéis áirithe faoi oibríochtaí an Bhoird. Bíonn comhaid chásoibre ar fáil le hiúchadh 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 agus tuairisc an Chigire ar fáil, freisin, ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird.

Rinneadh 2,209 iarratas chun comhaid chásoibre a rochtain go poiblí i 2008.

Tá tuilleadh eolais faoin méid thuas le fáil ón mBord ar a shuíomh gréasáin. Tugann Figiúr 15 miondealú ar na hiarratais 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

	2008	2007
On hands at start of year	2	2
Requests received	15	11
Granted/Partially granted	1	4
Withdrawn or dealt with outside FOI	6	1
Refused	8	8
On hands at end of year	0	0

CUSTOMER SERVICES/COMPLAINTS

SEIRBHÍŚÍ/GEARÁIN CUSTAIMÉARA



In 2008, the Board received 289 letters in relation to decided cases and replied to 225. 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:	61
Number of cases requiring interpretation:	42
Number of cases regarding enforcement issues:	57*
Number of cases regarding miscellaneous issues:	65

* 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.

I 2008, fuair an Bord 289 litir faoi chásanna a cinneadh agus d'fhreagair sé 225 acu. Bhí nádúr an chomhfhreagrais ilghnéitheach agus ní gearáin ar fad a bhí ann. Tá an miondealú a leanas bunaithe ar na príomhábhair theagmhála. Ceapadh é chun léiriú a thabhairt ar phríomhábhair an chomhfhreagrais, ach tarlaíonn go minic go gcuimsíonn an comhfhreagras gnéithe de chineálacha éagsúla teagmhála. Mar shampla, fiosruithe a chlúdaíonn idir léirmhíniú agus fhorghníomhú.

Líon cásanna a agóideann in aghaidh cinnidh:	61
Líon cásanna a éilíonn léirmhíniú:	42
Líon cásanna faoi shaincheistean fhorghníomhaithe:	57
Líon cásanna faoi shaincheistean ilghnéitheacha:	65

* Tabhair faoi deara go ndéantar teagháil 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 fhorghníomhaithe. 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, teagháil dhíreach a dhéanamh leis an údarás pleanála.

CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES

COMHAIRLE LE COMHLACHTAÍ EILE



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 various forms of contact with public authorities and other representative organisations whose functions impact on the planning process. During 2008, the Board met with the Irish Home Builders Association (IHBA), County and City Managers Association, Fáilte Ireland and the Irish Concrete Federation (ICF). It had contacts with various other bodies including the IDA, the EPA and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Tá de dhualgas ar an mBord a bheith feasach i gcónaí faoi bheartais comhlachtaí áirithe a bhfuil tionchar acu ar chuiphleanáil agus ar fhorbairt inbhuanaithe. Orthu seo tá Airí an Rialtais agus údarais phleanála.

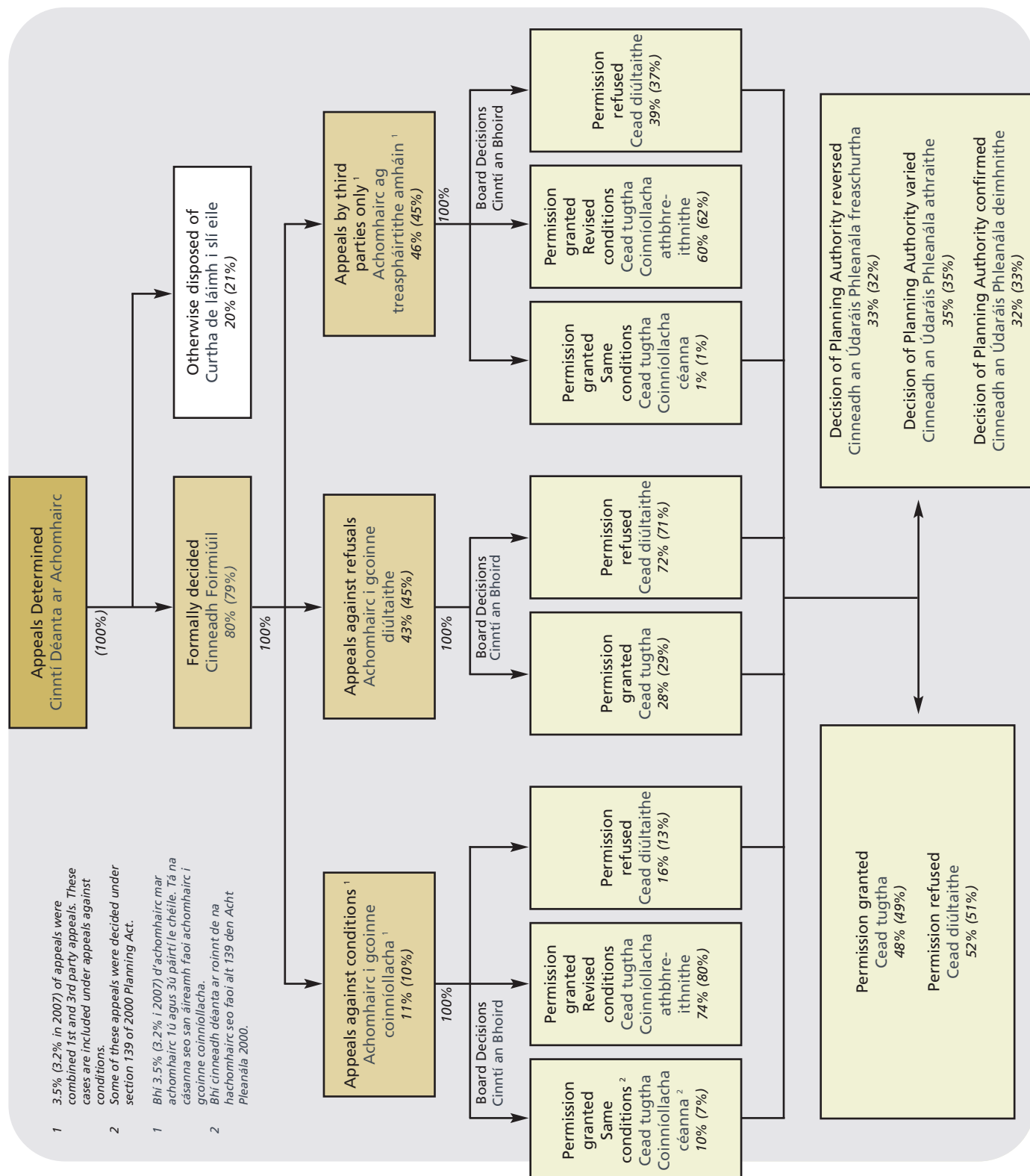
Lean an Bord dá chleachtas maidir le teagmháil a choinneáil le húdarais phoiblí agus le heagraíochtaí ionadaíocha eile a mbíonn tionchar ag a bhfeidhmeanna ar an bpróiseas pleanála. Le linn 2008, bhuaill an Bord leis an Irish Home Builders Association (IHBA), Cumann na mBainisteoirí Contae & Cathrach, Fáilte Ireland, agus an Irish Concrete Federation (ICF). Bhí teagmháil aige le comhlachtaí éagsúla eile lena n-áirítear an IDA, an EPA agus an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

APPENDIX 1

Analysis of normal planning appeal decisions

AGUISÍN 1

Anailís ar ghnáth chinntí achomhairc phleanála



APPENDIX 2

AGUISÍN 2

Normal planning appeals received and decided by area in 2008

Gnáth achomhairc phleanála faighte agus cinneadh déanta ortha de réir cheantair i 2008

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 achomharctha mar % de gach achomharc don Bhord	(5) % de chinntí an údarais phleanála deimhnithe ag an mBord	(6) % de chinntí an údarais phleanála athraithe ag an mBord	(7) % de chinntí an údarais 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
County Area ¹	Contae							
Carlow	Ceatharlach	836	55	6.6%	1.1%	17.4%	52.2%	30.4%
Cavan	An Cabhán	1737	68	3.9%	1.3%	11.6%	39.1%	49.3%
Clare	An Clár	1845	141	7.6%	2.8%	51.5%	22.7%	25.8%
Cork	Corcaigh	6658	454	6.8%	9.0%	27.7%	40.4%	31.9%
Donegal	Dún na nGall	4362	167	3.8%	3.3%	18.0%	36.1%	45.9%
Dun Laoghaire/ Rathdown	Dún Laoghaire/ Ráth an Dúin	2096	383	18.3%	7.6%	46.8%	28.0%	25.2%
Fingal	Fine Gall	1784	306	17.2%	6.1%	42.6%	30.9%	26.5%
Galway	Gaillimh	3467	173	5.0%	3.4%	29.2%	28.5%	42.3%
Kerry	Ciarraí	2789	234	8.4%	4.6%	32.5%	29.8%	37.8%
Kildare	Cill Dara	2255	197	8.7%	3.9%	40.6%	28.1%	31.3%
Kilkenny	Cill Chainnigh	1583	84	5.3%	1.7%	25.0%	35.3%	39.7%
Laois	Laois	1187	63	5.3%	1.2%	34.7%	34.7%	30.6%
Leitrim	Liatroim	673	34	5.1%	0.7%	37.0%	29.6%	33.3%
Limerick	Luimneach	1885	119	6.3%	2.4%	40.5%	32.9%	26.6%
Longford	An Longfort	609	34	5.6%	0.7%	13.5%	43.2%	43.2%
Louth	Lú	1663	133	8.0%	2.6%	25.7%	36.7%	37.6%
Mayo	Maigh Eo	2236	185	8.3%	3.7%	29.6%	40.8%	29.6%
Meath	An Mhí	2654	154	5.8%	3.0%	35.3%	27.9%	36.9%
Monaghan	Muineachán	1566	45	2.9%	0.9%	25.0%	45.0%	30.0%
North Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh	1060	65	6.1%	1.3%	36.2%	32.8%	31.1%
Offaly	Uíbh Fhailí	1185	68	5.7%	1.3%	25.0%	32.7%	42.3%
Roscommon	Ros Comáin	1209	79	6.5%	1.6%	17.7%	44.1%	38.2%
Sligo	Sligeach	962	64	6.7%	1.3%	22.5%	55.1%	22.5%
South Dublin	Áth Cliath Theas	1437	204	14.2%	4.0%	35.2%	35.7%	29.1%
South Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Theas	1219	90	7.4%	1.8%	31.8%	33.3%	34.9%
Waterford	Port Láirge	1217	93	7.6%	1.8%	22.8%	25.3%	51.9%
Westmeath	An Iarmhí	1164	104	8.9%	2.1%	34.2%	35.5%	30.3%
Wexford	Loch Garman	3086	127	4.1%	2.5%	30.3%	30.3%	39.5%
Wicklow	Cill Mhantáin	1821	241	13.2%	4.8%	41.5%	22.6%	36.0%
City	Cathair							
Cork	Corcaigh	816	134	16.4%	2.7%	23.4%	44.7%	31.9%
Dublin	Baile Átha Cliath	3686	598	16.2%	11.8%	28.0%	42.9%	29.1%
Galway	Gaillimh	642	87	13.6%	1.7%	38.5%	30.8%	30.8%
Limerick	Luimneach	337	38	11.3%	0.8%	25.0%	54.2%	20.8%
Waterford	Port Láirge	330	35	10.6%	0.7%	25.0%	57.1%	17.9%
Total	Iomlán	62,056	5,056	8.1%	100.0%	32.6%	34.8%	32.6%

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 údarais phleanála le caineadh ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

APPENDIX 3

AGUISÍN 3

		Agricultural Talmhaíocht	Community Facilities Aiseanna Pobail	Education Oideachas	Industry Tionscadal	Leisure/Sport Follíochtú/Sport	Residential Cónaithe	Transport Iompar	Utilities Fónais	Wholesale Mordhíol	Mixed Measctha	Signs Comharthaí	Offices Oifigí	Retail Miondíol	Miscellaneous Ighnéitheach	Rogue Ighnéith	Total Iomlán
Normal planning appeals received by development category/area Gnáth achomhairc phleanála faighte de réir catagóire/ceantair forbartha																	
County	Contae																
Carlow	Ceatharlach	3	1	0	3	0	25	0	1	1	12	0	1	6	1	1	55
Cavan	An Cabhán	5	1	2	2	0	43	0	3	0	5	0	2	5	0	0	68
Clare	An Clár	3	2	1	9	2	101	4	4	0	6	1	0	8	0	0	141
Cork	Corcaigh	16	5	3	30	14	288	11	22	1	24	0	11	26	1	2	454
Donegal	Dún na nGall	6	1	1	8	4	117	3	8	0	11	0	2	6	0	0	167
Dún Laoghaire /Rathdown	Dún Laoghaire/ Ráth an Dúin	3	3	2	0	5	315	3	3	0	22	0	15	12	0	0	383
Fingal	Fine Gall	8	4	4	3	3	239	2	9	1	14	1	4	13	1	0	306
Galway	Gaillimh	4	4	1	4	3	115	5	7	1	20	0	1	8	0	0	173
Kerry	Ciarraí	7	3	0	4	6	157	1	15	0	18	1	2	12	6	2	234
Kildare	Cill Dara	6	5	3	16	1	115	2	4	0	23	0	3	16	2	1	197
Kilkenny	Cill Chainnigh	3	2	0	9	1	38	1	8	0	12	0	1	7	2	0	84
Laois	Laois	2	1	0	4	1	35	0	2	0	8	0	2	7	1	0	63
Leitrim	Liatroim	3	1	0	1	1	21	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	1	0	34
Limerick	Luimneach	2	4	0	4	2	74	0	7	0	9	1	1	13	0	2	119
Longford	An Longfort	5	0	0	2	0	19	0	1	0	2	1	0	4	0	0	34
Louth	Lú	2	0	3	4	5	83	3	5	0	10	1	2	12	3	0	133
Mayo	Maigh Eo	1	0	0	12	3	125	2	7	0	20	0	1	13	0	1	185
Meath	An Mhí	2	1	7	10	8	97	0	3	0	14	1	1	8	2	0	154
Monaghan	Muineachán	2	0	0	3	1	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	45
North Tipp	Tiobraid Árann Thuaid	1	3	1	3	0	43	0	3	0	10	0	0	1	0	0	65
Offaly	Uíbh Fhailí	1	0	0	2	1	40	0	5	0	9	0	1	8	1	0	68
Roscommon	Ros Comáin	0	1	1	11	1	37	2	5	0	10	0	2	9	0	0	79
Sligo	Sligeach	0	0	1	1	1	42	2	2	0	8	0	2	4	1	0	64
Sth Dublin	Áth Cliath Theas	1	6	4	4	5	134	2	5	3	19	4	5	12	0	0	204
South Tipp	Tiobraid Árann Theas	6	0	1	10	2	41	3	3	0	11	0	0	9	3	1	90
Waterford	Port Láirge	2	0	1	1	0	57	1	7	0	12	0	0	12	0	0	93
Westmeath	An Iarmhí	1	0	0	6	4	61	1	7	0	12	2	2	8	0	0	104
Wexford	Loch Garman	5	0	3	7	4	76	1	6	0	9	0	3	11	1	1	127
Wicklow	Cill Mhantáin	6	3	3	10	3	170	1	5	0	22	1	4	12	0	1	241
City	Cathair																
Cork	Corcaigh	0	5	1	0	3	81	2	1	2	16	0	6	16	0	1	134
Dublin	Baile Átha Cliath	0	10	9	2	13	379	2	3	0	80	7	30	32	30	1	598
Galway	Gaillimh	1	1	2	0	0	61	3	1	1	7	0	2	8	0	0	87
Limerick	Luimneach	0	0	2	0	2	17	0	0	0	2	3	1	10	1	0	38
Waterford	Port Láirge	0	0	0	1	2	14	0	0	0	6	0	1	11	0	0	35
Total	Iomlán	107	67	56	186	101	3291	57	162	10	465	24	108	351	57	14	5056
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 chatagóirí 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%

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.

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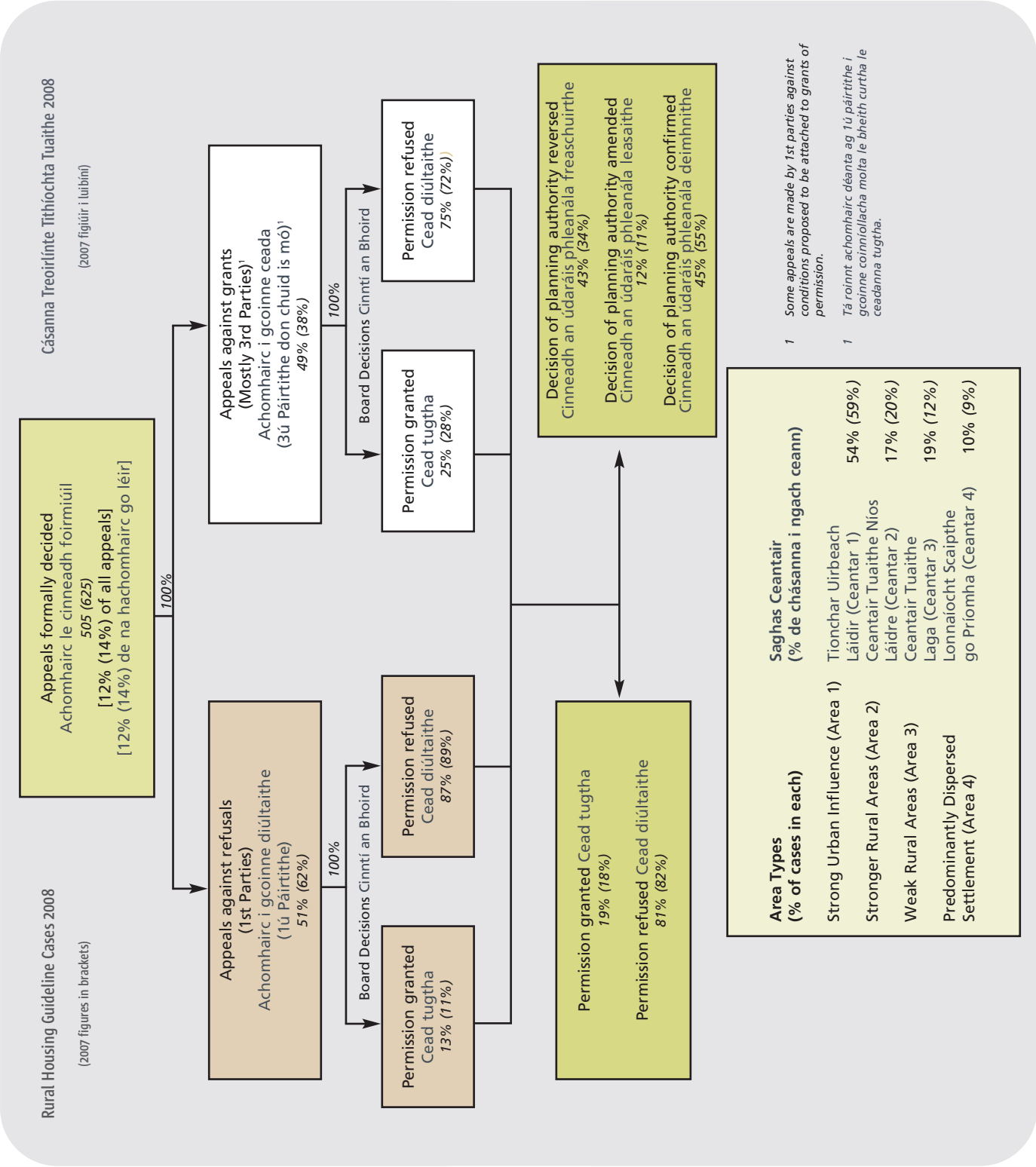
A: An méid curtha de láimh laistigh de sprioc thréimhsí reachtúla.

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.

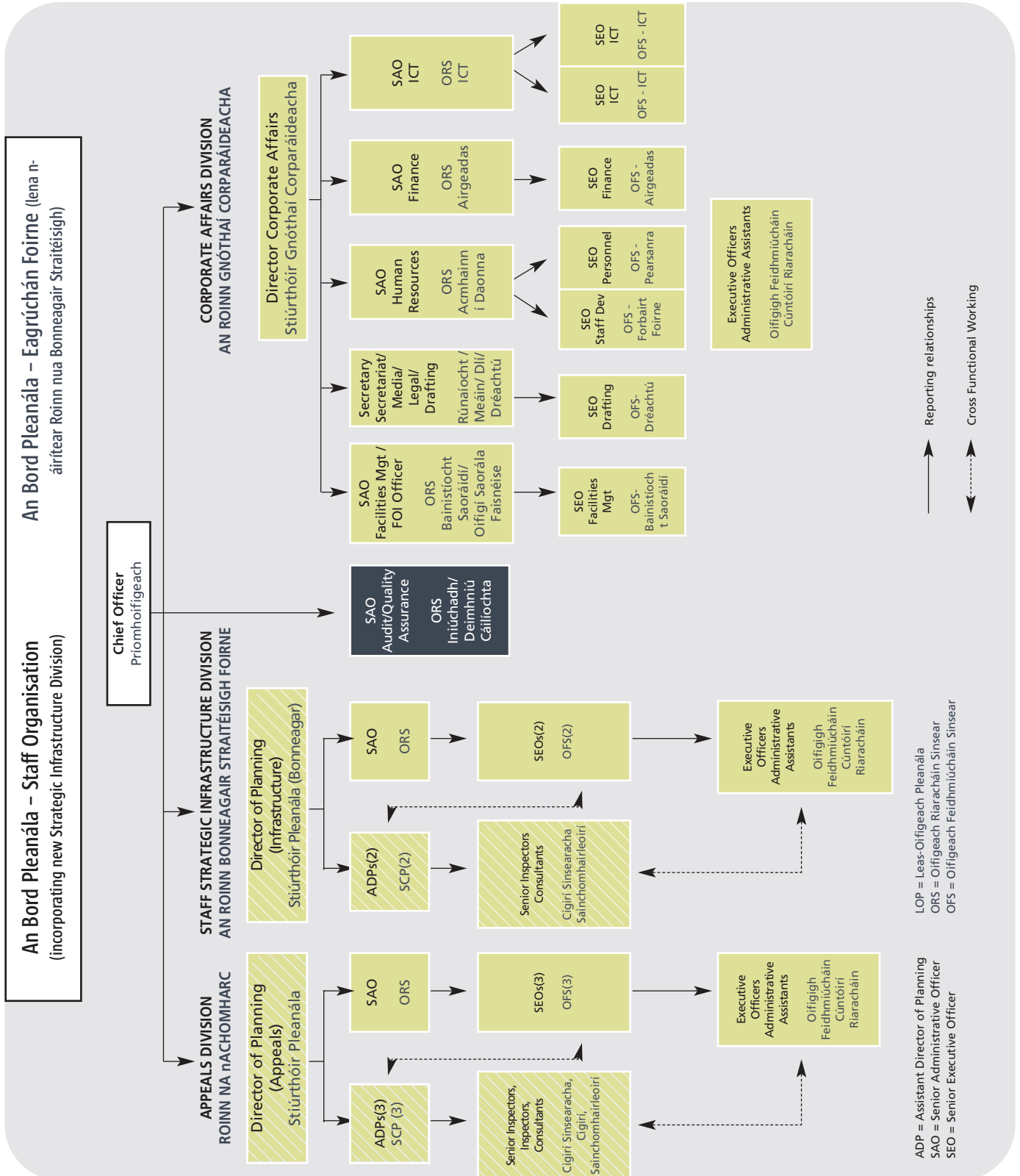
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AGUISÍN 6 EAGRÚCHAIN FOIRNE



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 2008 in accordance with section 12 of the Act.

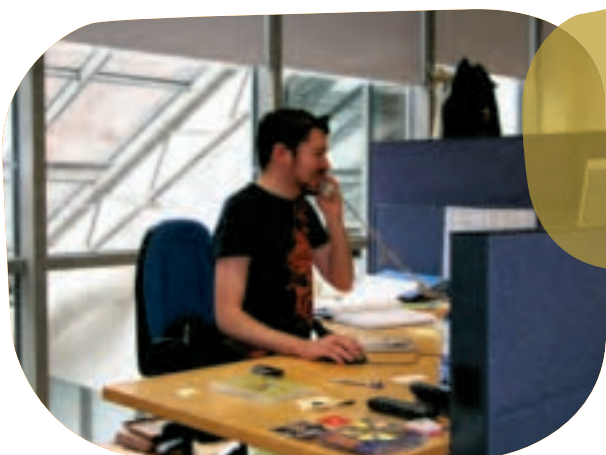
1. It is the Board's policy to comply with the relevant provisions of the Act and, in particular, to ensure that all invoices are paid promptly. Specific procedures are in place that enable it to track all invoices and ensure that payments are made before the due date. Invoices are registered daily and payments are made as required to ensure timely payments. In 2008, 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 2007 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 2008, 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 13.6 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	4
■ Total value of late payments in excess of €320	€10,484.30
■ Total value of all late payments (A)	€10,652.70
■ Total value of all payments (B)	€9,522,024.00
■ (A) as a % of (B)	0.115%
■ Total amount of interest paid on late payments	€0.00

Since 1 January 2008 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 13.6 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 sonrach ar thaifid na bliana é seo a leanas:

■ Líon iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí déanacha de bhreis ar €320	4
■ Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí déanacha de bhreis ar €320	€10,484.30
■ Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí déanacha (A)	€10,652.70
■ Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí (B)	€9,522,024.00
■ (A) mar % de (B)	0.115%
■ Méid an úis iomláin a íocadh ar íocaíochtaí déanacha	€0.00

Ó 1 Eanáir 2008 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 putting in place an Audit Needs Risk Assessment which led to formally-

- ☐ 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;
- ☐ assessing the costs of operating particular controls relative to the benefit obtained.

The Board proposes to undertake this process on an ongoing basis. 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 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 údaráithe agus taifeadta go cuí, agus go gcosctar nó go mbraitear dearmadaí laistigh de thréimhse tráthúil.

Príomh-Imeachtaí Rialaithe

Tá céimeanna glactha ag an mBord chun cuí-thimpeallacht rialaithe a chinntiú trí:

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

Tá próiseas bunaithe ag an mBord chun rioscaí gnó a shainaithint agus a mheas, trí Mheasúnú Rioscaí a bhunú i leith Riachtanas Iniúchóireachta, d'fhonn, go foirmeálta:

- ☐ nádúir, méid agus impleachtaí airgeadais na rioscaí don chomhlacht a shainaithint, lena n-áirítear an méid agus na catagóirí a mheasann sé a bheith inghlactha;
- ☐ an dealraitheacht go dtarlóidh rioscaí sainaitheanta a mheas;
- ☐ an costas a bhaineann le feidhmiú rialúcháin áirithe a mheas i gcomparáid leis an leas a bhaintear astu.

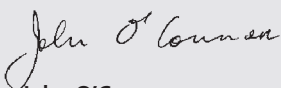
Tá beartaithe ag an mBord an próiseas seo a athbhunú ar bhonn leanúnach. Tá an córas rialaithe inmheánaigh airgeadais bunaithe ar chreat eolais bainistíochta rialta, gnáthaimh riaracháin a chuimsíonn leithscaradh dualgas, agus córas tarmhligin agus freagrachta. Cuimsíonn sé ach go háirithe:

- ☐ 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;
- ☐ treoirilínte faoi rialú infheistíochta caipitil atá sainmhínte go soiléir.

The Board appointed its own Internal Auditor at a senior level from within its own resources in mid 2008. This appointment is an integral part of a restructuring of the organisation approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government given with the consent of the Minister for Finance. The work of internal auditor 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 approved by the Board. A function of the Internal Auditor is to provide 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 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

In the year 2008 the Audit Committee recommenced the review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control. In the year 2008, the Board did not formally review the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control. The Board will fully conform with internal audit procedures in 2009.



John O'Connor
Chairperson

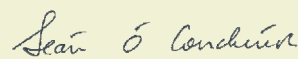
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Cheap an Bord a Iniúcháir Inmheánach féin ag leibhéal sinsearach, as a acmhainní féin, i lár 2008. Is slánchuid an ceapachán seo den athstruchtú eagraíochta a d'fhaomhaigh an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil le toiliú an Aire Airgeadais. Feidhmíonn obair an iniúchta inmheánaigh de réir an Chreatchóid Dea-Chleachtais a leagadh síos sa Chód Dea-Chleachtais do Rialachas na gComhlachtaí Stáit. Tacaítear le hobair an iniúchta inmheánaigh trí anailís a dhéanamh ar na rioscaí atá ann don chomhlacht, agus bunaítear pleananna don iniúchadh inmheánach bliantúil ar an anailís seo. Formhuiníonn an Coiste Iniúcháireachta an anailís riosca agus na pleananna iniúchta inmheánaigh, agus faomhann an Bord iad. Is feidhm de chuid an Iniúcháir Inmheánaigh í tuairisc a chur ar fáil don Choiste Iniúcháireachta faoi imeachtaí na hiniúcháireachta inmheánaí. Cuimsíonn an tuairisc seo tuairim an Iniúcháir Inmheánaigh maidir le leorgacht agus éifeacht an chórais rialaithe inmheánaigh airgeadais.

Tacaítear le monatóireacht an Bhoird ar an gcóras rialaithe inmheánaigh airgeadais, trí obair an iniúcháir inmheánaigh, an Choiste Iniúchta a dhéanann maoirsiú ar obair an iniúcháir inmheánaigh, na mbainisteoirí feidhmiúcháin laistigh den Bhord atá freagrach as forbairt agus coimeád an chreat rialaithe airgeadais, agus trí na tuairimí a luann an tArd-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste ina litir bhainistíochta nó i dtuairiscí eile.

Athbhreithniú Bliantúil na Rialúcháin

Sa bhliain 2008, chuir an Coiste Iniúchta atús le hathbhreithniú ar éifeachtacht an chórais rialaithe inmheánaigh airgeadais. Sa bhliain 2008, ní dhearna an Bord athbhreithniú foirmeálta ar éifeachtacht an chórais rialaithe inmheánaigh airgeadais. Comhlíonfaidh an Bord go hiomlán riachtanais an Chóid Cleachtais i 2009.



Seán Ó Conchúir
Cathaoirleach

18 May 2009

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 of 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

18 May 2009

AGUISÍN 9 RÁITEAS FAOI LUACH SAOTHAIR AGUS TÁILLÍ NA GCOMHALTAÍ

Ginearálta

Cloíonn an Bord leis na treoirlínte 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.

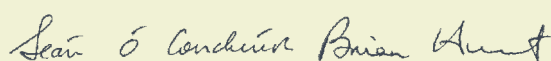
Costais agus Táillí na gComhaltaí

Tá tuarastal an Chathaoirligh, 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-Chathaoirligh 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

18 May 2009

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
Chairperson



Brian Hunt
Deputy Chairperson

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AGUISÍN 10 RÁITIS AIRGEADAIS

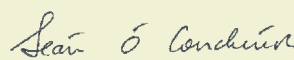
Ráiteas faoi Dhualgais an Bhoird

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, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil, i ndiaidh dul i gcomhairle leis an Aire Airgeadais. Ag ullmhú na ráitis airgeadais dó, ní mór don Bhoird:

- ❑ polasaithe cuntasáiochta 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 cuntasáiochta 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
Cathaoirleach

Brian Hunt
Leas-Chathaoirleach

18 May 2009

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 2007, 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 iarratais chun bonneagar straitéiséach a fhorbairt ó 31 Eanáir, as achomhairc agus as ábhair áirithe eile. Tá an Bord freagrach chomh maith as déileáil le hachomhairc faoi na hAchtanna um Rialú Foirgníochta 1990 agus 2007, na hAchtanna Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú 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 fáлтаis 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 and 20% for all other asset categories.

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 neamhbhailí, 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 dírí, ag ráta bliantúil de 10% d'fhoirgnimh ar léas agus 20% do gach catagóir sócmhainne eile.

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 2002
- ☐ 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.

7. Cuntas Caipitiúil:

Léiríonn an Cuntas Caipitiúil an méid ioncaim neamh-amúchta 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 Ranníochach Chéilí agus Leanaí Fhoireann an Bhoird Phleanála 1986
- ☐ Scéim Aoisliúntais (Cathaoirleach agus Comhaltaí) an Bhoird Phleanála 1986 go 2002
- ☐ Scéim Pinsean Ranníochach 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

9. Costais Dlí:

Is é polasaí an Bhoird go n íocfaí aon chostas dlíthiúil a dhámhtar ina choinne tar éis críoch 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 fáltas 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 Mhaoilbhride, Baile Átha Cliath 1 a dhíscríobh thar 10 bliain.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for year ended 31 December 2008

CUNTAS IONCAIM AGUS CAITEACHAIS

don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2008

		2008 €	2007 €
Income:	Ioncam:		
Oireachtas Grant	Deontas Oireachtais	15,098,000	15,990,000
Fees (Note 1)	Táillí (Nóta 1)	3,230,003	2,620,897
Strategic Infrastructure Fees & Cost Recoupment (Note 2)	Forchúiteamh ar Tháillí & ar Chostas Bonneagair Straitéisigh (Nóta 2)	3,007,020	622,770
Miscellaneous	Ilghnéitheach	11,698	8,988
Net Deferred Funding for Superannuation (Note 4(c))	Glanchistiú larchurtha d'Aoisliúntas (Nóta 4(c))	3,994,000	3,603,000
Profit on Disposal of Fixed Assets	Brabús as Sócmhainní a Dhiúscairt	1151	0
		<u>25,341,872</u>	<u>22,845,655</u>
Transfer from Capital Account (Note10)	Tarchur ón gCuntas Caipitiúil (Nóta 10)	559,661	686,239
		<u>25,901,533</u>	<u>23,531,894</u>
Expenditure:	Caiteachas:		
Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation (Note 3)	Tuarastail, Liúntais agus Aoisliúntas (Nóta 3)	16,346,294	14,695,339
Establishment Expenses (Note 5)	Costais Bhunaíochta (Nóta 5)	2,998,267	3,424,856
Operating Expenses (Note 6)	Costais Oibriúcháin (Nóta 6)	6,946,901	5,093,482
Total Expenditure	Caiteachas Iomlán	<u>26,291,462</u>	<u>23,213,677</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(Easnamh)/Barrachas don bhliain	<u>(389,929)</u>	<u>318,217</u>
Surplus brought forward	Barrachas tugtha ar aghaidh	184,578	(133,639)
Cumulative (Deficit)/Surplus at 31 December	(Easnamh)/Barrachas Carntha ag 31 Nollaig	<u>(205,351)</u>	<u>184,578</u>
Statement of Total Recognised Gains & Losses	Ráiteas faoi Ghnóthachain & Chaillteanais Iomlána Aitheanta		
Experience (loss) on superannuation scheme liabilities (Note 4(d))	(Caillteanas) taithí ar fhiachais na scéime aoisliúntais (Nóta 4(d))	(4,636,000)	(1,530,000)
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of superannuation scheme liabilities	Athruithe ar thiomhdá a tacaíonn le luach reatha fhiachais na scéime aoisliúntais	<u>9,322,000</u>	<u>5,216,000</u>
Actuarial gain on Superannuation Liabilities (Note 4(b))	Gnóthachan achtúire ar Fhiachais Aoisliúntais (Nóta 4(b))	4,686,000	3,686,000
Adjustment to Deferred Superannuation Funding	Coigeartú ar Mhaoiniú Aoisliúntais larchurtha	(4,686,000)	(3,686,000)
Deficit for year	Easnamh don bhliain	<u>(389,929)</u>	<u>318,217</u>
Total Recognised Gain/(Loss) for year	Gnóthachan/(Caillteanas) Iomlán Aitheanta don bhliain	<u>(389,929)</u>	<u>318,217</u>

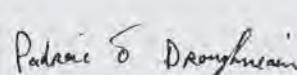
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18 May 2009

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2008

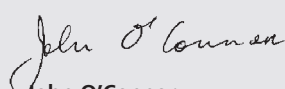
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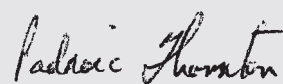
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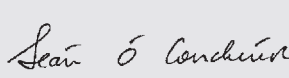
		2008 €	2007 €
Fixed Assets (Note 7)	Sócmhainní Seasta (Nóta 7)	2,283,049	2,842,710
Current Assets	Sócmhainní Reatha:		
Debtors and Prepayments (Note 8)	Féichiúnaithe agus Réamh-íocaíochtaí (Nóta 8)	696,995	901,446
Cash in bank and on hand	Airgead sa bhanc agus ar láimh	1,785,650	611,589
		<u>2,482,645</u>	<u>1,513,035</u>
Current Liabilities	Fiachais Reatha:		
Sundry Creditors and Accrued Expenses (Note 9)	Il-Chreidiúnaithe agus Costais Fabhruithe (Nóta 9)	<u>(2,687,996)</u>	<u>(1,328,457)</u>
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	Glansócmhainní/(Fiachais) Reatha	(205,351)	184,578
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities before superannuation	Sócmhainní Iomlána Lúide Fiachais roimh aoisliúntas	<u>2,077,698</u>	<u>3,027,288</u>
Deferred Superannuation Funding	Maoiniú Aoisliúntais larchurtha	61,617,000	62,309,000
Superannuation Liabilities (Note 4(b))	Fiachais Aoisliúntais (Nóta 4(b))	<u>(61,617,000)</u>	<u>(62,309,000)</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	Sócmhainní Iomlána Lúide Fiachais Reatha	<u>2,077,698</u>	<u>3,027,288</u>
Represented by	Léirithe ag:		
Capital Account (Note 10)	Cuntas Caipitiúil (Nóta 10)	2,283,049	2,842,710
Income and Expenditure Account	Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais	<u>(205,351)</u>	<u>184,578</u>
		<u>2,077,698</u>	<u>3,027,288</u>

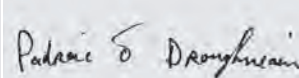
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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for year ended 31 December 2008

RÁITEAS FAOI SHREABHADH AIRGID

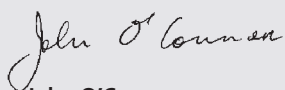
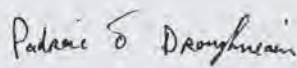
don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2008

Reconciliation of operating (deficit)/surplus to net cash inflow from operating activities**Réiteach barrachas/(easnamh) oibríochta le hinsreabhadh glan ó imeachtaí oibríochta**

		2008 €	2007 €
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(Easnamh)/Barrachas don bhliain	(389,929)	318,217
Movement on Capital Account	Gluaiseacht ar Chuntas Caipitiúil	(559,661)	(686,239)
Depreciation	Dímheas	774,348	771,785
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	Laghdú/(Méadú) ar fhéichiúnaithe	204,451	(345,397)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	Méadú/(Laghdú) ar chreidiúnaithe	1,359,539	(659,876)
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow)	Insreabhadh/(Eis-sreabhadh) Glan Airgid	1,388,748	(601,510)
Cash Flow Statement	Ráiteas faoi Shreabhadh Airgid		
Net cash Inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	Insreabhadh/(Eis-sreabhadh) glan airgid ó ghníomhaíochtaí oibríochta	1,388,748	(601,510)
Capital Expenditure (net of Disposals)	Caiteachas Caipitiúil (glan ar Dhiúscairtí)	(214,687)	(85,546)
Increase/(Decrease) in cash	Méadú/(Laghdú) ar airgead tirim	1,174,061	(687,056)
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	1,174,061	(687,056)
Net Funds at 1 January	Glanchistí ag 1 Eanáir	611,589	1,298,645
Net Funds at 31 December	Glanchistí ag 31 Nollaig	1,785,650	611,589

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18 May 2009

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for year ended 31 December 2008

1: Fee Income

	2008 €	2007 €
Fees received in respect of appeals and referrals	3,733,001	3,376,319
Refunds in respect of Appeals	(502,998)	(755,422)
	3,230,003	2,620,897

2: Strategic Infrastructure Fees and Cost Recoupment

	2008 €	2007 €
Fees received in respect of strategic infrastructure development	3,600,000	300,000
Cost Recoupment from applicants in respect of strategic infrastructure development	506,241	322,770
Refunds paid to applicants in respect of strategic infrastructure	(102,364)	0
Refund Liability in respect of strategic infrastructure	(996,857)	
	3,007,020	622,770

3: Salaries and Allowances

At 31 December 2008, the Board consisted of a chairperson and 10 ordinary members, (ten members at the end of 2007) in accordance with section 104 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Membership of the Board is wholetime.

At 31 December 2008, there were 166.6 whole time equivalent employees in the Board of which 17 were management, 52.1 were professional and 97.5 were administrative. The average number of wholetime equivalent employees during the year was 166.8 (152.4 in 2007). During 2008, there was a decrease in the intake of cases. The volume of cases disposed of decreased by 6%. 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 2008

1: Ioncam ó Tháillí

	2008 €	2007 €
Táillí faighte i leith achomharc agus tarchur	3,733,001	3,376,319
Aisiocaíochtaí i leith Achomharc	(502,998)	(755,422)
	3,230,003	2,620,897

2: Forchúiteamh ar Tháillí & ar Chostas Bonneagair Straitéisigh

	2008 €	2007 €
Táillí faighte i leith fhorbairt an bhonneagair straitéisigh	3,600,000	300,000
Forchúiteamh ar chostais ó iarratasóirí i leith fhorbairt an bhonneagair straitéisigh	506,241	322,770
Aisiocaíochtaí tugtha d'iarratasóirí i leith bonneagair straitéisigh	(102,364)	0
Fiachas aisiocaíochta i leith bonneagair straitéisigh	(996,857)	
	3,007,020	622,770

3: Tuarastail agus Liúntais

Ar an 31 Nollaig 2008, bhí cathaoirleach agus 10 gnáthchomhalta ar an mBord, (deich gcomhalta ag deireadh 2007), de réir alt 104 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, mar atá leasaithe. Tá comhaltas an Bhoird lánaimseartha.

Ar an 31 Nollaig 2008, bhí 166.6 fostaí lánaimseartha coibhéiseacha ag an mBord, a raibh 17 i mbainistíocht, 52.1 gairmiúil agus 97.5 i riarachán. Ba é meánlíon na bhfostaithe lánaimseartha coibhéiseacha i rith na bliana 166.8 (152.4 i 2007). Le linn 2008, bhí laghdú ar iontógáil cásanna. Tháinig laghdú 6% ar líon na gcásanna a cuireadh de láimh. Faomhann an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil na leibhéil foirne le toiliú an Aire Airgeadais.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for year ended 31 December 2008

	2008 €	2007 €
Salaries and Allowances	10,835,665	9,707,293
Superannuation Costs	4,727,442	4,322,688
Employers' PRSI	783,187	665,358
	16,346,294	14,695,339

4: Pension Costs

(a) Analysis of total pension costs charged to Expenditure

	2008 (€000)	2007 (€000)
Current service costs	1,780	1,752
Interest on Pension Scheme Liabilities	3,490	3,019
Employee Contributions	(543)	(448)
	4,727	4,323

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

	2008 (€000)	2007 (€000)
Net Pension Liability at 1 January	(62,309)	(62,392)
Current Service Cost	(1,780)	(1,752)
Interest Costs	(3,490)	(3,019)
Actuarial gain	4,686	3,686
Pensions Paid in the year	1,276	1,168
Net Pension Liability at 31 December	(61,617)	(62,309)

(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.

NÓTAÍ LEIS NA RÁITIS AIRGEADAIS

don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2008

	2008 €	2007 €
Tuarastail agus Liúntais	10,835,665	9,707,293
Costais Aoisliúntais	4,727,442	4,322,688
ÍMAT na bhFostóirí	783,187	665,358
	16,346,294	14,695,339

4: Costais Phinsin

(a) Anailís ar chostais iomlána pinsin mar mhuirear ar Chaiteachas

	2008 (€000)	2007 (€000)
Costais seirbhíse reatha	1,780	1,752
Ús ar Fhiachais na Scéime Pinsin	3,490	3,019
Ranníocaíochtaí Fostaithe	(543)	(448)
	4,727	4,323

(b) Gluaiseacht san Ghlan-Fhiachas Pinsin i rith na bliana airgeadais

	2008 (€000)	2007 (€000)
Glan-Fhiachas Pinsin ag 1 Eanáir	(62,309)	(62,392)
Costas Seirbhíse Reatha	(1,780)	(1,752)
Costais Úis	(3,490)	(3,019)
Gnóthachtáil Achtúrach	4,686	3,686
Pinsin Íoctha sa bhliain	1,276	1,168
Glan-Fhiachas Pinsin ag 31 Nollaig	(61,617)	(62,309)

(c) Maoiniú larchurtha do Phinsin

Aithníonn an Bord na méideanna seo mar shócmhainn a fhreagraíonn don fhiachas iarchurtha neamh-mhaoinithe do phinsin, ar bhonn sraith toimhdí a bhfuil cur síos orthu thuas agus roinnt sean-teagmhais. Cuimsíonn na teagmhais seo an bonn reachtúil le scéim pinsin a bhunú, agus an polasaí agus an cleachtas atá i bhfeidhm faoi láthair maidir le maoiniú pinsin na seirbhíse poiblí, lena n-áirítear ranníocaíochtaí fostaithe agus an próiseas meastacháin bliantúil.

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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 recognized in Income and Expenditure Accounts was as follows:

	2008 (€000)	2007 (€000)
Funding recoverable in respect of the current year pensions costs	5,270	4,771
State Grant applied to pay pensioners	(1,276)	(1,168)
	3,994	3,603

The deferred funding asset for pensions at 31st December 2008 amounts to €61.6 million (2007: €62.3 million).

(d) History of defined benefit obligations

	2008 (€000)	2007 (€000)	2006 (€000)	2005 (€000)
Defined benefit obligations	61,617	62,309	62,392	60,002
Experience losses on Scheme Liabilities amount	4,636	1,530	679	1,912
Percentage of Scheme Liabilities	0.08%	0.02%	0.01%	0.03%

(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 (eightieths per year of service), a gratuity or lump sum (three eightieths 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.

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Cé nach bhfuil aon aontú foirmeálta leis an Rialtas faoi mhéideanna sonracha, níl aon fhianaise ag an mBord nach leanfaidh an polasaí maoinithe ag glanadh na méideanna seo de réir an chleachtais reatha.

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

	2008 (€000)	2007 (€000)
Maoiniú in-aisghabhála i leith chostais pinsin na bliana reatha	5,270	4,771
Deontas Stáit a feidhmíodh chun pinsinéirí a íoc	(1,276)	(1,168)
	3,994	3,603

Is é an sócmhainn mhaoinithe iarchurtha do phinsin ag 31ú Nollaig 2008 ná €61.6 milliún (2007: €62.3 milliún).

(d) Stair na ndualgas sochair shainithe

	2008 (€000)	2007 (€000)	2006 (€000)	2005 (€000)
Dualgais sochair shainithe	61,617	62,309	62,392	60,002
Caillteanais taithí ar mhéid na bhFiachas Scéime	4,636	1,530	679	1,912
Céatadán na bhFiachas Scéime	0.08%	0.02%	0.01%	0.03%

(e) Tuairisc Ghinearálta ar an Scéim

Is é atá sa scéim, socrú faoi phinsean tuarastail deiridh sainithe le tairbhí agus rannaíocaíochtaí sainithe trí thagairt do rialacha "shamplacha" scéim na hearnála poiblí. Soláthraíonn an scéim pinsean (le hochtóidí in aghaidh na bliana seirbhíse), aisce nó cnapshuim (le trí ochtóidí in aghaidh na bliana seirbhíse) agus pinsin do chéilí agus do pháistí. Is é 65ú breithlá an bhaill an Gnáth-Aois Scoir, agus tá teidlíocht ag baill réamh-2004 éirí as gan laghdú achtúrach ó aois 60 ar aghaidh. De ghnáth méadaítear pinsin atá á n-íoc (nó iarchurtha) de réir bhoilsciú tuarastail na hearnála poiblí i gcoitinne.

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The valuation used for FRS17 (Revised) disclosures has been based on a full actuarial valuation on the 19th February 2009 by a qualified independent actuary taking account of the requirements of the FRS in order to assess the scheme liabilities at 31st of December 2008.

The principal actuarial assumptions were as follows:

	2008	2007
Rate of increase in salaries	3.50%	4.25%
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	3.50%	4.25%
Discount Rate	5.75%	5.50%
Inflation Rate	2.00%	2.50%

Mortality

62% of PNML00 for males

70% of PNFL00 for females

Annuity factors increase by 0.39% after 2008

(f) Revised FRS17 Disclosures

The information on pensions has been presented in line with new disclosure requirements required from 2008 under an amendment to FRS17.

5: Establishment Expenses

	2008 €	2007 €
Rent and Service Charge (Note 14)	2,002,745	2,407,169
Repairs and Maintenance	70,993	82,473
Insurance	26,794	39,375
Light and Heat	123,387	124,054
Depreciation	774,348	771,785
Total	2,998,267	3,424,856

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Tá an luacháil a úsáidtear le haghaidh nochtadh FRS17 (Athscrúdaithe) bunaithe ar an luacháil achtúrach iomlán a rinneadh ar an 19ú Feabhra 2009 ag achtúire cáilithe neamhspleách, ag cur san áireamh riachtanais an FRS chun fiachais na scéime ar an 31ú Nollaig 2008 a mheas.

Ba iad seo leanas na príomhthoimhdí achtúracha:

	2008	2007
Ráta ardaithe tuarastal	3.50%	4.25%
Ráta ardaithe na n-íocaíochtaí pinsin	3.50%	4.25%
Ráta Lascaine	5.75%	5.50%
Rata Boilscithe	2.00%	2.50%

Ráta Báis

62% de PNML00 i gcás fireannach

70% de PNFL00 i gcás baineannach

Fachtóirí blianachta de réir 0.39% tar éis 2008

(f) Nochtadh FRS17 Athscrúdaithe

Cuireadh an fhaisnéis faoi phinsin ar fáil de réir na riachtanas nocht nua a mbeidh gá leo ó 2008 faoin leasú ar FRS17.

5: Costais Bhunaíochta

	2008 €	2007 €
Cíos agus Táille Seirbhíse (Nóta 14)	2,002,745	2,407,169
Deisiú agus Cothabháil	70,993	82,473
Árachas	26,794	39,375
Teas agus Solas	123,387	124,054
Dímheas	774,348	771,785
Iomlán	2,998,267	3,424,856

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6: Operating Expenses

	2008 €	2007 €
Travel and Subsistence	640,006	539,730
Legal Fees (Note 12)	1,673,417	972,039
Office Equipment and Stationery	307,977	224,771
Information and Communications Technology	330,820	216,737
Printing and Books	29,384	41,533
Statutory Notices	150,137	244,159
Recruitment, Staff Training and Development and Conferences	279,817	240,587
Telephone and Postage	362,392	299,501
Consultants' Fees and Services (Note 13)	3,148,281	2,288,936
Audit Fees	18,500	18,500
Sundries	6,170	6,989
Total	6,946,901	5,093,482

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6: Costais Oibriúcháin

	2008 €	2007 €
Taisteal agus Maireachtáil	640,006	539,730
Táillí Dlí (Nóta 12)	1,673,417	972,039
Trealamh Oifige agus Stáiseanáireacht	307,977	224,771
Teicneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Chumarsáide	330,820	216,737
Clódóireacht agus Leabhair	29,384	41,533
Fógraí Reachtúla	150,137	244,159
Earcaíocht, Oiliúint Foirne agus Forbairt, agus Comhdhálacha	279,817	240,587
Teileafón agus Post	362,392	299,501
Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleora (Nóta 13)	3,148,281	2,288,936
Táillí Iniúchta	18,500	18,500
Ilnithe	6,170	6,989
Iomlán	6,946,901	5,093,482

7: Fixed Assets

Cost	Costas	Leasehold Premises Áitreabh Léas-seilbhe €	Furniture & Fittings Trosán & Feisteas €	IT & Office Equipment TF & Trealamh Oifige €	Total Iomlán €
Balance at 01/01/08	larmhéid ar 01/01/08	6,449,704	80,166	1,440,258	7,970,128
Additions	Breiseanna	95,797	10,376	108,514	214,687
Disposals	Diúscairt	0	0	(102,199)	(102,199)
Balance at 31/12/08	larmhéid ar 31/12/08	6,545,501	90,542	1,446,573	8,082,616
Depreciation	Dimheas				
Balance at 01/01/08	larmhéid ar 01/01/08	3,866,160	77,375	1,183,883	5,127,418
Charge for the year	Táille don bhliain	654,550	4,187	115,611	774,348
Disposals	Diúscairt	0	0	(102,199)	(102,199)
Balance at 31/12/08	larmhéid ar 31/12/08	4,520,710	81,562	1,197,295	5,799,567
Net Book Value	Glanluach Leabhair				
31 December 2008	31 Nollaig 2008	2,024,791	8,980	249,278	2,283,049
31 December 2007	31 Nollaig 2007	2,583,544	2,791	256,375	2,842,710

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8: Debtors

	2008	2007
	€	€
Debtors	0	61,744
Prepayments	696,995	839,702
	696,995	901,446

9: Creditors due within one year

	2008	2007
	€	€
Creditors	12,054	60,315
Accruals	2,675,942	1,267,113
Others Creditors	0	1,029
	2,687,996	1,328,457

10: Capital Account

	2008	2007
	€	€
Balance at 1 January	2,842,710	3,528,949
- Income allocated for capital purposes (net of asset disposals)	112,488	85,546
- Amortisation in line with asset depreciation	(672,149)	(771,785)
Transfer from/(to) Income and Expenditure Account	(559,661)	(686,239)
Balance at 31 December	2,283,049	2,842,710

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8: Féichiúnaithe

	2008	2007
	€	€
Féichiúnaithe	0	61,744
Réamhíocaíochtaí	696,995	839,702
	696,995	901,446

9: Creidiúnaithe dlite laistigh de bhliain amháin

	2008	2007
	€	€
Creidiúnaithe	12,054	60,315
Fabhruithe	2,675,942	1,267,113
Creidiúnaithe Eile	0	1,029
	2,687,996	1,328,457

10: Cuntas Caipitiúil

	2008	2007
	€	€
Iarmhéid ar 1 Eanáir	2,842,710	3,528,949
- Ioncam leithdháilte chun críocha caipitiúla (glan ar dhiúscairtí sócmhainne)	112,488	85,546
- Amúchadh de réir dímheas sócmhainní	(672,149)	(771,785)
Tarchuir ó/(chuig) Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais	(559,661)	(686,239)
Iarmhéid ar 31 Nollaig	2,283,049	2,842,710

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11: 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.

12: 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 2008 regarding these costs was as follows:-

	2008 €	2007 €
Outstanding at 1 January	3,097,264	2,996,286
Recovered during year ¹	(952,018)	(863,266)
Recoverable costs arising during year	1,174,170	964,244
Outstanding at 31 December	3,319,416	3,097,264

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.

13: 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 2008, about 45% of all inspectors' reports came from consultant inspectors and their fees, along with associated costs relating to recording of oral hearings, accounted for nearly 86% (2007:89%) of all consultancy fees and services costs.

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11: Teagmhasaí i leith Caingne Dlí

Tá dliteanas teagmhasach de mhéid neamhchinntithe ann de bharr caingne dlí in aghaidh an Bhoird, maidir lena chinntí faoi achomhairc phleanála agus chásanna eile. Is é polasaí an Bhoird cur in aghaidh caingne dá leithéid, nuair is cuí.

12: Costais Dlí In-aisghabhála

Mar a thaispeántar ag 9 sa Ráiteas faoi Pholasaithe Cuntasaíochta, iompraíonn an Bord costais áirithe dlí i dtosach, agus coinnítear le hiad a haisghabháil. Bhí an cás maidir leis na costais seo i 2008 mar a leanas:-

	2008 €	2007 €
Gan íoc ar 1 Eanáir	3,097,264	2,996,286
Aisghafa i rith na bliana 1	(952,018)	(863,266)
Costais in-aisghabhála i rith na bliana	1,174,170	964,244
Gan íoc ar 31 Nollaig	3,319,416	3,097,264

Tá an Bord ag déanamh athbhreithnithe faoi láthair ar in-aisghabhálacht na gcostas thuasluaite. Réamh-mheastar nach mbeidh cuid mhaith de in-aisghabhála.

¹ Bhí an méid a aisghabhadh glan ar tháillí dlí sa bhliain reatha.

13: Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleora

Fostaíonn an Bord comhairleoirí páirtaimseartha ar bhonn pá don chás, de réir rátaí a d'fhaomhaigh an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil le cead an Aire Airgeadais. Chomh maith leis sin, fostaíonn an Bord, de réir ailt 124 den Acht, na comhairleoirí eile atá riachtanach chun a gcuid feidhmeanna a chomhlíonadh. I 2008, tháinig timpeall 45% de na tuairiscí cigireachta uile ó chigirí comhairleacha, agus d'fhreagair a dtáillí agus costais i leith taifead ar éisteachtaí ó bhéal do bheagnach 86% (2007:89%) de na táillí comhairleoireachta agus na costais seirbhíse uile.

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14: 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 2008 was €1,250,000. The 5 year rent review was completed with the Landlord in 2008 with effect from 1st January, 2007.

15: Board Members & Staff Interests

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 2008, members made three (3) disclosures, staff made three (3) disclosures and consultants made two (2) disclosures.

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14: 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.

Tá na costais maidir le feistiú agus cúrsaí áirithe eile, seachas na ngnáthchostas bunaíochta, leithdháilte chun críocha caipitiúla agus curtha san áireamh faoi Áitreabh Léas-seilbh sna Sócmhainní Seasta. Tá feabhsuithe leanúnacha ar an áitreabh á láimhseáil mar an gcéanna.

Is é an ceangaltas airgeadais ar an léas thuas ná an cíós bliantúil, a chosain €1,250,000 i 2008. Críochnaíodh athbhreithniú 5 bliain ar an gcíos leis an Tiarna Talún i 2008 agus beidh éifeacht leis ó 1 Eanáir, 2007.

15: Leasanna Comhaltaí Boird & Foirne

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 leasa ar coimeád ag an Rúnaí de réir alt 147 den Acht agus tá sé ar fáil le haghaidh iniúchta phoiblí i rith uaireanta oifige.

Baineann alt 148 d'Acht 2000 le nochtadh maidir le leas airgid nó leas tairbhiúil eile in, nó bainteach le, haon achomharc nó ábhar eile atá le cinneadh ag an mBord. I 2006, rinne comhaltaí (3) nochtadh, an fhoireann (3) nochtadh agus comhairleoirí (2) nochtadh.

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16: Code of Conduct and Ethics

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 2008, all members made statements in accordance with the Acts.

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 2008, two (2) members made disclosures, three (3) staff made disclosures and two (2) consultants made disclosures under the Code.

17: Approval of Financial Statements

The Board approved the financial statements on 18 May 2009.

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16: Cód Iompair agus Eitic

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 ar bhonn bliantúil.

Ina theanntasan, 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. Éilíonn na hAchtanna go dtabharfaí ráitis chomhaltaí den Bhord do Choimisiúin na nOifigí Poiblí gach bliain. In 2008, rinne na comhaltaí uile ráitis de réir na nAchtanna.

Faoi alt 150 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, ghlac an Bord le cód iompair chun déileáil le coinbhleachtaí leasa agus chun muinín an phobail a spreagadh in ionracas agus iompar a chuid gnó. Baineann an cód le comhaltaí, baill foirne áirithe agus daoine eile a mbaineann an Bord úsáid as a seirbhísí. I 2008, rinne beirt chomhalta (2), triúir (3) ball foirne, agus beirt (2) chomhairleach nochtadh faoin gCód.

17: Na Ráitis Airgeadais a Fhaomhú

D'fhaomhaigh an Bord na ráitis airgeadais ar an 18 May 2009.

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 2008 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 the System of 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 the System of Internal Financial Control covers all financial risks and controls, or to form an opinion on the effectiveness of the risk and control

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 2008 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'fhreagrachta 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 dtagann 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 dtagann 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 priacal agus rialú airgeadais, ná teacht ar thuairim maidir le héifeachtacht na nósanna



procedures. 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 judgments 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.

imeachta maidir le priacail agus rialú. 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 mhiráiteas 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 mhiráiteas ábhartha, cibé acu calaois nó neamhríaltacht eile nó earráid is cúis leis sin.

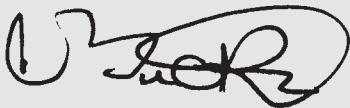
Opinion

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 2008 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.

Other Matter

Without qualifying my opinion on the financial statements I draw attention to the Statement on the System of Internal Financial Control which discloses that An Bord Pleanála failed to conduct a review of the effectiveness of internal financial controls for the year and that it did not fully comply with the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies.



John Buckley
Comptroller and Auditor General

9 June 2009

I dteacht ar mo thuairim, rinne mé meastóireacht ar a shásúla is a cuireadh faisnéis i láthair sna ráitis airgeadais san iomlán freisin.

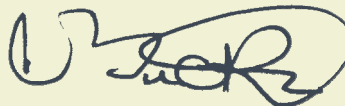
Tuairim

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 2007 agus ar a ioncam agus ar a chaiteachas don bhliain dar críoch sin.

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

Ábhar eile

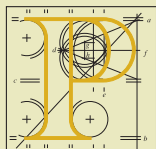
Gan mo thuairim ar na ráitis airgeadais a mhaolú, tarraingim aird ar an Ráiteas maidir leis an Córas um Rialú Inmheánach Airgeadais lena leagtar amach gur theip ar an mBord Pleanála athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar éifeachtacht rialuithe inmheánacha airgeadais don bhliain agus nár chomhlíon sé ceanglais an Chóid Chleachtais um Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit go hiomlán.



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9 Meitheamh 2009

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