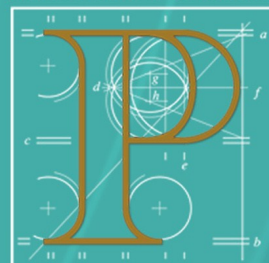


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OPERATIONS / OIBRÍOCHTAÍ

	2012	2011
Planning Cases Received / Cásanna Pleanála a Fuarthas	2,227 ^{1,2}	2,110 ¹
Planning Cases Disposed / Cásanna Pleanála a Cuireadh de Láimh	1,794 ^{1,2}	2,326 ¹
Normal Planning Appeals / Gnáth-achomhairc Phleanála		
• Received / Faighte	1,431	1,779
• Disposed / Curtha de láimh	1,436	1,938
Strategic Infrastructure / Bonneagair Straitéisigh		
• Received / Faighte	31	44
• Concluded / Críochnaithe	40	58
Local Authority Strategic Infrastructure / Bonneagar Straitéiseach Údarás Áitiúil		
• Received / Faighte	22	27
• Concluded / Críochnaithe	29	39
Other Local Authority Projects including Appropriate Assessment / Tionscadail eile Údarás Áitiúil lena n-áirítear Measúnachtaí Cuí		
• Received / Faighte	39	25
• Concluded / Críochnaithe	42	30
Quarry Review / Athbhreithniú ar Chairéal		
• Received / Faighte	334	-
• Concluded / Críochnaithe	29	-
Substitute Consent & Related Cases / Toiliú Ionaid agus Cásanna Gaolmhara		
• Received / Faighte	164	-
• Concluded / Críochnaithe	57	-
Other Cases under Planning, Building Control, Water Pollution and Air Pollution Acts Cásanna eile faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála, Rialaithe Tógála, Truailithe Uisce agus Truailithe Aeir		
• Received / Faighte	206	235
• Concluded / Críochnaithe	161	261

¹ Figure excludes pre-application consultation cases / Ní áirítear ar an bhfigiúr cásanna comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais

² Figure excludes quarry notice cases / Ní áirítear ar an bhfigiúr cásanna fógra cairéil

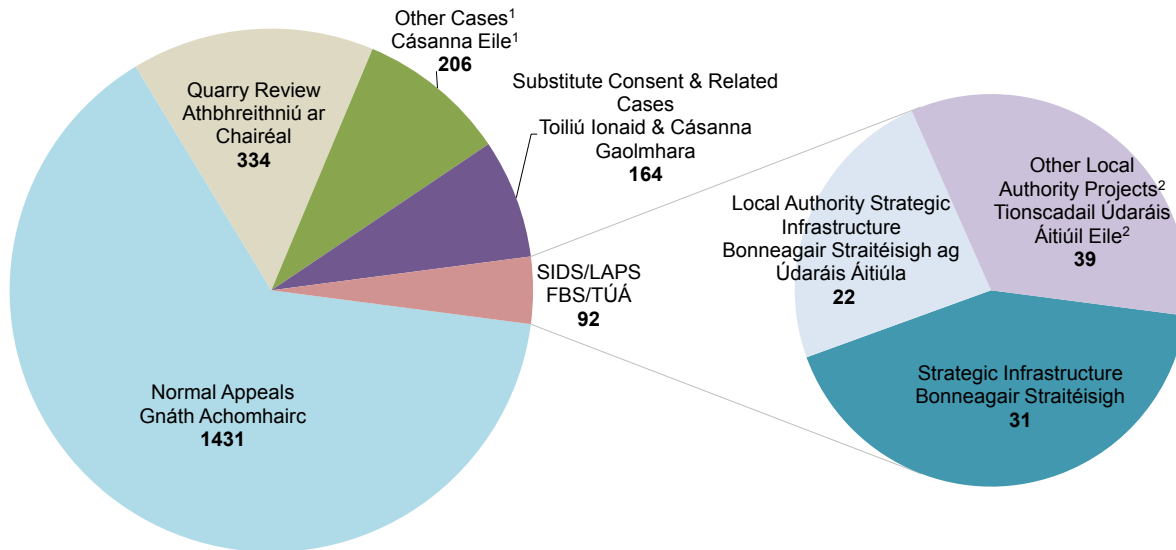
FINANCE / AIRGEADAS

	2012	2011
	€'000	€'000
Income / Ioncam		
Oireachtas Grant / Deontas an Oireachtais	12,897	13,724
Fees/Recoupment / Táillí/Aisíocaíocht	2,473	3,441
Other* / Eile*	3,546	4,075
Total Income / Ioncam Iomlán	18,916	21,240
Expenditure / Caiteachas	18,809	20,846
Surplus (Deficit) for year / Barrachas (Easnamh) don bhliain	107	394

* Includes Transfer from Capital Account

* Áirítear air Aistriú ón gCuntas Caipitil

All Planning Cases Received / Gach Cás Phleanála Faighte

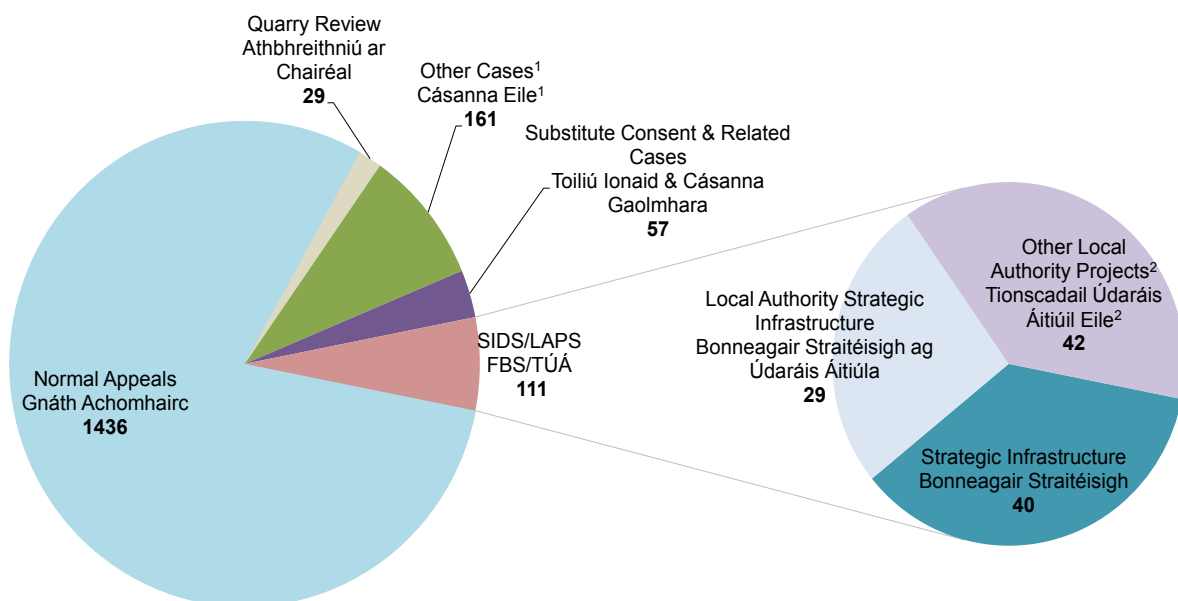


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² Includes Local Authority Appropriate Assessment Cases / Lena n-áirítear cásanna údarás áitiúil le measúnacht ionaid

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All Planning Cases Disposed / Gach Cás Phleanála Curtha de Láimh



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I. Mission Statement | Ráiteas Misin

To play our part as an independent national body in an impartial, efficient and open manner, to ensure that physical development and major infrastructure projects in Ireland respect the principles of sustainable development, including the protection of the environment.

Ár gcion a dhéanamh mar chomhlacht náisiúnta neamhspleách ar bhealach neamhchlaon, éifeachtach agus oscailte chun a áirithiú go luífeadh forbairt fhisiciúil agus tionscnaimh mhóra bhonneagair in Éirinn le prionsabail na forbartha inbhuanaithe, lena n-áirítear cosaint an chomhshaoil.

2. Members of the Board | Comhaltaí an Bhoird



Seated from left to right :
Ina suí, ó chlé:

Fionna O'Regan,
Dr. Mary Kelly (Chairperson/Cathaoirleach),
Conall Boland (Deputy Chairperson/Leas-Chathaoirleach),
Mary MacMahon

Standing from left to right:
Ina seasamh, ó chlé:

Öznur Yücel-Finn*,
Robert Ryan*,
Dr. Gabriel Dennison,
Michael Leahy,
Nicholas Mulcahy,
Paddy Keogh

Sub-Committee:
Fochoiste:

Strategic Infrastructure Division
Roinn Bonneagair Straitéisigh

Dr. Mary Kelly, Conall Boland, Fionna O'Regan,
Mary MacMahon, Dr. Gabriel Dennison

* Appointed January 2013
Ceaptha Eanáir 2013

3. Chairperson's Statement | Ráiteas an Chathaoirigh

Welcome to the Annual Report and Accounts 2012 for An Bord Pleanála. The report provides details of the work of An Bord Pleanála during 2012 along with the Board's financial statements for the year.

Performance

2012 saw a marginal increase on the intake of planning cases on 2011. However, it is still significantly lower than the high of 6,664 in 2007, standing at 2,227 in 2012, an increase of 6% on 2011. These numbers, as well as the less strategic nature of cases reflect the continuing economic recession.

The past year has been a very challenging one for An Bord Pleanála and its staff. An Bord Pleanála started the year with only four Board Members out of a possible complement of ten, due to expiry of contracts at the end of 2011. While four new Board appointments were made towards the end of May, a backlog of cases had developed and delays had developed in the system. Despite the relatively low number of cases compared to those seen in the Celtic Tiger years the Board was unable to achieve its objective of deciding 90% of cases within the statutory timeframe of 18 weeks. The number of cases determined in 2012 was 1,794 - down 23% on 2011, with the 18 week statutory objective met in 41% of cases, compared to 81% in 2011.

Two further, temporary, Board appointments were made in early 2013 to assist in dealing with delays. I am glad to say that, as a result, the backlog is being worked down and it is anticipated that the Board will achieve compliance with its objectives by end 2013. Our strategy for doing this is to focus primarily on older cases in the early part of the year so that

Is áthas liom Tuarascáil agus Cuntais Bhliantúla an Bhoird Phleanála don bhliain 2012 a chur i do láthair. Gheofar sa tuarascáil sonraí d'obair an Bhoird i gcaitheamh na bliana 2012 mar aon le ráitis airgeadais an Bhoird.

Feidhmíocht

Chonacthas méadú imeallach ar chásanna phleanála nua i gcomparáid leis an mbliain 2011 ach bhí an líon sin i bhfad níos ísle i gcónaí ná an 6,664 d'uasmhéid a cláraíodh sa bhliain 2007. Fuarthas 2,227 cás nua sa bhliain 2012, ar 6% de mhéadú é sin ar an mbliain 2011. Léiríonn na figiúirí seo, agus an laghdú ar chásanna straitéiseacha, go bhfuil an cúlú fós i réim sa gheilleagar.

Bliain an-dúshlánach ab ea an bhliain seo caite don Bhord Pleanála agus dá fhoireann. Ag tús na bliana ní raibh ach ceithre chomhalta ar an mBord as líon iomlán de dheichniúr, toisc conarthaí a bheith éagtha ag deireadh na bliana 2011. Ceapadh ceithre chomhalta nua ar an mBord i dtreo dheireadh na Bealtaine ach bhí riaráiste cásanna ann faoin am sin agus moill, dá réir, sa chóras. Ainneoin a laghad cásanna a fuarthas i gcomparáid le líon na gcásanna i mblianta an Tíogair Cheiltigh níor éirigh leis an mBord a chuspóir maidir leis an tréimhse reachtúil a bhaint amach, is é sin 90% de chásanna a bheith cinnte laistigh de 18 seachtaine. Cinneadh 1,794 cás sa bhliain 2012, ar 23% de laghdú é ar an mbliain 2011, agus comhlíonadh an cuspóir reachtúil 18 seachtaine i gcás 41% díobh, i gcomparáid le 81% sa bhliain 2011.

Ceapadh beirt chomhalta eile ar an mBord go luath sa bhliain 2013 chun déileáil leis an moill. Is áthas liom a rá go bhfuil an riaráiste á laghdú ó shin, agus meastar go mbeidh an Bord ag comhlíonadh a chuspóirí faoi dheireadh na bliana 2013. Is é ár straitéis díriú ar na cásanna is sine sa chéad chuid den bhliain ionas go mbeimid ag déileáil le cásanna nua amháin faoi

by mid-year we will be dealing with new cases and those within their statutory timelines.

In the first half of 2012, with a depleted Board, a decision was taken to deal with strategic infrastructure cases as a matter of priority. The rationale for that was that these cases had been identified as being of strategic importance for Ireland and its economy and a special one-stop-shop planning process administered through the Strategic Infrastructure Board of An Bord Pleanála had been put in place to facilitate planning certainty within defined timelines. In 2012 seven out of the nine strategic infrastructure cases decided were within the statutory timeframe - a compliance rate of 78%. Amongst strategic infrastructure cases decided in 2012 were the LUAS extension, the Children's Hospital proposal, and the Slane Bypass proposal. While these cases were some of the most complex cases to come before the Board, every effort was made to decide them as expeditiously as possible. We will continue to prioritise strategic infrastructure cases in 2013 and will endeavour to ensure that projects, particularly those which have the potential to create employment, are not delayed unnecessarily by the planning system.

Legislation

The rigorous use of the planning hierarchy from the National Spatial Strategy, through Regional Planning Guidelines, County Development Plans, to Local Area Plans characterise assessment and decision making in An Bord Pleanála. Coupled with Government policies in areas such as transport, energy, climate change and waste, the continued trend towards plan led development is evident. In making decisions on proposed developments An Bord Pleanála has regard to national, regional and local plans and strategies and this is generally reflected in the reasons and considerations given for decisions

lár na bliana agus leo siúd a chinnfear laistigh den tréimhse reachtúil.

Sa chéad leath den bhliain 2012, toisc a laghad comhaltaí a bhí ar an mBord, cinneadh tús áite a thabhairt do chásanna bonneagair straitéisigh. An réasúnaíocht a bhí againn ná gur cásanna iad sin a bhí aitheanta mar chásanna a mbeadh tábhacht straitéiseach acu d'Éirinn agus dá gheilleagar. Cheap an Bord Pleanála Bord Bonneagair Straitéisigh mar shiopa ilfhreastail chun déileáil leis na cásanna sin laistigh de thréimhsí sonraithe. Sa bhliain 2012 cinneadh seacht gcás bonneagair straitéisigh as gach naoi gcinn laistigh den tréimhse reachtúil - rud arbh ionann agus 78% de ráta comhlíonta. I measc na gcásanna bonneagair straitéisigh a cinneadh sa bhliain 2012 bhí síneadh ar an LUAS, togra Ospidéal na Leanaí agus togra maidir le seachbhóthar Bhaile Shláine. Cé go raibh na cásanna seo i measc na gcásanna ba chasta a tháinig riamh faoi bhráid an Bhoird, rinneadh gach iarracht iad a chinneadh a thapúla ab fhéidir. Tabharfaimid tús áite arís do chásanna bonneagair straitéisigh sa bhliain 2013 agus féachfaimid le cinntiú go seachnófar aon mhoill neamhriachtanach sa chóras pleanála ar thionscadail, go háirithe na tionscadail sin trína bhféadfaí fostaíocht a chur ar fáil.

Reachtaíocht

I ngach measúnú agus cinneadh pleanála a dhéanann an Bord Pleanála féachtar le haird chuí a thabhairt ar an ordlathas pleanála, mar atá an Straitéis Spáis Náisiúnta, Treoirlínte Pleanála Réigiúnaí, Pleananna Forbartha Contae agus Pleananna Limistéir Áitiúil. Nuair a chuirtear san áireamh beartais Rialtais i dtaca le hiompar, fuinneamh, an t-athrú aeráide agus dramhaíol, is léir go bhfuil an phleanáil a bunú ar phleananna níos mó de réir a chéile. Agus cinntí á ndéanamh ar thograí beartaithe tugann an Bord Pleanála aird chuí ar phleananna agus ar straitéisí náisiúnta, réigiúnacha agus áitiúla ionas go

which are taken, particularly for larger scale developments.

European Union policy and legislation has had a major influence on both planning and environmental protection in Ireland over the past few decades. In the planning context, the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive, the Habitats Directive and the Public Participation Directive are particularly relevant. While both Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Habitats Directives were transposed into Irish law during the eighties and nineties, there have been a number of cases taken against Ireland for inadequate transposition of these Directives and a number of adverse findings against Ireland by the European Court of Justice. The result has been numerous amendments of both primary and secondary legislation to bring Irish legislation into line with European Union Directives. These amendments in turn have required a much increased focus by developers and proposers of projects (some of which can be quite small) on the effects of their proposals on the environment, particularly on European Union designated Natura 2000 sites, and a more explicit examination and assessment of environmental impact by competent authorities – planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála.

For An Bord Pleanála, this recent legislation has resulted in a number of new types of cases, most notably cases involving regularisation of certain matters in order to achieve compliance with the Environment Impact Assessment and Habitats Directives. These include 'Substitute Consent' cases and cases in respect of developments proposed by local authorities and which require Appropriate Assessment.

mbíonn a rian sin le feiceáil, de ghnáth, sna cúiseanna a thugtar le cinntí, go háirithe i gcás forbairtí ollmhóra.

Bhí tionchar ag beartas agus reachtaíocht an Aontais Eorpaigh ar chúrsaí pleanála agus cosanta chomhshaoil in Éirinn sna deichbhlianta deireanacha. Ó thaobh na pleanála de, bhí tábhacht ar leith leis an Treoir um Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta, an Treoir um Ghnáthóga agus an Treoir um Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail. Cé gur trasúidh an Treoir um Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta agus an Treoir um Ghnáthóga i ndlí na hÉireann i gcaitheamh na n-ochtóidí agus na nóchaidí, tionscnaíodh roinnt cásanna i gcoinne na hÉireann as na Treoracha sin a bheith trasuite ar shlí neamhdhóthanach agus rinne Cúirt Bhreithiúnais na hEorpa cinntí neamhfhabhracha éagsúla i gcoinne na hÉireann. Dá thoradh sin b'éigean leasuithe iomadúla a dhéanamh ar mhíreanna den phríomhreachtaíocht agus den reachtaíocht thánaisteach chun go mbeidís ar aon dul le Treoracha an Aontais Eorpaigh. Ba é a dtoradh siúd a cheangal ar fhorbróirí agus ar thogróirí díriú ar thionchar a gcuid tograí (ar tograí beaga iad cuid acu) ar an gcomhshaol, go háirithe ar láithreáin atá ainmnithe ag an Aontas Eorpach mar láithreáin Natura 2000, agus a cheangal ar na húdaráis inniúla – údaráis phleanála agus an Bord Pleanála – scrúdú agus measúnú níos sainráite a dhéanamh ar an tionchar ar an gcomhshaol.

Tá cásanna nua le cinneadh ag an mBord Pleanála de thoradh reachtaíocht a ritheadh le deireanas, go háirithe cásanna maidir le nithe áirithe a thabhairt chun rialtachta chun géilleadh do na Treoracha um Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta agus um Ghnáthóga. Áirítear orthu siúd cásanna de 'Toiliú Ionaid' agus cásanna i dtaca le forbairtí a mhol údaráis áitiúla agus a dteastaíonn Measúnacht Chuí maidir leo.

The legislation governing quarries is necessarily complex given its retrospective nature. For Appropriate Assessment, the legislation is relatively straightforward but requires local authorities to obtain consent from the Board for projects which, up to now, would have been dealt with largely by way of their own internal consent process (section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001). The Board is required to examine these projects rigorously with due regard to proper planning and sustainable development, environmental impact, and effects on European sites. The Board is also required to ensure that the provisions of the Public Participation Directive are met and that the public has full access to information and is consulted at each stage of the consent process.

In 2012, An Bord Pleanála prepared for this new work by upskilling staff and Board Members and reorganising to be able to accept and deal with the new case types.

The first local authority cases relating to own development which required appropriate assessment have been determined, and guidance for local authorities on the information required in these applications is to be published in mid-2013, based on the experience of the early applications.

A large volume of quarry cases consisting primarily of applications for review of planning authority determinations on the status of quarries and also some related to the Substitute Consent process for quarries were received in 2012.

Reachtaíocht chúlghabhálach is ea an reachtaíocht a rialaíonn cairéil agus mar sin is reachtaíocht chasta í. I gcás Measúnachtaí Cuí, ní reachtaíocht chasta í ach ceanglaíonn sí ar údarais áitiúla toiliú a fháil ón mBord le haghaidh tionscadail ar déileáladh leo, go dtí seo, trína bpróisis inmheánacha toilithe féin den chuid is mó (alt 179 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000 agus Cuid 8 de na Rialacha Pleanála agus Forbartha, 2001). Ceanglaítear ar an mBord na tionscadail seo a scrúdú go dian ag féachaint go cuí do phleanáil chuí agus d'fhorbairt inbhuanaithe, don tionchar ar an gcomhshaol agus dá n-éifeacht ar láithreáin Eorpacha. Ceangal eile ar an mBord ná an gá atá le cinntiú go gcomhlíontar forálacha na Treorach um Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail agus go mbíonn teacht iomlán ag an bpobal ar eolas agus go dtéitear i gcomhairle leis an bpobal ag gach céim den phróiseas toilithe.

Sa bhliain 2012, d'ullmhaigh an Bord Pleanála don obair nua seo trí oiliúint sna scileanna nua a thabhairt don fhoireann agus do bhaill an Bhoird agus atheagar a chur ar obair an Bhoird ionas go bhféadfaí glacadh leis na cineálacha nua cásanna agus déileáil leo.

Tá na chéad chásanna údarais áitiúil maidir le forbairt dhílis inar éilíodh measúnacht chuí cinnte agus foilseofar treoir d'údarais áitiúla i lár-2013, leis an eolas is gá a sholáthar sna hiarratais seo, bunaithe ar na hiarratais luatha.

Sa bhliain 2012 fuarthas lear mór cásanna cairéil comhdhéanta, den chuid is mó, d'iarratais ar athbhreithniú ar chinntí de chuid údarais áitiúla ar stádas cairéal agus roinnt cinntí a bhain le próiseas an Toilithe Ionaid do chairéil.

Information Communication Technology

Another major undertaking in 2012 was the preparation of an Information Communication Technology (ICT) Feasibility and Needs Study carried out by consultants PWC on behalf of the Board and the adoption by the Board of a 5 year ICT Strategy. The analysis found that a quantum change in An Bord Pleanála's ICT systems, infrastructure, organisation and resourcing is necessary with the main priorities being the replacement of the current case management system and development of a web portal. As part of the strategy, implementation of a Geographical Information System (GIS) which would represent a fundamental change in business process for An Bord Pleanála along with integrated Human Resources and accounting and finance systems would improve service to the public, reduce the risk associated with the existing legacy system, increase the efficiency of the organisation and release capacity to accommodate additional functions which may be assigned to An Bord Pleanála in the future. The strategy cannot, however, be funded from within the existing budgetary allocation and funds will have to be found to implement this much needed replacement of an essential facility.

Staffing and Operations

The retirement of several senior staff members including the Chief Officer at the beginning of 2012 coupled with the departure of four very experienced Board Members at the end of 2011 meant a loss of experience and corporate memory in An Bord Pleanála, something we have had to work very hard to make up for. The year also saw further implementation of the Employment Control Framework throughout the public sector as a means of reducing public sector numbers. An Bord Pleanála was required to reduce its staffing to 146 and to offer 16 posts for redeployment through the Public

Teicneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide

Rud mór eile ar tugadh faoi sa bhliain 2012 ná staidéar ar Riachtanais agus Féidearthachtaí Theicneolaíocht na Faisnéise agus na Cumarsáide a d'ullmhaigh PWC thar ceann an Bhoird agus ghlac an Bord Straitéis TFC cúig bliana. De réir na hanailíse bhí géarghá le bunathrú chun feabhais ar chórais, bonneagar, eagraíocht agus acmhainniú an Bhoird Phleanála agus gurb iad na rudaí ba phráinne córas nua a ghabhfadh áit an chórais bainistíochta reatha ar chásanna agus tairseach Gréasáin a fhorbairt. Mar chuid den straitéis, moladh Córas Faisnéise Geografaí, a d'athródh próiseas gnó an Bhoird Phleanála go bunúsach, mar aon le córais chomhtháite acmhainní daonna, cuntaisíochta agus airgeadais a d'fheabhsódh an tseirbhís don phobal, a laghdódh an riosca a ghabhann leis an gcóras oidhreacht a tá anois ann, a chuirfeadh le héifeachtúlacht na heagraíochta agus a chuirfeadh acmhainn ar fáil chun feidhmeanna breise, a d'fhéadfaí a shannadh ar an mBord Pleanála amach anseo, a chomhlíonadh. Ach ní féidir an straitéis sin a mhaoiniú as an mbuiséad atá ann anois agus beidh gá le cistiú breise chun athsholáthar a dhéanamh go práinneach ar an áis riachtanach seo.

Líon Foirne & Oibríochtaí

Cailleadh taithí agus cuimhne corparáidí sa Bhord Pleanála ag tús na bliana 2012 an tráth a ndeachaigh roinnt ball sinsearach foirne ar scor agus a d'fhág ceathrar comhaltaí cleachtacha an Bord. Bhí gá le hobair dhian chun an t-easnamh sin a chúiteamh. Cuireadh an Creat Rialaithe Fostaíochta i bhfeidhm tuilleadh ar fud na hearnála poiblí i mbliana mar shlí chun líon foirne na hearnála a laghdú. Iarradh ar an mBord Pleanála a líon foirne a laghdú go 146 agus 16 phost a thairiscint lena n-implonnú tríd an tSeirbhís um Cheapacháin Phoiblí. Tar éis cleachtadh pleanála lucht oibre a cuireadh i bhfeidhm ar an

Appointments Service. Following a workforce planning exercise implemented as sensitively and professionally as possible, we have managed to redeploy the required number of staff to other public service organisations. However, it must be recognised that this has been a difficult time for our staff, both those who left the organisation and those who remained, and work has had to be reallocated amongst our remaining staff. Staff in An Bord Pleanála have stepped up to the mark and have shown the flexibility and cooperation required to deal with the new environment, and have done this in the context of taking on new work.

On the budgetary front, An Bord Pleanála, like other public sector bodies, faced a further decrease in exchequer funding in 2012, down 6% on 2011 to €12,897,000, an overall decrease of 14.6% since 2008. This has since been cut again in 2013 by 8.57% to €11,793,000. Earned income in 2012 also fell by 12% on 2011 to €2,473,000 and 68% on 2008.

Concluding Remarks

Finally, at the end of my first full year as Chairperson of An Bord Pleanála, I would like to thank the staff for their hard work, dedication and loyalty to the organisation and for the flexibility and co-operation they have shown over the past year in challenging circumstances. I would also like to thank my fellow Board Members for their continued support and professionalism during 2012.

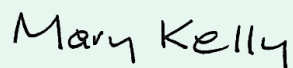
tslí ab íogair agus ba ghairmiúla a d'fhéadfaí d'éirigh linn an líon sin foirne a ath-imlonnú go dtí eagraíochtaí eile san earnáil phoiblí. Ach ní mór a aithint go raibh deacrachtaí ar leith le sárú sa tréimhse seo ag an bhfoireann seo againn, acu siúd arbh éigean dóibh an eagraíocht a fhágáil agus acu siúd a d'fhan, agus b'éigean obair a ath-leithdháileadh i measc na foirne atá anois ann. Rinne foireann an Bhoird Pleanála a lándícheall chun a bheith solúbtha agus comhoibritheach i dtaca leis na socruithe nua oibre agus le hobair nua a ghlacadh orthu féin.

Maidir le buiséad de, rinneadh laghdú eile sa bhliain 2012 ar chistiú an Bhoird Pleanála ón státchiste, mar a rinneadh i gcás comhlachtaí eile earnála poiblí, de 6% ar fhiigiúr na bliana 2011, go €12,897,000 arb ionann é agus 14.6% de laghdú ar an mbliain 2008. Gearradh an fiigiúr sin tuilleadh sa bhliain 2013, de 8.57% go €11,793.000. Thit an t-ioncam tuillte, chomh maith, de 12% ar an mbliain 2011, go €2,473,000 agus de 68% ar an mbliain 2008.

Ráiteas Scoir

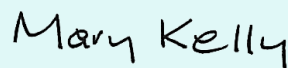
Mar fhocal scoir, ag deireadh mo chéad bhliana mar Chathaoirleach an Bhoird Pleanála, glacaim buíochas leis an bhfoireann as an obair dhian agus an dílseacht, an tsolúbthacht agus an comhoibriú a léirigh siad i gcúinsí dúshlánacha sa bhliain a ghabh romhainn. Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil le mo chomhghleacaithe ar an mBord as a dtacaíocht agus a ngairmiúlacht i gcaitheamh na bliana 2012.

I would also like to thank the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government Mr. Phil Hogan TD and Minister for State with responsibility for Planning, Ms. Jan O'Sullivan TD and officials from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government for their support for the Board. Thanks are also due to the various consultants who provide an invaluable service to the Board, to the management and officials of the planning authorities for their co-operation and to the Board's legal advisers.



Dr. Mary Kelly
Chairperson

Ba mhaith liom, chomh maith, mo bhuíochas a ghabháil leis an Aire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, Phil Hogan, T.D., leis an Aire Stáit Pleanála, Jan O'Sullivan, T.D. agus le hoifigigh na Roinne Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil as a dtacaíocht don Bhord. Tá buíochas ag dul do na sainchomhairleoirí éagsúla, leis, a thugann seirbhís mhórluachmhar don Bhord, do na bainisteoirí agus d'oifigigh na n-údarás pleanála as a gcomhoibriú, agus do chomhairleoirí dlí an Bhoird.



An Dr. Máire Ní Cheallaigh
Cathaoirleach

4. Planning Operations | Oibríochtaí Pleanála

All Planning Cases | Gach Cás Pleanála

Figures 1 to 5 contain key performance indicators in relation to all planning casework received and disposed of by the Board in 2012. A breakdown by reference to normal planning appeals, local authority projects and other cases is provided in Figures 6 to 16.

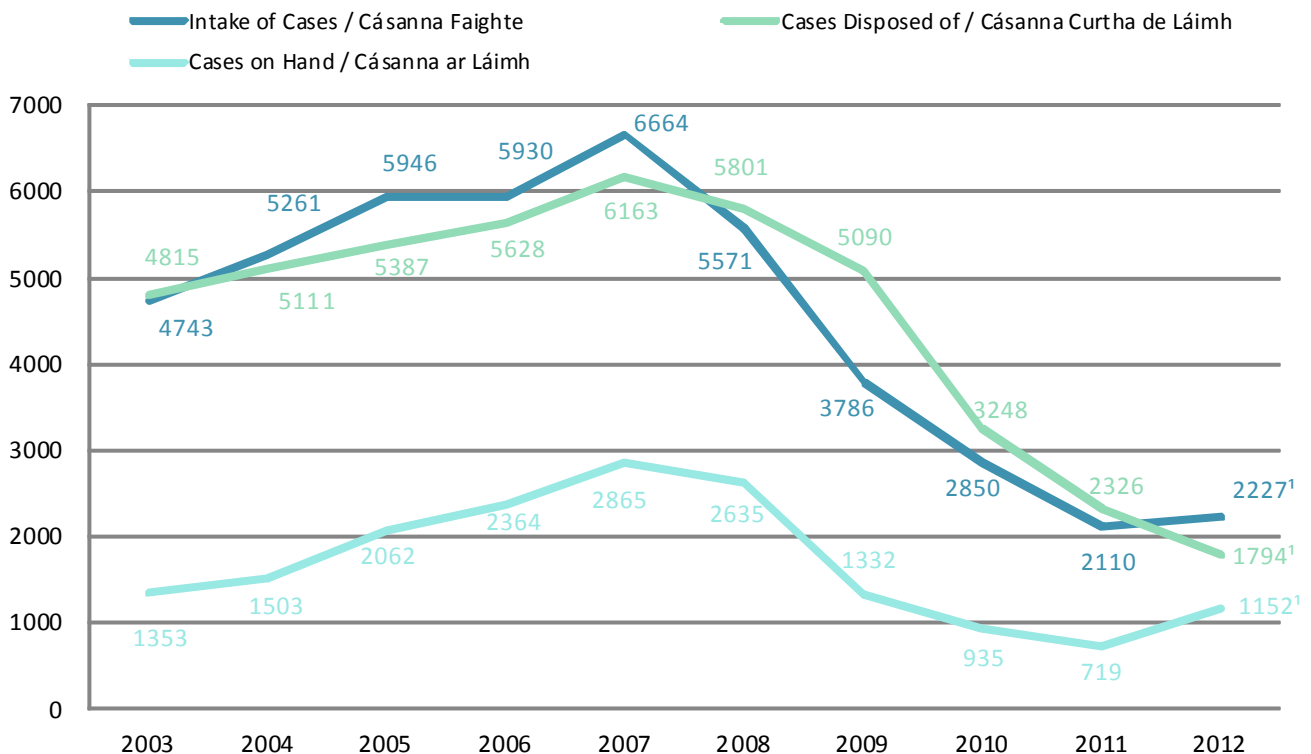
I bhFígiúirí 1 go 5 gheofar na príomhtháscairí feidhmíochta maidir le gach cásobair phleanála dá bhfuarthas agus dár chuir an Bord de lámh i 2012. Cuirtear miondealú den chásobair ar fáil i bhFígiúirí 6 go 16, le tagairt do ghnáth-achomhairc pleanála, do thionscadail údaráis áitiúil agus do chásanna eile.

FIGURE 1 All Planning Cases

Trend in intake, disposal and cases on hands 2003 to 2012

FIGIÚR 1 Gach Cás Pleanála

Claonadh i gcásanna a fuarthas, a cuireadh de lámh agus a bhí idir lámha 2003 go dtí 2012



¹Figures exclude Quarry Notice cases and Pre-Application Consultation cases.

¹ Ní áirítear ar an bhfigiúr cásanna fógra cairéil agus cásanna comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais

FIGURE 2

Summary of all Planning Cases

FIGIÚR 2

Achoimre Gach Cás Pleanála

		2012	2011	Increase/ (decrease) Méadú/ (laghdú) %
On hands at start	Idir lámha ag an tús	719	935	(23%)
Received	Faighthe	2,227 ²	2,110	6%
Disposed of	Curtha de láimh	1,794 ²	2,326	(23%)
On hands at end	Idir lámha ag an deireadh	1,152 ²	719	60%
Disposed of within statutory objective period	Curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil	41% ^{1&2}	81% ¹	-
Average time taken (weeks)	Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí)	23 ^{1&2}	18 ¹	26%

¹ This figure excludes pre-application consultation cases / Ní áirítear ar an bhfigiúr sin cásanna comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais

² Figures do not include Quarry Notice Cases figures / Ní áirítear ar an bhfigiúr cásanna fógra cairéil

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.

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.

Spriocthréimhsí reachtúla le cásanna a chinneadh

Faoi fhorálacha sna hAchtanna agus sna Rialacháin um Pleanáil, um Rialú Foirgníochta agus um Thruailliú Uisce a rinneadh faoi na hAchtanna seo leagtar síos mar chuspóir de chuid an Bhoird riachtanas chun a chinntiú go dtabharfar cinneadh ar achomhairc agus ar ábhair áirithe eile laistigh de thréimhsí sonraithe ama.

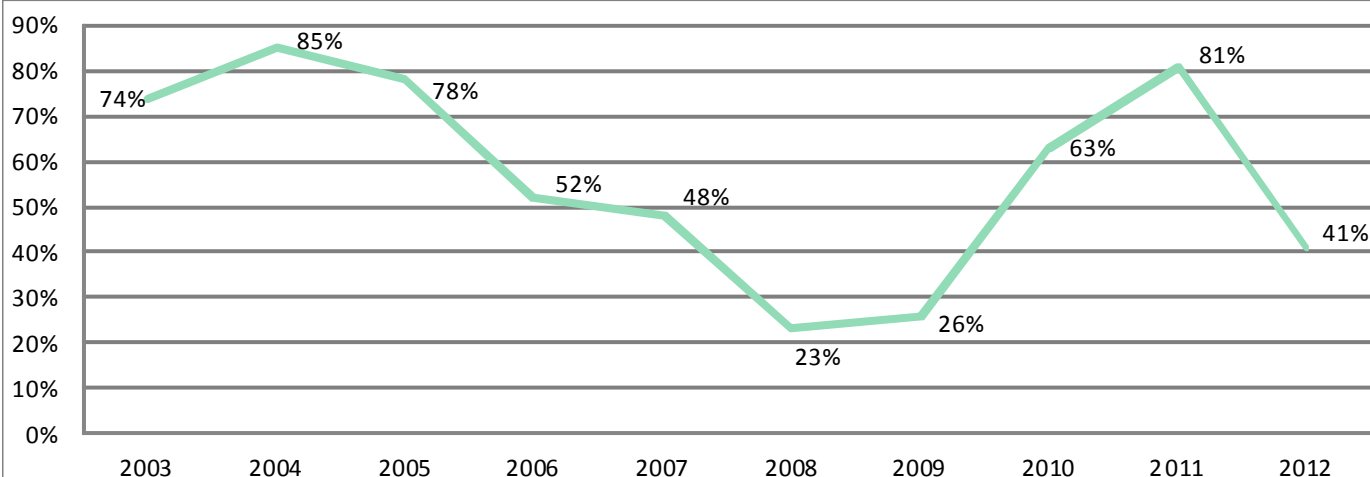
I bhformhór na gcásanna, 18 seachtaine atá i gceist; ceithre mhí atá i gceist i gcásanna áirithe agus i gcásanna eile fós níl aon spriocthréimhse reachtúil i bhfeidhm. Cuspóir straitéiseach de chuid an Bhoird is ea é 90% de na cásanna ar fad a thagann os a chomhair a chinneadh laistigh de ocht seachtaine déag/de cheithre mhí beag beann ar cibé an bhfuil spriocthréimhse reachtúil i bhfeidhm nó nach bhfuil.

FIGURE 3

Percentage of cases determined within statutory objective period 2003 to 2012

FIGIÚR 3

Céatadán de chásanna a chinntíodh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil 2003 go dtí 2012



During 2012, 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 2003 to 2012.

Le linn 2012, 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 2003 go dtí 2012.

FIGURE 4

Average time taken to dispose of cases (weeks)

FIGIÚR 4

Meán ama a thóg sé cásanna a chur de láimh (seachtainí)

Year	Normal planning appeals	Strategic Infrastructure Development Cases	Other cases	All
Bliain	Gnáth-Achomhairc Phleanála	Forbairtí Bonneagair Straitéisigh	Cásanna Eile	Iomlán
2003	14	-	13	16
2004	14	-	9	14
2005	15	-	10	15
2006	18	-	14	18
2007	20	16	13	19
2008	24	30	27	24
2009	23	35	25	23
2010	19	46	23	20
2011	17	51 ¹	18	18 ¹
2012	23 ²	51 ¹	16 ²	23 ^{1 & 2}

¹ This figure excludes pre-application consultation cases/ Ní áirítear ar an bhfigiúr sin cásanna comhairliúcháin reamhiarratais

² This figure excludes quarry notices / Ní áirítear ar an bhfigiúr cásanna fógra cairéil

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 2012, 25 of the 27 oral hearings held related to strategic infrastructure developments and other local authority projects. The other two oral hearings held related to normal planning appeal cases.

The majority of the oral hearing requests made related to normal planning appeals of which 27 were refused and one was granted. The remainder did not require a decision as the relevant appeal was either withdrawn, dismissed or invalidated or the request was still awaiting a decision at the end of 2012.

Éisteachtaí ó bhéal

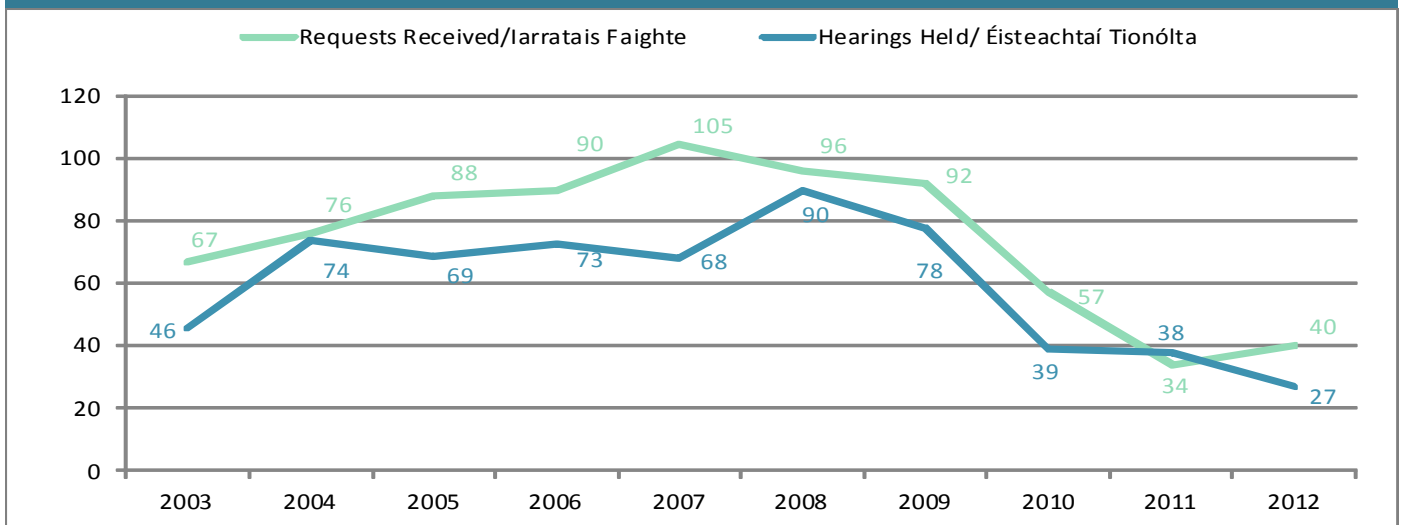
De ghnáth déileáiltear le hachomhairc agus le nithe a chuirtear faoi bhráid an Bhoird ar bhonn aighneachtaí scríofa ó na páirtithe mar aon le cigireacht ar an suíomh ag cigire arna cheapadh ag an mBord. Reáchtáiltear éisteachtaí ó bhéal de ghnáth i leith iarratas ar Fhorbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh. Is faoi rogha an Bhoird amháin atá sé éisteacht ó bhéal a reáchtáil i gcás ar bith cibé acu má iarrtar éisteacht nó nach n-iarrtar.

I 2012, bhain 25 de 27 éisteachtaí ó bhéal le forbairtí bonneagair straitéisigh agus tionscadail udaráis áitiúil eile. Bhí baint ag an dá éisteacht ó bhéal eile a bhí ar siúl le gnáth cásanna achomhairc pleanála.

Bhí an chuid is mó de na hiarratais ar éisteachtaí ó bhéal bainte le ghnáth-achomhairc pleanála, nár dheonaíodh ach ceann amháin díobh agus a dhiúltaíodh 27. Ní raibh gá le cinneadh ar an gcuid eile dóibh toisc go raibh an t-achomharc iomchuí á tharraingt siar, á dhíbhe nó a chur ó bhail ag an t-iarratasóir, nó go raibh cinneadh fós le teacht ag deireadh na bliana 2012.

FIGURE 5
Oral Hearings of all cases

FIGIÚR 5
Éisteachtaí béil maidir le gach cás



Inspectors' Reports and Recommendations

In 2012 the number of formal decisions made with Inspectors' reports were 1,427. The number of Inspectors' recommendations not generally accepted by the Board was 284 (19.9%) compared to 289 (14.9%) in 2011.

Tuarascálacha agus Moltaí na gCigirí

Sa bhliain 2012 ba é 1,427 an líon cinntí foirmiúla a rinneadh le tuarascálacha Cigirí. Ba é 284 (19.9%) líon moltaí na gCigirí nár ghlac an Bord leo i gcoitinne i gcomparáid le 289 (14.9%) sa bhliain 2011.

4. Planning Operations | Oibríochtaí Pleanála

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 64% of the intake of cases in 2012. Such 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.

Tús Eolais

Ba ghnáth-achomhairc phleanála i.e. achomhairc faoi alt 37 den Acht Pleanála 2000 (agus faoi alt 26 d'Acht Pleanála 1963 i gcás seanchásanna pleanála) 64% de na cásanna a glacadh sa bhliain 2012. Tagann achomhairc den sórt sin de chinntí ag údaráis phleanála ar iarratais ar chead chun talamh a fhorbairt.

Is féidir le gnáth-achomhairc phleanála a bheith ina n-achomhairc céad páirtí, tríú páirtí nó céad agus tríú páirtí. Déantar anailís in Aguisín 1 ar na catagóirí achomhairc thuasluaite agus ar an éifeacht atá ag na cinntí achomhairc trí thagairt a dhéanamh do chatagóir an achomhairc agus do chinneadh an údaráis pleanála.

FIGURE 6

Summary of Normal Planning Appeals

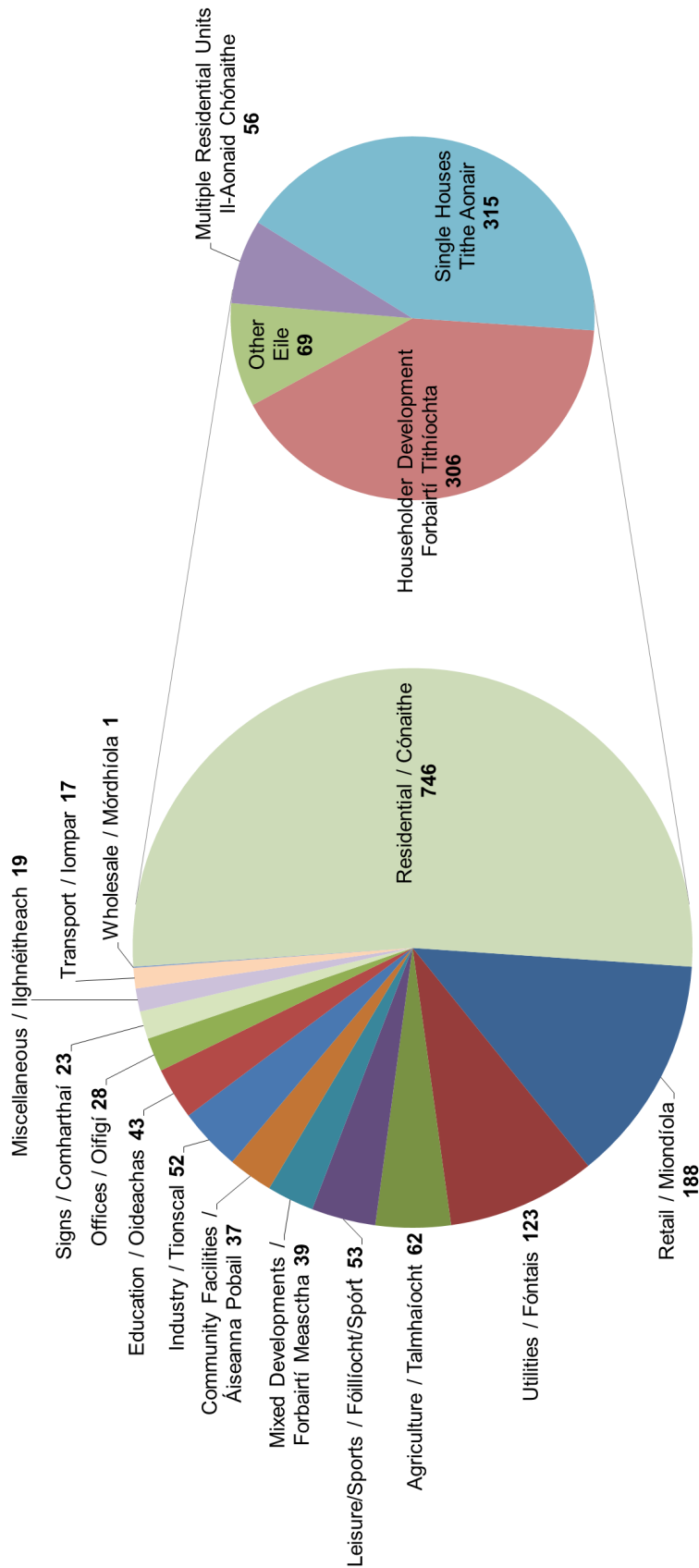
FIGIÚR 6

Achoimre na Gnáth Achomhairc Phleanála

		2012	2011	Increase/ (decrease) %
				Méadú/ (laghdú)
On hands at start	Idir lámha ag an tús	583	742	(21%)
Received	Faighte	1,431	1,779	(20%)
Disposed of	Curtha de láimh	1,436	1,938	(26%)
On hands at end	Idir lámha ag deireadh	578	583	(1%)
Disposed of within statutory objective period	Curtha de láimh laistigh de sprioc thréimhse reachtúil	36%	83%	-
Average time taken (weeks)	Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí)	23	17	35%

FIGURE 7
Normal Planning Appeals by Development Type

FIGIÚR 7
Gnáth-Achomhairc Phleanála Faighte de réir Catagóire Forbartha



¹ Includes Apartment Developments / Lena n-áirítear Forbairtí Árasán
 * Figures shown under 'residential' in this graph includes units in hostels, hotels, nursing homes and similar types of accommodation. Residential units may also be included under other development categories e.g. mixed / *Áirítear ar na bhfigiúirí faoi 'cónaithe' sa ghráf seo aonaid i mbrúna, in ostarín, i dtithe aitránais agus i gceolacha cónaithe eile. Féadfar aonaid chónaithe a chuimsiú, leis, faoi chatagóirí eile forbairtí, m.sh. forbairtí measctha.

FIGURE 8

Analysis of normal planning appeals disposed of and of invalid cases

FIGIÚR 8

Anailís ar ghnáth-achomhairc phleanála a cuireadh de láimh agus anailís ar chásanna neamhbhailí

Appeals Disposed of	Achomhairc curtha de láimh	2012	2011
Formally	Go foirmeálta	1,220	1,673
Otherwise	Ar bhealaí eile	216	265
- Invalid All	- Neamhbhailí Iomlán	135	153
· late	· déanach	40	37
· no acknowledgement	· gan admháil	35	25
· incorrect fee / no fee	· táille mícheart / gan táille	44	65
· name/address of appellant / agent	· ainm / seoladh achomharcóir / gníomhaire	10	9
· grounds / subject	· bonn / ábhar	5	7
· hours	· uaireanta	0	2
· other	· eile	1	8
- Appeal withdrawn by appellant (section 140(1) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc aistarraingthe ag an achomharcóir (alt 140(1) den Acht 2000)	47	77
- Application withdrawn by applicant (section 140(1) of 2000 Act)	- Iarratas aistarraingthe ag an iarratasóir (alt 140(1) den Acht 2000)	22	23
- Appeal dismissed (section 133 of the 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 133 den Acht 2000)	1	0
- Appeal dismissed (section 138(1)(a)(i) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 138(1)(a)(i) den Acht 2000)	1	6
- Appeal dismissed (section 138(1)(b) of the 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 138(1)(b) den Acht 2000)	9	2
- Appeal declared withdrawn section 140(2) of 2000 Act)	- Fógraíodh gur aistarraingíodh an achomharc (alt 140(2) den Acht 2000)	1	3
- Application declared withdrawn (section 140(2) of 2000 Act)	- Fógraíodh gur aistarraingíodh an t-iarratas (alt 140(2) den Acht 2000)	0	0
- Otherwise disposed of	- Curtha de láimh i slí eile	0	1
Total	Iomlán	1,436	1,938

Invalid Appeals

The rate of invalid appeals in 2012 increased from 8.2% in 2011 to 9.4% of the total disposed.

Fee: There are different fees applicable to different types of appeals and the correct fee must be lodged at the time of making an appeal. Details of current fees are available on the Board's website.

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

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

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

Achomhairc Neamhbhailí

Mhéadaigh líon na n-achomharc neamhbhailí sa bhliain 2012 ó 8.2% sa bhliain 2011 go 9.4% den iomlán a cuireadh de láimh.

Táille: Baineann táillí éagsúla le gach saghas achomhairc agus caithfear an táille cheart a íoc ag an am a dhéantar an achomharc. Is féidir sonraí a fháil maidir le táillí reatha ar shuíomh idirlín an Bhoird.

Déanach: Is é ceithre seachtaine an tréimhse achomhairc ag tosú ar an lá a ndéanann an t-údarás pleanála a chinneadh. Tá ré-áireamhán idirghníomhach ar fáil ar shuíomh Gréasáin an Bhoird chun cuidiú le daoine an lá deireanach le hachomharc a dhéanamh a ríomh.

Gan admháil: Faoi dhianriachtanais Acht na bliana 2000 ní mór de ghnáth d'achomharcóir tríú páirtí admháil a sholáthar ón údarás pleanála maidir lena n-aighneacht nó leis an mbarúil a chuir siad isteach ag céim an iarratais.

Ainm agus seoladh: Ní mór d'achomharc ainm agus seoladh an achomharcóra a lua agus ainm agus seoladh an duine, más ann dó, atá ag gníomhú ar a s(h)on.

Appeals by Area

An analysis of planning application decisions, appeals and appeal decisions for each county and city area is shown in Appendix 3. Overall, the number of appeals received in 2012 as a percentage of planning authority applications was 7.1% compared to 7.7% in 2011. Dublin City Council (13.3%), Cork City Council (13.1%) and Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (11.5%) had the highest levels of decisions appealed.

This was generally in line with recent years.

Achomhairc de réir Ceantair

Tugtar in Aguisín 3 anailís ar chinntí maidir le hiarratais phleanála, achomhairc agus cinntí achomhairc i gcás gach limistéir contae agus cathrach. Achomhairc ab ea 7.1% de na hiarratais phleanála a fuarthas sa bhliain 2012, i gcomparáid le 7.7% sa bhliain 2011. Ag Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath (13.3%), Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí (13.1%) agus Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin (11.5%) a bhí na líonta ba mhó achomharc in aghaidh cinntí.

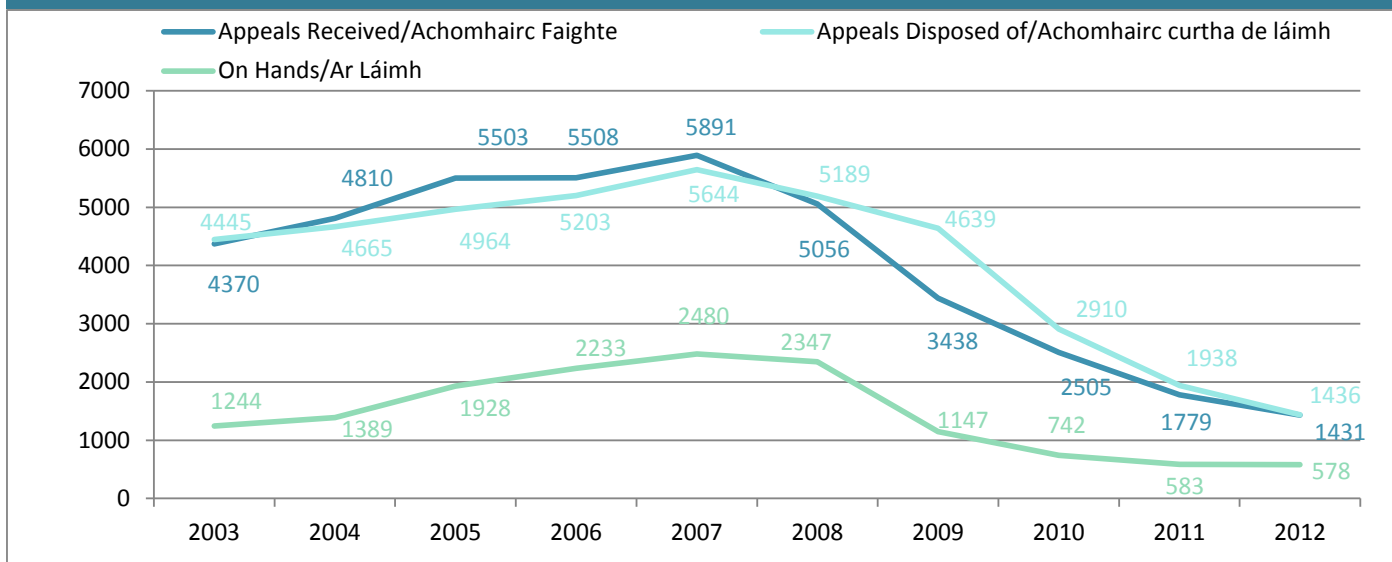
Glactar le seo mar an gcéanna le blianta beaga anuas.

FIGURE 9

Appeals received, disposed of and on hands 2003 to 2012

FIGIÚR 9

Achomharc a fuarthas, a cuireadh de láimh 2003 go dtí 2012



Priority Appeals.

Some normal appeals are classified within the Board as 'Priority Appeals'. These are appeals in respect of developments which have a significant employment potential, or involve projects of significant economic potential on a national, regional and/or local scale, or major infrastructural developments that would not be classified under the legislation as Strategic Infrastructure Developments. In addition prioritisation is given to new school buildings/ educational facilities, and extensions to such facilities, in line with Government policy in this area. There is a case by case analysis of the requirement to give an appeal case Priority status at an early stage on receipt by the Board.

Submission of documents to the Board by Planning Authorities

In 2012, planning authorities submitted the planning file and other documents in relation to appeals to the Board within the statutory period of two weeks in 85% of appeals (83% in 2011).

Rural Housing

The Minister for the Environment, Community 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 to which the guidelines applied is contained in Appendix 2.

Achomhairc Thosaíochta

Aicmítear gnáth-achomhairc áirithe mar 'Achomhairc Thosaíochta'. Achomhairc iad sin a bhaineann le forbairtí a d'fhéadfadh líon mór post a chur ar fáil, nó le tionscadail a bhféadfadh tábhacht gheilleagrach a bheith leo ar scála náisiúnta, réigiúnach agus / nó áitiúil, nó le mórphorbairtí bonneagair nach n-aicmeofaí faoin reachtaíocht mar Fhorbairtí Bonneagair Straitéisigh. Lena chois sin, tugtar tús áite d'fhoirgnimh nua scoile / áiseanna oideachais, agus do leathnuithe ar shaoráidí dá sórt, ar aon dul le beartas an Rialtais sa réimse seo. Go luath tar éis don Bhord achomharc a fháil déantar anailís ar bhonn cáis cibé ar cheart stádas tosaíochta a thabhairt dó.

Doiciméid á gcur ar aghaidh chuig an mBord ag Údaráis Phleanála

Sa bhliain 2012 chuireadh údaráis phleanála an comhad phleanála agus na doiciméid eile a bhain le hachomhairc chuig an mBord laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil coicíse in 85% d'achomhairc (83% sa bhliain 2011).

Tithíocht Tuaithe

Sheol an tAire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil na Treoirínte um Thithíocht Tuaithe Inbhuanaithe in Aibreán na bliana 2005. Toisc go n-eisítear na treoirínte faoi alt 28 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, ní mór don Bhord aird a thabhairt orthu. Gheofar in Aguisín 2 anailís ar thorthaí na n-achomharc ar bhain na Treoirínte leo.

4. Planning Operations | Oibríochtaí Pleanála

Strategic Infrastructure Cases | Cásanna Bonneagair Straitéisigh

Introduction

The Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006 provided for the making of direct applications for public and private strategic infrastructure development to the Board. While certain local authority development applications and associated compulsory acquisition cases had been dealt with by the Board since 2001, these were classified as strategic infrastructure in the 2006 Act and the Board effectively became a one-stop shop for the determination of public and private infrastructure applications.

Types of development falling within the strategic infrastructure process include:

- large-scale energy
- transport and environmental and health infrastructure (7th Schedule 2006 Act)
- electricity transmission lines
- railway infrastructure
- strategic gas infrastructure
- road schemes and major road developments
- other local authority developments for which Environmental Impact Assessment is required.
- compulsory purchase of lands relating to the above

Strategic Infrastructure Development Process

For SID proposals (other than local authority developments) it is mandatory for the prospective applicant to enter into pre-application consultations with representatives of the Board comprising both technical and administrative staff. The principal purpose of consultations is to ascertain if the proposal constitutes SID, and also to give an opportunity for the Board to advise on

Réamhrá

Foráileadh san Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006 le haghaidh iarratais dhíreacha a dhéanamh chuig an mBord maidir le forbairt bonneagair straitéisigh idir phoiblí agus phríobháideach. Cé gur dhéileáil an Bord le hiarratais áirithe ar fhorbairt údaráis áitiúil agus cásanna de cheannach éigeantach a ghabh leo ón mbliain 2001 ar aghaidh, aicmíodh na cásanna sin mar bhonneagar straitéiseach in Acht na bliana 2006 agus tháinig an Bord, i ndáiríre, chun bheith ina shiopa ilfhreastail chun iarratais ar bhonneagar poiblí agus príobháideach a chinneadh.

Ar na cineálacha forbartha is ceadmhach a shainiú mar bhonneagar straitéiseach tá:

- fuinneamh ar an mórchoir
- bonneagar iompair agus comhshaoil agus sláinte (Seachtú Sceideal Acht 2006)
- línte tarchuir leictreachais
- bonneagar iarnróid
- bonneagar straitéiseach gáis
- scéimeanna bóthair agus mórfhorbairtí bóthair
- forbairtí údaráis áitiúil eile dá dteastaíonn Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta.
- ceannach éigeantach talún a bhaineann leis an méid thuas

Próiseas an Fhorbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh

I gcás na dtograí FBS (seachas forbairtí údaráis áitiúil) ceanglaítear ar iarratasóirí ionchais dul i mbun comhairle réamhiarratais le hionadaithe an Bhoird, idir fhoireann theicniúil agus fhoireann riaracháin. An príomhchuspóir atá leis an gcomhairliú ná a fháil amach cibé an FBS atá sa togra beartaithe, agus deis a thabhairt don Bhord an t-iarratasóir a chomhairliú maidir le

what considerations relating to proper planning and sustainable development or the environment may have a bearing on the decision of the Board in the event of an application being made.

Advice is also given on procedures for making an application. Consultation meetings do not discuss the merits of the proposal. The pace of the consultation process is generally determined by the prospective applicant. Meetings may also be held with other relevant bodies such as the local authority and prescribed bodies. A record is kept of all consultations and is made public at the end of the consultation process.

Applications deemed to be SID must be made directly to An Bord Pleanála. In most cases, these are accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement.

SID Applications 2012

1. General SID Applications

The Board received 19 requests for pre-application consultations, held 48 meetings with prospective applicants and concluded 26 requests (carryover from previous years). On average there were 3 meetings per proposal. Of the 26 cases concluded, 9 were deemed to be SID, 8 were deemed not to be SID, 6 were withdrawn/consultations closed and 3 were invalid/other. See Figures 10 and 11.

In 2012, 8 applications were received, 4 oral hearings were held and 9 applications were concluded. In respect of the concluded cases the Board granted approval subject to conditions for 5 electricity applications, approved one gas application and an associated compulsory acquisition order, made one railway order in respect of a light railway system and refused permission for a major hospital development.

comaoineacha ar dhea-phleanáil agus forbairt inbhuanaithe nó an comhshaol, a bhféadfadh tionchar a bheith acu ar chinneadh an Bhoird i gcás iarratas a bheith déanta. Tugtar comhairle, leis, maidir leis an tslí le hiarratas a dhéanamh. Ní phléitear fiúntas an togra ag cruinnithe comhairliúcháin. Is é an t-iarratasóir ionchasach a chinneann luas an phróisis chomhairliúcháin. Is féidir cruinnithe a bheith ann le comhlachtaí ábhartha eile ar nós an údarais áitiúil agus comhlachtaí forordaithe. Coimeádtar taifead de gach seisiún comhairliúcháin agus cuirtear ar fáil don phobal é ag deireadh an phróisis chomhairliúcháin.

Iarratais a mheastar a bheith ina FBS, caithfear iad a dhéanamh díreach chuig an mBord Pleanála. I bhformhór na gcásanna bíonn Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta ag gabháil leo.

Iarratais FBS 2012

1. Iarratais Ghinearálta FBS

Fuair an Bord 19 n-iarratas ar chomhairliúchán réamh-iarratais, bhí 48 cruinniú ann le hiarratasóirí ionchasach agus tugadh 26 iarratas ar chomhairliúchán chun críche (bhí riaráiste iarratas ar chomhairliúchán ann ó bhlianta roimhe sin). Trí chruinniú in aghaidh gach iarratais a bhí ann, ar an meán. De na 26 cás a tugadh chun críche, measadh gur FBS a bhí i 9 gcinn díobh, nárbh ea i gcás 8 gcinn díobh, tarraingíodh 6 cinn siar nó dúnadh an chomhairliúcháin agus bhí 3 cinn neamhbhailí/nó neamhoiriúnach ar chúiseanna eile. Féach Figiúirí 10 agus 11.

Sa bhliain 2012 fuarthas 8 n-iarratas, eagraíodh 4 éisteacht ó bhéal agus tugadh 9 n-iarratas chun críche. I dtaca leis na cásanna a tugadh chun críche, dheonaigh an Bord cead faoi réir coinníollacha i gcás 5 iarratas leictreachais, cheadaíodh iarratas gáis amháin agus ordú fáil éigeantach a ghabh leis, rinneadh ordú iarnróid amháin i dtaca le córas iarnróid éadroime agus diúltaíodh cead le haghaidh mórfhorbairt ospidéal.

FIGURE 10 SIDS (excluding Local Authority Applications) Pre-Application Consultations		FIGIÚR 10 FBS (seachas iarratais ó údaráis áitiúla) Comhairliúcháin Réamhiarratais	
	2012	Since January 2007 Ó Eanáir 2007	
Received	19	233	
Meetings Held Cruinnithe a tionóladh	48	413	
Concluded Críochnaithe	26	210	
FIGURE 11 Strategic Infrastructure Cases (excluding Local Authority Cases)		FIGIÚR 11 Cásanna Bonneagair Straitéisigh (Seachas Cásanna Údaráis Áitiúil)	
	Received 2012 Faighte 2012	Concluded 2012 Críochnaithe 2012	On-hands end 2012 Ar láimh, deireadh 2012
Consultation Requests Iarrataí ar Chomhairliúchán	19	26	23
Applications Iarratais	8	9	7
Scoping Requests Iarrataí Scóipe	0	2	0
Alteration/Amendment Requests Iarrataí ar Athrú/Leasú	4	3	1
Total Iomlán	31	40	31
FIGURE 12 Local Authority Strategic Infrastructure Cases		FIGIÚR 12 Cásanna Bonneagair Straitéisigh ag Údaráis Áitiúla	
	Received 2012 Faighte 2012	Concluded 2012 Críochnaithe 2012	On-hands end 2012 Ar láimh, deireadh 2012
Applications Iarratais	15	21	13
Scoping Requests Iarrataí Scóipe	1	0	1
Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Cases Cásanna Scagtha um Mheasúnú Tionchar Timpeallachta	6	7	2
Alteration/Amended Requests Iarrataí ar Athrú/Leasú	0	1	0
EIS Exemption Díolúine ó RMT	0	0	0
Total Iomlán	22	29	16

2. Local Authority SID Applications

There were 21 local authority applications concluded, 17 of which were approved subject to conditions and 4 were refused approval. Of these 21 applications, 11 major road projects were concluded, seven of which were approved. See Figure 12

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.

2. Iarratais FBS ó Údaráis Áitiúla

Tugadh 21 iarratas údaráis áitiúil chun críche, ceadaíodh 17 faoi réir coinníollacha agus diúltaíodh cead do cheithre iarratas eile. Den 21 sin, bhain 11 le mórtograí bóthair, ar ceadaíodh seacht gcinn díobh. Féach ar Figiúr 12.

Tionscadail Eile Údaráis Áitiúil

Le cois na gcásanna bonneagair straitéisigh, déileálann an Bord le cásanna eile údaráis áitiúla, lena n-áirítear orduithe ceannaigh éigeantaigh agus fáil éigeantach faoi Acht na Láithreán Tréigthe.

FIGURE 13

Local Authority Projects other than Strategic Infrastructure

FIGIÚR 13

Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúil nár Bhonneagair Straitéiseach iad

	Received 2012 Faighe 2012	Concluded 2012 Críochnaithe 2012	On-hands end 2012 Ar láimh, deireadh 2012
Compulsory Acquisition CPO Fáil Éigeantach OCÉ	21	27	1
Compulsory Acquisition Derelict Sites Fáil Éigeantach Láithreán Tréigthe	0	1	0
Other Local Authority Projects Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúil Eile	0	2	0
Total Iomlán	21	30	1

Of the compulsory acquisition cases concluded in 2012, six cases were approved without modifications and three were approved with modifications. There were 12 informal decisions e.g. where no objections were received in CPO cases and four applications were withdrawn. The other local authority project cases concluded in 2012 relate to local authority development approval applications lodged prior to classification of such cases as strategic infrastructure. Of the other cases decided, 43% were formally disposed of within the statutory objective period.

De na cásanna fáil éigeantaigh a tugadh chun críche sa bhliain 2012, ceadaíodh sé chinn gan mhionathrú agus ceadaíodh trí chinn le mionathruithe. Rinneadh 12 chinneadh neamhfhoirmiúil m.sh. i gcás nach bhfuarthas aon aighneacht i gcás Ordú Ceannaigh Éigeantaigh, agus aistarraingíodh ceithre chás. Na cásanna tionscadail údaráis áitiúil eile a tugadh chun críche sa bhliain 2012, bhain siad le hiarratais ar chead forbartha údaráis áitiúil a taisceadh sular aicmíodh cásanna dá sórt mar bhonneagar straitéiseach. De na cásanna eile a cinneadh, cuireadh 43% díobh de láimh go foirmiúil laistigh den tréimhse chuspóir reachtúil.

Local Authority Appropriate Assessment Cases

Appropriate Assessment is the scientific investigation of the implications of a project (or plan) on a site which is protected pursuant to the Habitats Directive.

Where a Local Authority Project, which does not require Environmental Impact Assessment, requires Appropriate Assessment, the competent authority for the assessment of the project is An Bord Pleanála.

New Irish planning legislation which enshrined the responsibilities under the Habitats Directive, came into operation on 21st September, 2011. From that date, Local Authority Projects requiring Appropriate Assessment had to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

An Bord Pleanála is also the competent authority to determine if a Local Authority Project requires Appropriate Assessment to be carried out.

Cásanna Measúnacht Chuí ó Údaráis Áitiúla

Is éard is Measúnacht Chuí imscrúdú eolaíoch ar impleachtaí togra (nó plan) maidir le suíomh atá faoi chosaint de bhun na Treorach um Ghnáthóga.

I gcás ina gceanglaítear Measúnacht Chuí maidir le Tionscadal Údaráis Áitiúil, ach nach gceanglaítear Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta, is é An Bord Pleanála an tÚdarás inniúil chun an togra a mheasúnú.

Tháinig reachtaíocht pleanála nua Éireannach, inar cumhdaíodh na freagrachtaí faoin Treoir um Ghnáthóga, i bhfeidhm an 21 Meán Fómhair 2011. Ón dáta sin ar aghaidh b'éigean Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúla inar ceanglaíodh Measúnacht Chuí a chur ar aghaidh chuig an mBord Pleanála.

Is é an Bord Pleanála an t-údarás inniúil, chomh maith, chun a chinneadh cibé an dteastaíonn Measúnacht Chuí le haghaidh Tionscadal Údaráis Áitiúil nó nach dteastaíonn.

Figure 14 Local Authority Projects and Appropriate Assessment **Figiúr 14** Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúil agus Measúnacht Chuí

	Received 2012 Faighte 2012	Concluded 2012 Críochnaithe 2012	On-hands end 2012 Ar láimh, deireadh 2012
Appropriate Assessment Applications Iarratais ar Mheasúnacht Chuí	14	10	4
Appropriate Assessment Determinations Cinntí Mheasúnacht Chuí	4	2	2

4. Planning Operations | Oibríochtaí Pleanála

Quarries and Substitute Consent | Cairéil agus Toiliú Ionaid

Quarry Notice / Review Cases

Following on from the European Court of Justice (ECJ) decision in case C-215/06 (July 2008), which necessitated the removal from Irish planning legislation of the general facility enabling applications for permission to retain development in respect of which Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) would have been required, a new, once-off, provision, was introduced in 2011 to address related outstanding legal issues in the quarry sector.

The new section 261A, inserted into the 2000 Act under Section 75 of the 2010 Act, became operational on 15th November 2011. The section required planning authorities to examine all quarries in their areas, within a nine month timeframe, and to identify those with outstanding Environment Impact Assessment or Appropriate Assessment (AA) issues (this being also included as similar legal issues were deemed to apply). Those quarries so identified were issued with a Notice either directing an application to An Bord Pleanála for Substitute Consent or advising of the intention to issue an enforcement notice requiring the cessation of operations. A quarry owner/operator, or any 'third party' who lodged observations to the planning authority and was issued with a copy of the Notice, could also apply to the Board, within a 21 day period from the date of the Notice, for a review of the planning authority's determinations/decisions as set out in the Notice. The Board is required to either confirm or set aside the determinations/decisions of the planning authority.

In total, 334 review applications were lodged to the Board during the period June to September 2012. The great bulk of cases were lodged by or on behalf of quarry owners/operators with a much smaller number arising from third parties.

Cásanna maidir le hAthbhreithniú / Fógraí ar Chairéal

Ag éirí as cinneadh Chúirt Bhreithiúnais na hEorpa i gcás C-215/06 (Iúil 2008), arbh éigean, dá bharr, an áis ghinearálta inar cumasaíodh d'iarratais ar chead chun forbairt a choinneáil i gcás ina mbeadh Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallacht riachtanach a bhaint den reachtaíocht pleanála Éireannach, tugadh isteach foráil nua aon uaire sa bhliain 2011 chun aon cheist dlí a bhí fós amuigh san earnáil cairéal a réiteach.

Tháinig an t-alt nua 261A, a cuireadh isteach in Acht na bliana 2000 faoi Alt 75 d'Acht na bliana 2010, i bhfeidhm an 15 Samhain 2011. Faoi alt nua ceanglaítear ar údaráis phleanála gach cairéal ina limistéar feidhme a scrúdú laistigh de naoi mí agus na cinn sin nach ndearnadh Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta nó Measúnacht Chúí ina leith a aithint (cuireadh an dara ceann sin san áireamh de bhrí gur measadh gurb ionann na ceisteanna dlí a bhain leis). Na cairéil sin a aithníodh amhlaidh, eisíodh fógra chucu ag ceangal orthu iarratas ar Thoilíú Ionaid a chur faoi bhráid an Bhoird nó ag cur in iúl dóibh go raibh beartaithe ag an mBord fógra forfheidhmiúcháin a eisiúint ina gceanglófaí go scoirfí d'oibríocht an chairéil. Úinéir nó oibreoir cairéil, nó tríú páirtí ar bith a rinne aighneachtaí i scríbhinn chuig an údarás pleanála agus ar eisíodh cóip den fhógra dó, d'fhéadfadh sé iarratas a dhéanamh chuig an mBord, laistigh de 21 lá ó dháta an fhógra, ar athbhreithniú ar bhreith nó ar chinneadh nó orthu araon de chuid an údaráis phleanála dá dtagraítear san fhógra. Ceanglaítear ar an mBord cinneadh nó breith an údaráis pleanála a dheimhniú nó a chur i leataobh.

Cuireadh 334 iarratas ar athbhreithniú chuig an mBord sa tréimhse idir Meitheamh agus Meán Fómhair 2012. Formhór na n-iarratas is úinéirí nó oibreoirí cairéil nó daoine ag gníomhú ar a son a rinne iad, ní bhfuarthas ach líon beag ó thríú páirtithe.

Section 261A generated a significant additional workload for the Board in 2012, particularly given that all of the review cases were lodged within a short 3 to 4 month period. In response, the Board allocated a substantial number of staff to a dedicated 'quarry team', including 15 Inspectors. The relative complexity of the legislation also required a significant element of training and preparation. The caseload will continue as a significant element of the Board's overall workload throughout 2013.

A Substitute Consent Application is an application for permission made directly to An Bord Pleanála in respect of development already carried out and which should have been subject to Environment Impact Assessment and/or Appropriate Assessment but where such assessments were not carried out. The application is accompanied by a Remedial Environmental Impact Statement (REIS) and/or a Remedial Natura Impact Statement (RNIS). In the case of quarries, the application must be lodged within 12 weeks of the date of the planning authority notice or such further period as the Board may allow.

Given the time periods involved, and the number of review cases received, only a small number of Substitute Consent Applications were received by the Board during 2012. However, a substantial number of such applications can be expected in 2013 and 2014.

Ghin Alt 261A ualach oibre breise nár bheag don Bhord sa bhliain 2012, go háirithe ós rud é gur cuireadh isteach gach ceann de na cásanna athbhreithnithe laistigh de thréimhse de thrí nó de cheithre mhí. Mar fhreagra, chuir an Bord líon suntasach foirne ag obair ar 'foireann cairéil' ar leith, lenar áiríodh 15 chigire. Theastaigh roinnt mhaith ullmhúcháin agus oiliúna, leis, toisc an reachtaíocht a bheith casta i gcomparáid le míreanna eile reachtaíochta. Eilimint shuntasach d'ualach oibre iomlán an Bhoird sa bhliain 2013 a bheidh i gcásanna dá sórt.

Is éard is iarratas ar Thoiliú Ionaid iarratas ar chead a dhéantar díreach chuig an Bord Pleanála maidir le forbairt atá déanta cheana féin agus a raibh gá le Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta nó Measúnacht Chuí nó an dá cheann a dhéanamh ina leith ach nach ndearnadh measúnacht den sórt sin. Cuirtear Ráiteas Ceartaitheach Tionchair Timpeallachta agus / nó Ráiteas Ceartaitheach Tionchair Natura ar fáil in éineacht leis an iarratas. I gcás cairéil, ní mór an t-iarratas a dhéanamh chuig an mBord tráth nach déanaí ná 12 sheachtain tar éis dháta an fhógra, nó cibé tréimhse bhreise a cheadóidh an Bord.

I bhfianaise na dtréimhsí ama atá i gceist, agus líon na gcásanna le haghaidh athbhreithniú a fuarthas, ní bhfuair an Bord ach líon beag iarratas ar Thoiliú Ionaid sa bhliain 2012. Ach meastar go bhfaighfear lear mór iarratas dá sórt sna blianta 2013 agus 2014.

FIGURE 15

Quarry and Substitute Consent Cases

FIGIÚR 15

Cásanna Cairéil agus Cásanna Toilithe Ionaid

	Received 2012 Faighte 2012	Concluded 2012 Críochnaithe 2012	On-hands end 2012 Ar láimh, deireadh 2012
Quarries Cairéil			
Notice Issued by Local Authority Fógra a Eisíonn Údarás Áitiúil	820	733	87
Application for Review of Notice Iarratas ar Athbhreithniú ar Fhógra	334	29	305
<i>Subtotal Fo-iomlán</i>	1,154	762	392
Substitute Consent Toiliú Ionaid			
Consultation Request Iarratas ar Chomhairliúchán	19	6	13
Notice Direction Ordú Fógra	0	0	0
Scoping/EIS Request Iarratas maidir le Raon Feidhme/RTT	2	0	2
Application for Substitute Consent Iarratas ar Thoilíú Ionaid	9	1	8
Request for Extension Time Iarratas ar Shíneadh Ama	125	45	80
Leave to Apply for Substitute Consent Cead chun Iarratas a dhéanamh ar Thoilíú Ionaid	9	5	4
<i>Subtotal Fo-iomlán</i>	164	57	107
Total Iomlán	1,318	819	499

4. Planning Operations | Oibríochtaí Pleanála

Other Cases | Casanna Eile

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

Apart from normal planning appeals and local authority projects, other functions have been assigned to the Board under the Planning Acts; the Building Control Acts 1990 and 2007; the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977 to 2007; and the Air Pollution Act 1987. A summary of the various cases which came before the Board in 2012 is set out in Figure 16.

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

Tá feidhmeanna eile tugtha don Bhord seachas gnáth achomhairc phleanála agus tionscadail údarás áitiúil, faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála; An tAcht um Rialú Foirgníochta 1990 agus 2007, na hAchtanna Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú Uisce) 1977 go 2007; agus an tAcht um Thruailliú Aeir 1987. Tá achoimre de na cásanna a tháinig faoi bhráid an Bhoird i 2012 leagtha amach i bhFigiúr 16.

FIGURE 16

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

FIGIÚR 16

Achoimre ar chásanna eile faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála, Rialaithe Foirgníochta, Truailithe Uisce agus Truailithe Aeir

		On hands start of year	Received in the Year	Sub- total	Formally decided	Otherwise disposed	All	On hands end of year
		Idir Lámha ag tús na blana	Faighte sa bhlian	Fo- lomlán	Cinntí foirmiúla	Curtha de láimh i slí eile	Gach cás	Idir Lámha ag deireadh na blana
Planning Acts	Achtanna Pleanála							
Leave to Appeal	Cead Achomharc	3	48	51	44	5	49	2
Referrals	Tarchuir	45	114	159	51	23	74	85
Determinations ¹	Cinntí ¹	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Section 254 Licences	Ceadúnais Rannóg 254	4	3	7	4	0	4	3
Planning Scheme in SDZ	Scéim Pleanála i gCFS	1	4	5	1	3	4	1
Amendment to Planning Scheme in SDZ	Leasú ar Scéim Pleanála i gCFS	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Subtotal	Fo-lomlán	55	169	224	101	32	133	91
Building Control Acts	Achtanna um Rialú Foirgníochta							
Relax & Dispensation Certificate	Deimhniú Maolaithe & Dispeansáide	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Fire Safety Certificate	Deimhniú Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin	2	16	18	10	4	14	4
Fire Safety Revised Certificate	Deimhniú Leasaithe Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin	0	3	3	1	0	1	2
Regularisation Certificate	Deimhniú Thabhairt chun Rialtachta	2	1	3	2	1	3	0
Disability Access Certificate	Deimhniú Rochtana Míchumais	1	9	10	5	0	5	5
Disability Access Revised Certificate	Deimhniú Leasaithe Rochtana Míchumais	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
Subtotal	Fo-lomlán	5	31	36	19	5	24	12
Water Pollution Acts	Achtanna um Thruailliú Uisce							
Discharge to Water	Curtha chuig Uisce	2	0	2	2	0	2	0
Discharge to Sewers	Curtha chuig Séarachas	0	6	6	0	1	1	5
Subtotal	Fo-lomlán	2	6	8	2	1	3	5
Air Pollution Act	Acht um Thruailliú Aer							
Air Emission	Scaoileadh Aer	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Subtotal	Fo-lomlán	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Total	lomlán	63	206	269	123	38	161	108

161 (78%) of the 206 cases were disposed of within 18 weeks / 4 months, as appropriate.

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

161 (78%) de na 206 cásanna curtha de láimh laistigh de 18 seachtaine / 4 mí, mar is cuí.

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

5. Corporate Matters | Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

Finance Overview | Foramharc Airgeadais

Income and expenditure

In 2012, total expenditure amounted to €18,809,265 while income amounted to €18,916,241 leaving a surplus for the year of €106,976. There was an incoming surplus of €291,780 which left a cumulative surplus of €398,756.

Fees

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

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

Gross receipts from appeal fees in 2012 amounted to €1,052,908 of which €105,090 was refunded where appeals were found to be late or otherwise invalid. Gross receipts from strategic infrastructure development applications in 2012 amounted to €1,360,000 of which €318,180 was refunded where the cost of processing the application was less than the fee. A provision of €153,534 is included in the Financial Statements to reflect future refunds on undecided applications as at the end of 2012.

In 2012, net receipts from fees represented about 13% of total expenditure (16.5% in 2011).

Ioncam agus caiteachas

Ba ionann agus €18,809,265 an caiteachas iomlán sa bhliain 2012 agus b'ionann agus €18,916,241 an t-ioncam, a d'fhág €106,976 de bharrachas don bhliain. Bhí €291,780 de bharrachas ag tús na bliana, a d'fhág €398,756 de bharrachas carnach.

Táillí

Tá táillí iníoctha leis an mBord ag páirtithe i dtaca leis na nithe seo a leanas: iarratais chun bonneagar straitéiseach a fhorbairt, achomhairc, tarchuir, éisteachtaí ó bhéal agus le nithe áirithe eile a chuirtear faoi bhráid an Bhoird lena gcinneadh faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála agus na hAchtanna um Truailliú Uisce, Truailliú Aeir agus Rialú Foirgníochta.

Tá táillí iníoctha, leis, ag daoine/comhlachtaí áirithe eile nach páirtithe iad, a dtugtar “breathnóirí” orthu de ghnáth, i dtaca le haighneachtaí nó tuairimí a chuirtear faoi bhráid an Bhoird.

B'ionann agus €1,052,908 na fáltas chomhlána achomhairc ó tháillí sa bhliain 2012 ar aisíocadh €105,090 de i gcás achomharc a bhí déanach nó neamhbhailí ar shlí éigin eile. B'ionann agus €1,360,000 na fáltas chomhlána ó iarratais chun bonneagar straitéiseach a fhorbairt, ar aisíocadh €318,180 de i gcás inar lú an táille ná costas próiseála an iarratais. Cuireadh soláthar de €153,534 ar áireamh sna Ráitis Airgeadais chun aisíocaíochtaí todhchaí ar iarratais neamhchinnte amhail ag deireadh na bliana 2012 a léiriú.

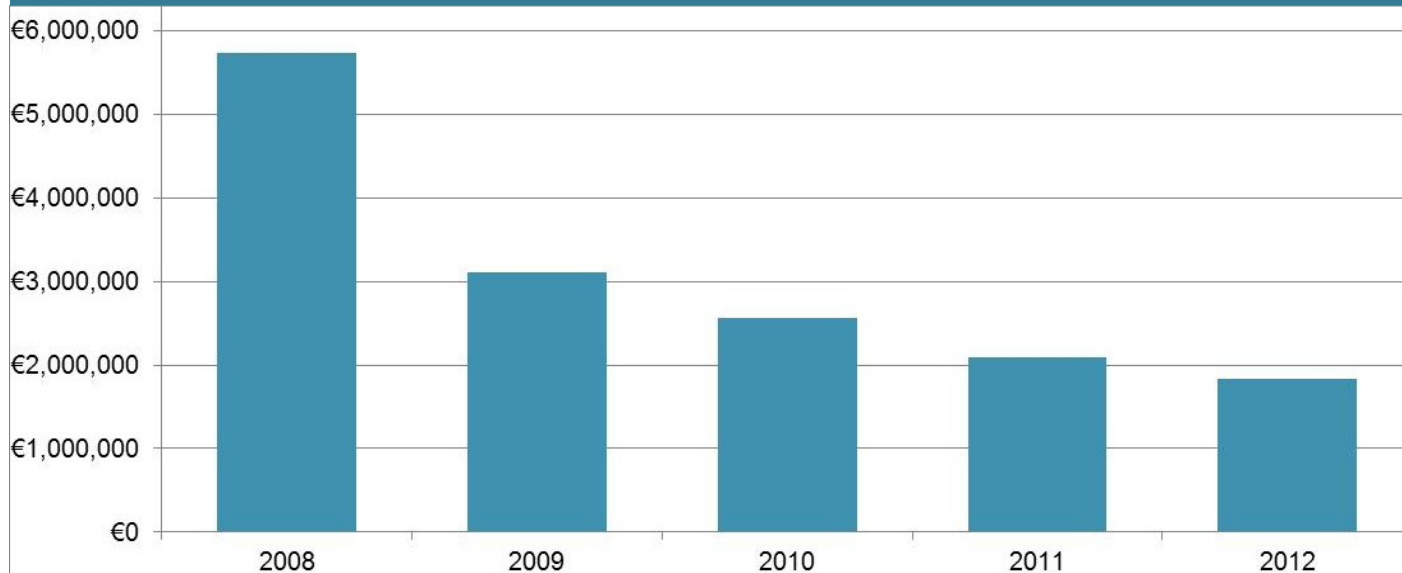
Ba ionann an glanioncam ó tháillí sa bhliain 2012 agus 13% nó mar sin den chaiteachas iomlán (16.5% sa bhliain 2011).

FIGURE 17

Fee Income (all case types)

FIGIÚR 17

Ioncam ó tháillí (gach cineál cáis)



Total fee income received by An Bord Pleanála for case fees (including strategic infrastructure cases) has fallen from a high of €5.73m in 2008 to €1.836m in 2012. This represents a reduction in income of 67.96% in this area.

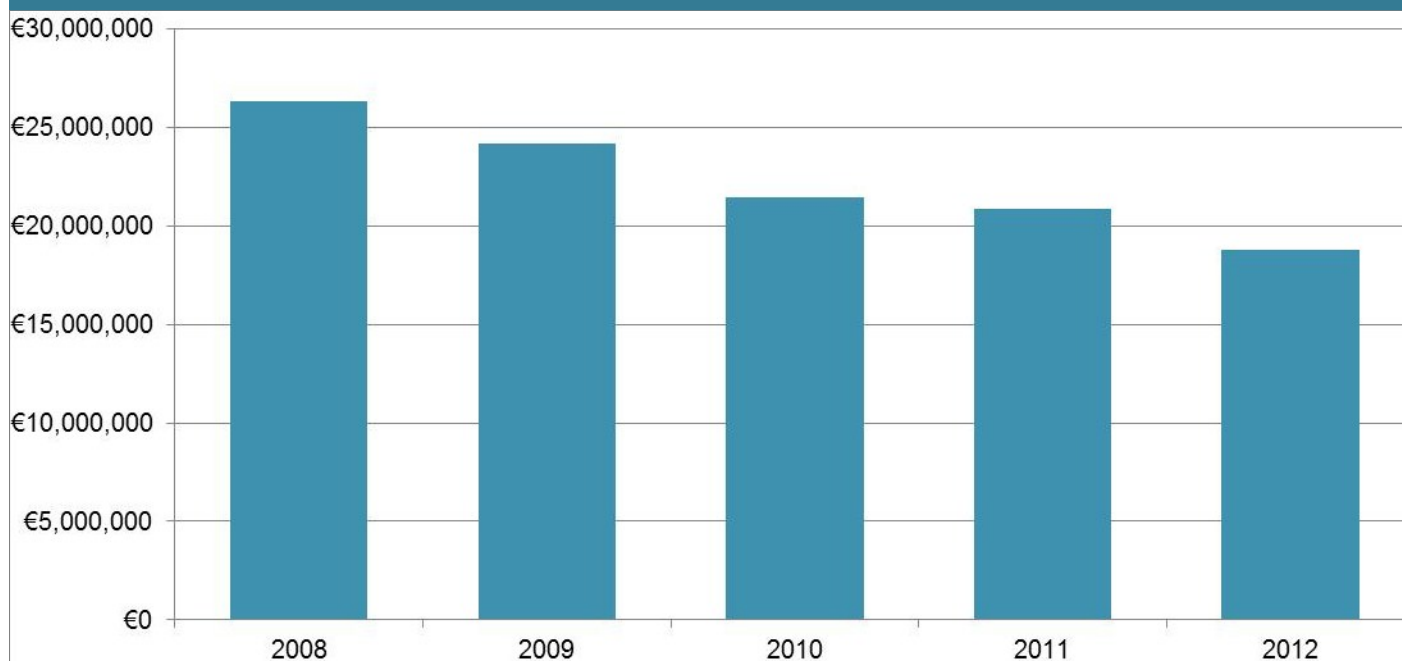
Thit an teacht isteach iomlán a fuair an Bord Pleanála ó tháillí cáis (lena n-áirítear cásanna bonneagair straitéisigh) ón bhfigiúr ab airde de €5.73m sa bhliain 2008 go dtí €1.836m sa bhliain 2012. 67.96% de laghdú ar chaiteachas sa réimse seo ab ea é sin.

FIGURE 18

Total Expenditure

FIGIÚR 18

Caiteachas Iomlán



The above total expenditure chart includes: Remuneration, establishment expenses and operating expenses. This shows total expenditure of €18.8m in 2012. This is a reduction of €2.05m on the 2011 expenditure level.

Áirítear ar an gcairt caiteachais iomlán thuas: Luach saothair, costais teaghlachais agus costais oibriúcháin. Taispeánann sé €18.8m de chaiteachas iomlán sa bhliain 2012. €2.05m de laghdú ab ea é sin ar leibhéal caiteachais na bliana 2011.

FIGURE 19
Total Expenditure 2012

FIGIÚR 19
Caiteachas Iomlán 2012

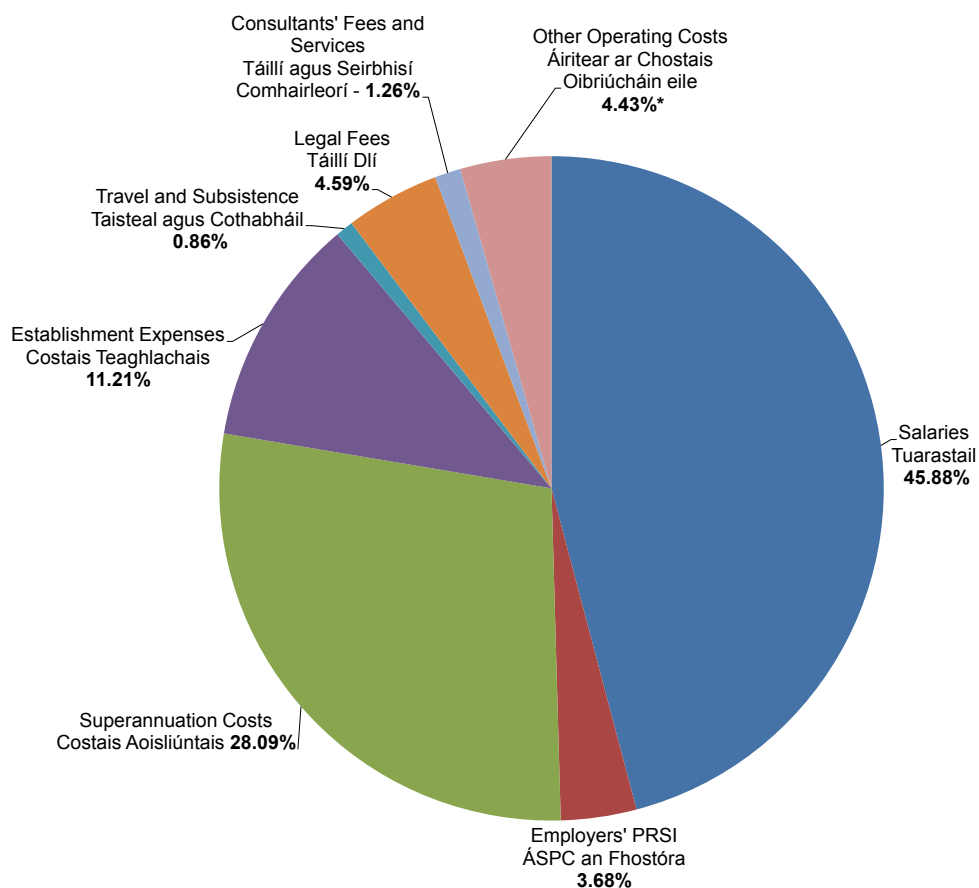
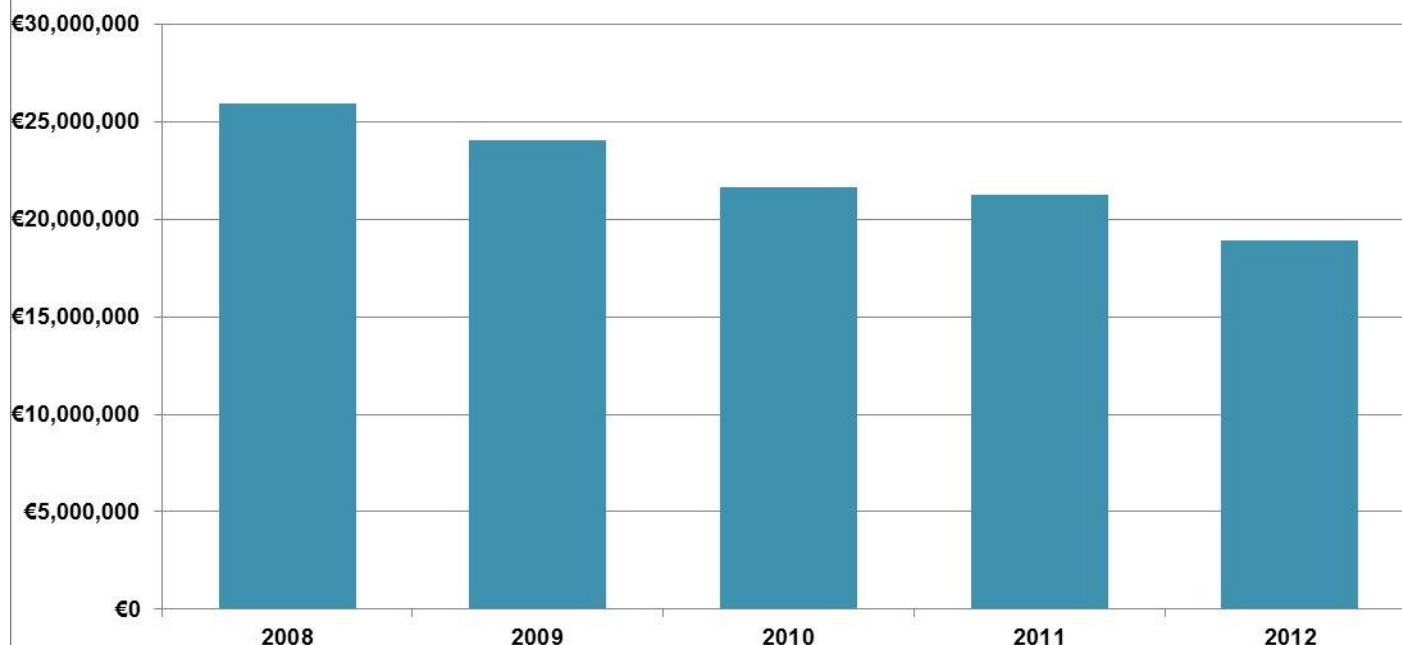


FIGURE 20
Total Income

FIGIÚR 20
Ioncam Iomlán

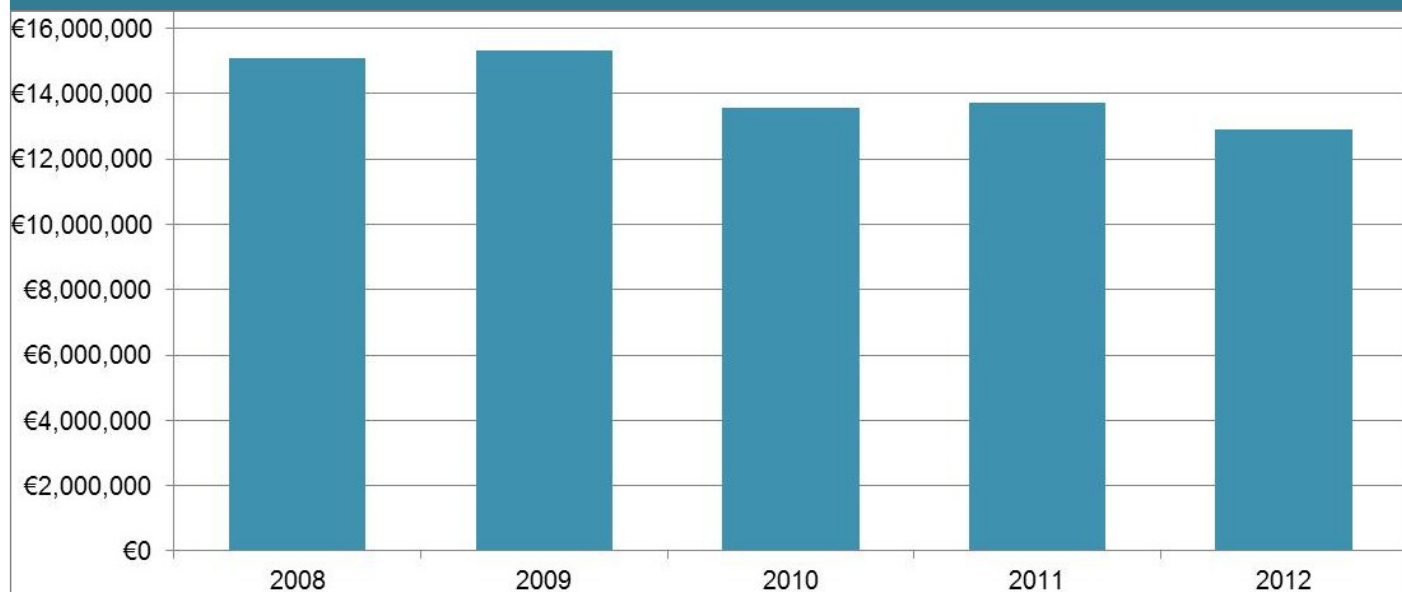


The above total income chart includes: Oireachtas grant, case fees and cost recoupment, miscellaneous fees, profit on disposal of fixed assets and net deferred funding for superannuation. This shows total income of €18.9m in 2012. This is a reduction of €2.3m on 2011 income level.

Áirítear ar an gcairt ioncaim iomlán thuas: Deontas an Oireachais, táillí cáis agus aisghabháil costas, táillí ilghnéitheacha, brabús ar dhiúscairt sócmhainní seasta agus glanmhaoiniú iarchurtha le haghaidh aoisliúntais. Taispeánann sé sin €18.9m d'ioncam iomlán sa bhliain 2012. €2.3m de laghdú ab ea é sin ar leibhéal ioncaim na bliana 2011.

FIGURE 21
Oireachtas Grant

FIGIÚR 21
Deontas an Oireachais



The Oireachtas grant has decreased from €15,098,000 in 2008 to €12,897,000 in 2012, representing a decrease of 14.58%.

Laghaigh deontas an Oireachtais ó €15,098,000 sa bhliain 2008 go €12,897,000 sa bhliain 2012, léiríonn sé seo titim 14.58%.

5. Corporate Matters | Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997 | An tAcht um Íoc Pras Cuntas 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 31st December 2012 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 2012, 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.

Tagann an Bord faoi chuimsiú an Acht um Íoc Pras Cuntas 1997, arna leasú ag Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Íocaíocht Dhéanach in Idirbhearta Tráchtála) 2002. Tuairiscítear cleachtais íocaíochta an Bhoird thíos don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2012 de réir alt 12 den Acht.

1. Is é beartas an Bhoird géilleadh d'fhorálacha ábhartha an Achta agus, go háirithe, chun a chinntiú go n-íoctar gach sonrasc go pras. Tá nósanna imeachta sonracha i bhfeidhm a chumasaíonn dó gach sonrasc a rianú agus a chinntiú go ndéantar íocaíochtaí roimh an dáta dlite. Cláraítear sonraisc go laethúil agus déantar íocaíochtaí de réir mar is gá chun íocaíochtaí tráthúla a chinntiú. Sa bhliain 2012 níor shocraigh ná níor aontaigh an Bord tréimhsí íocaíochtaí lasmuigh de théarmaí an Achta.
2. Corpraítear sa chóras rialaithe inmheánaigh na rialuithe agus na nósanna imeachta a mheastar atá riachtanach chun géilliúlacht don Acht a chinntiú. Áirítear ar an gcóras sin rialuithe cuntasáíochta agus ríomhaire a dearadh chun a chinntiú gur féidir sonraisc agus conarthaí dlite a shainaithint laistigh de na tréimhsí íocaíochta a leagtar síos san Acht. Táirgtear tuarascálacha a shainaithníonn sonraisc neamhíochta agus athbhreithnítear na tuarascálacha sin go tráthrialta ar leibhéal sinsearach.
3. Dearadh na nósanna imeachta dá dtagraítear ag 1 agus 2 thuas chun dearbhú réasúnta ach ní dearbhú amach is amach a sholáthar in aghaidh eamhghéilliúlacht ábhartha don Acht. Tá an Bord sásta gur oibrigh a nósanna imeachta go leordhóthanach ar an iomlán agus nach bhfuil aon bheart ceartaitheach de dhíth.

4. The average delay in making payments, after the statutory period of 30 days, was 0 days. Under Article 3(2)(b) of the above regulations when the interest is less than €5.00 the regulations do not apply.

There were no late payments in 2012, and therefore, no interest fell to be paid. The total value of all payments was €4.2m

Since 1st January 2013 there have been no material developments insofar as the Board's compliance with the Act is concerned.

4. Ba é 0 lá an meántréimhse moille ar íocaíochtaí, tar éis na tréimhse reachtúla de 30 lá. Faoi Airteagal 3(2)(b) de na rialacháin thuas nuair is lú ná €5.00 an t-ús ní bhíonn feidhm leis na rialacháin.

Ní raibh aon íocaíochtaí déanacha sa bhliain 2012, agus dá bhrí sin, ní raibh aon ús le híoc. Ba é €4.2m luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí.

Ón 1 Eanáir 2013 níor tharla aon fhorbairtí ábhartha maidir le géilliúlacht an Bhoird don Acht.

5. Corporate Matters | Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

Human Resources | Acmhainní Daonna

Human Resources

In 2012, An Bord Pleanála was required to reduce its overall staffing to a maximum of 146. Through the public sector redeployment process, 13 staff were redeployed voluntarily to other public sector bodies. An Bord Pleanála met its target by end of 2012.

The Board places great value and reliance on the professional expertise, integrity, dedication and public service ethos of its members and staff. It recognises their commitment and dedication to the Board's pursuit of providing its stakeholders with a high quality and efficient service.

The average number of staff employed during 2012 was 144 (153 in 2011). A full list of staff employed by An Bord Pleanála as at 31st December 2012 is provided in Appendix 6.

Acmhainní Daonna

Iarradh ar an mBord sa bhliain 2012 a líon foirne iomlán a laghdú go 146 ar a mhéad. Trí phróiseas ath-implonaithe na hearnála poiblí ath-implonáíodh 13 bhall foirne go deonach i gcomhlachtaí eile earnála poiblí. Shroich an Bord a sprioc faoi dheireadh na bliana 2012.

Is mór ag an mBord saineolas gairmiúil, iomláine, tiomantas agus éiteas seirbhíse poiblí na gcomhaltai agus na foirne. Aithníonn sé a dtiomantas agus a ndílseacht d'iarrachtaí an Bhoird seirbhís éifeachtach ar ardchaighdeán a thabhairt do gheallsealbhóirí.

Ba é 144 meánlíon na mball foirne a bhí fostaithe sa Bhord sa bhliain 2012 (153 sa bhliain 2011). Gheofar in Aguisín 6 liosta iomlán d'fhoireann an Bhoird Pleanála amhail ar an 31 Nollaig 2012.

Consultants and Advisers

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

In 2012, consultants were appointed as reporting inspectors in a small number of specialist work areas such as Fire Safety and Disability Access cases, or as specialists assisting an in-house reporting inspector in relation to some aspect of a particular planning case. Figure 22 shows the number of reports received from in-house and external consultant inspectors in 2012. The number of reports received from external inspectors in 2012 represented 1.5% of all reports received, (2% in 2011).

Comhairligh agus Comhairleoirí

Tá cumhacht ag an mBord na sainchomhairleoirí agus na comhairleoirí a mheasann sé a bheith riachtanach chun a fheidhmeanna a fhorfheidhmiú, a fhostú.

Ceapadh comhairleoirí sa bhliain 2012 i gcáil cigirí tuairiscithe i líon beag sainréimsí oibre ar nós cásanna Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin agus Rochtain Míchumais, nó mar speisialtóirí chun cuidiú leis an gcigire tuairiscithe inmheánach maidir le gnéithe ar leith de chásanna pleanála. Taispeánann Figiúr 22 líon na dtuairiscí a fuarthas, ó chigirí comhairleacha inmheánacha agus seachtracha sa bhliain 2012. B'ionann agus 1.5% de na tuairiscí ar fad a fuarthas, na tuairiscí a fuarthas ó chigirí seachtracha sa bhliain 2012 (2% sa bhliain 2011).

FIGURE 22
Breakdown of Inspector's Reports

FIGIÚR 22
Miondealú ar thuairiscí na gCigirí

		2012	2011	Increase/(decrease) % Méadú/(laghdú) %
In-house Inspectors	Cigirí inmheánacha	1,579	1,920	(18%)
External Consultant Inspectors	Cigirí comhairligh seachtracha	24	34	(29%)
Total	Iomlán	1,603	1,954	(18%)

5. Corporate Matters | Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

Corporate Governance | Rialachas Corparáideach

Corporate Governance

The Board completed an internal assessment of its compliance levels with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies in 2012 the outcome of which was reported to the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government on 28th June 2012. This indicated substantive compliance with the various requirements of the code. An external review of compliance levels will be undertaken in 2013.

The Board adopted an anti-fraud policy in 2012.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of An Bord Pleanála is comprised of an external Chairperson, Jim Hehir a former Managing Director of the Housing Finance Agency, one external member, Jim Hurley of the Environmental Protection Agency and two executive members of the Board, Mary MacMahon and Nicholas Mulcahy and operates under formal terms of reference. Under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies, the Audit Committee may review any matter relating to the internal controls of the Board. It reviews the annual financial statements and internal audit reports, approves the internal audit plans, and advises the Board on the operation of the internal audit function. During 2012, the Committee met five times. The Chairperson meets regularly with the Chairperson of the Board. In the Audit Committee's Annual Report for 2012 which issued in January, 2013, the Committee expressed satisfaction with the internal financial controls operated by the Board. A Statement on the System of Internal Financial Controls is on page 51.

Rialachas Corparáideach

Sa bhliain 2012, rinne an Bord measúnacht ar a leibhéal chomhlíonta leis an gCód Cleachtais um Rialachas Foras Stáit agus cuireadh an toradh in iúl don Aire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil ar an 28 Meitheamh 2012. Léirigh an mheasúnacht go raibh forálacha éagsúla an chóid á gcomhlíonadh go substaintiúil. Déanfar athbhreithniú seachtrach ar na leibhéil chomhlíonta sa bhliain 2013.

Ghlac an Bord beartas frithchalaoise sa bhliain 2012.

An Coiste Iniúcháireachta

Ar Choiste Iniúcháireachta an Bhoird Pleanála tá Cathaoirleach seachtrach, Jim Hehir, a bhí ina Stiúrthóir Bainistíochta ar an nGníomhaireacht um Airgeadas Tithíochta tráth, Jim Hurley as an nGníomhaireacht um Chosaint Comhshaoil agus beirt bhall feidhmeannach den Bhord, Mary MacMahon agus Nicholas Mulcahy. Tá téarmaí tagartha foirmiúla ag an gCoiste. Faoin gCód Cleachtais do Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit, féadann an Coiste Iniúcháireachta aon ghnó a bhaineann le rialuithe inmheánacha an Bhoird a athbhreithniú. Athbhreithníonn sé ráitis airgeadais bhliantúla agus tuarascálacha iniúchta inmheánaigh, faomhann sé pleananna iniúchta inmheánaigh agus cuireann sé comhairle ar bhaill an Bhoird i dtaobh oibriú na feidhme iniúchta inmheánaigh. Cúig chruinniú a bhí ag an gCoiste i gcaitheamh na bliana 2012. Bíonn cruinnithe rialta ag an gCathaoirleach le Cathaoirleach an Bhoird. Léiríodh sástacht leis na rialuithe airgeadais inmheánacha atá i bhfeidhm ag an mBord i dTuarascáil Bhliantúil an Choiste Iniúcháireachta don bhliain 2012. Gheofar Ráiteas ar Chóras na Rialuithe Inmheánach Airgeadais ar leathanach 51.

Public Service Agreement 2010-2014 / Action Plan

The Board progressed the range of initiatives in its Action Plan and made formal returns on the progress on same to the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government during 2012. In general terms the Board continued with the alignment of its operations and staff resources to the Public Sector Reform Programme and the general imperative to reduce staff numbers and expenditure.

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 new Irish Language Scheme under Section 11 of the Official Language Act 2003 was adopted by the Board in 2011 and the organisation is focused on meeting the commitments contained in that scheme.

In addition our in-house Irish Language Committee was set up in 2012 in order to further promote the use of the Irish language in the organisation.

An Comhaontú Seirbhíse Poiblí 2010-2014 / Plean Gníomhaíochta

Rinne an Bord dul chun cinn maidir le tionscnaimh éagsúla ina Phlean Gníomhaíochta agus rinneadh tuairisceáin fhoirmiúla ar an dul chun cinn ar an gcéanna chuig an Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil i gcaitheamh na bliana 2012. I dtéarmaí ginearálta, lean an Bord d'ailíniú a dhéanamh idir a oibríochtaí agus a acmhainní foirne agus Clár Athchóirithe na hEarnála Poiblí agus an riachtanas ginearálta chun líon foirne agus caiteachas a laghdú.

An Ghaeilge

Fearann an Bord fáilte roimh dhuine ar bith ar mian leo gnó a dhéanamh linn i nGaeilge agus cuirtear misniú agus tacaíocht ar fáil do bhaill foirne le go mbainfidh siad amach líofacht sa Ghaeilge. Sa bhliain 2011 ghlac an Bord Scéim Ghaeilge nua faoi Alt 11 d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003 agus tá an eagraíocht ag díriú ar na gealltanais a rinneadh sa scéim sin a chomhlíonadh.

Chomh maith le sin, bunaíodh ár gCoiste Gaeilge inmheánach sa bhliain 2012 d'fhonn úsáid na Gaeilge san eagraíocht a chur chun cinn.

5. Corporate Matters | Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

Legal Proceedings & Consultations with Other Bodies

Imeachtaí Dlí & Comhairle le Comhlachtaí Eile

During 2012, High Court judicial review proceedings arising from the Board's decisions and procedures in relation to appeals and other matters were instituted in 17 cases. In the course of the year 12 cases were concluded, all of them in favour of the Board. Proceedings were discontinued, dismissed or withdrawn against the Board in four cases. Leave applications for judicial review were refused in two cases. High Court Judgments were given in six substantive cases, all of which were in favour of the Board. One case involving a decision by the Board was heard by the European Court of Justice.

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 caseworks files was 468 in 2012.

Further information on the above is available from the Board and on its website. Figure 23 gives a breakdown of the requests made under the Freedom of Information Act.

I gcaitheamh na bliana 2012 tionscnaíodh imeachtaí le haghaidh athbhreithniú breithiúnach san Ard-Chúirt i 17 cás ag éirí as cinntí an Bhoird agus as nósanna imeachta i dtaca le hachomhairc agus nithe eile. Tugadh 12 díobh chun críche le linn na bliana, agus is toradh fabhrach don Bhord a bhí ar gach ceann díobh. Rinneadh imeachtaí in aghaidh an Bhoird a scor, a dhíbh nó a aistarraingt i gceithre chás. Diúltaíodh iarratas ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach in dhá chás. Tugadh breithiúnas Ard-Chúirte i sé cinn de chásanna substaintiúla, agus is toradh i bhfabhar an Bhoird a tugadh i ngach cás díobh. D'éist Cúirt Bhreithiúnais na hEorpa cás amháin inar pléadh cinneadh de chuid an Bhoird.

Teacht ar Fhaisnéis

Foráiltear sna hAchtanna Pleanála, san Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise agus sna Rialacháin um Theacht ar Fhaisnéis ar an gComhshaol le haghaidh teacht ar chineálacha áirithe faisnéise maidir le hoibríochtaí an Bhoird. Cuirtear comhaid chásóibre ar fáil lena n-íniúchadh saor in aisce ar an tríú lá oibre tar éis an cás a bheith cinnte agus bíonn cóipeanna de na doiciméid ar fáil lena gceannach. Bíonn ordú agus treoir chinneadh an Bhoird agus tuarascáil an Chigire ar fáil chomh maith ar shuíomh Gréasáin an Bhoird. Ba é 468 líon na n-iarratas ar theacht phoiblí ar chomhaid chásóibre sa bhliain 2012.

Gheofar faisnéis bhreise ar na nithe thuasluaite ón mBord agus ar a shuíomh Gréasáin. Gheofar miondealú i bhFigiúr 23 de na hiarratais a rinneadh faoin Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise.

FIGURE 23

Freedom of Information—Breakdown of Requests

FIGIÚR 23

Saoráil Faisnéise - Miondealú ar Iarratais

		2012	2011
On hands at start of year	Ar láimh ag tosach na bliana	0	1
Requests received	Iarratais faighte	17	9
Granted/Partially granted	Tugtha/Tugtha i bpáirt	13	6
Withdrawn or dealt with outside FOI	Aistarraingthe nó déileáilte le lasmuigh de SF	0	0
Refused	Diúltaithe	4	4
On hands at end of year	Ar láimh ag deireadh na bliana	0	1

Consultations with Other Bodies

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.

An Bord Pleanála continued its ongoing practice of maintaining contact with public authorities and other representative organisations whose functions impact on the planning process.

Comhairle le Comhlachtaí Eile

Tá oibleagáid ar an mBord é féin a choimeád ar an eolas mar gheall ar bheartais comhlachtaí áirithe a bhfuil tionchar ag a bhfeidhmeanna ar phleanáil chuí agus ar fhorbairt inbhuanaithe. Ina measc siúd tá Airí Rialtais agus údarais phleanála.

Lean An Bord Pleanála dá chleachtas leanúnach de theagmháil a bheith aige le húdarais phoiblí agus le heagraíochtaí ionadacha eile a bhfuil tionchar ag a bhfeidhmeanna ar an bpróiseas pleanála.

5. Corporate Matters | Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

Customer Services & Complaints | Seirbhísí & Gearáin Custaiméara

In accordance with our Customer Service Action Plan, the Board has a system of dealing with enquiries about the quality of service provided and other issues of interest to the general public, and to analyse and measure the number of complaints or queries received.

In 2012, An Bord Pleanála received 157 communications in relation to decided cases and replied to 154. Of these, 136 received a substantive response within four weeks of their receipt by the Board.

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.

De réir ár bPlean Gníomhaíochta um Sheirbhís do Chustaiméirí, tá córas ag an mBord chun déileáil le fiosruithe mar gheall ar an gcaighdeán seirbhíse a chuirtear ar fáil agus ceisteanna eile is spéis leis an bpobal i gcoitinne, agus chun anailís agus tomhas a dhéanamh ar líon na ngearán nó na n-iarratas a fuarthas.

Sa bhliain 2012 fuair An Bord Pleanála 157 teachtaireacht i dtaca le cásanna a bhí cinnte agus tugadh freagra ar 154 díobh. Díobh sin tugadh freagra shubstainteach ar 136 theachttaireacht laistigh de cheithre seachtaine ón uair a bhfuarthas iad.

Níorbh ionann ar chor ar bith na cúiseanna leis an gcomhfhreagras. Seo a leanas miondealú ar na príomhchúiseanna le teachtaireachtaí. Ceapadh an tábla seo a leanas leis na príomhchúiseanna le comhfhreagras a thaispeáint, ach is minic a bhíonn níos mó ná cúis amháin le comhfhreagras, mar shampla, ceisteanna i dtaca le léirmhíniú agus forfheidhmiú.

FIGURE 24
Customer Services & Complaints

FIGIÚR 24
Seirbhísí & Gearáin Custaiméara

Number of cases disputing decision Líon na gcásanna ina n-agóidtear in aghaidh cinnidh	26
Number of cases querying Board handling of matter Líon na gcásanna inár fiosraíodh an tslí ar láimhsigh an Bord an cás	15
Number of cases requesting interpretation Líon na gcásanna inár iarradh léirmhíniú	49
Number of cases regarding enforcement issues* Líon na gcásanna ina luaitear saincheisteanna forfheidhmiúcháin*	54*
Number of cases regarding miscellaneous issues Líon na gcásanna ina luaitear saincheisteanna ilghnéitheacha	10
Total Number of responses: Líon iomlán na bhfreagraí	154

*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.

*Tabhair ar aird gur minic a dhéantar teagmháil leis an mBord mar gheall ar chásanna mar ar dóigh le duine nach bhfuil cinneadh de chuid an Bhoird á chur chun feidhme mar is cóir. Gnó don údarás pleanála é sin ós rud é nach bhfuil ról ar bith ag an mBord i gcúrsaí forfheidhmiúcháin. Toisc nach bhfuil sé de rogha ag an mBord ach ceisteanna mar sin a threorú chuig an údarás pleanála, ba cheart do dhuine ar bith a bhfuil leas acu i gcás mar sin teagmháil dhíreach a dhéanamh leis an údarás pleanála.

5. Corporate Matters | Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

ICT & Environmental Matters | TFC & Cúrsaí Comhshaoil

Information Communication Technology

An ICT Feasibility and Needs Analysis Study was completed by external consultants in 2012. This Study concluded that it would be necessary to replace or upgrade all of An Bord Pleanála's core ICT systems. The analysis also identified the future suite of core applications considered necessary to enable the Board to provide an improved quality service to all its stakeholders (internal and external) and increase the internal efficiency of the organisation in carrying out its functions. Additional funding will be required to further progress this developmental initiative.

Energy Efficiency

An Bord Pleanála undertook a range of in-house initiatives aimed at progressing energy efficiency and carbon emission reduction in 2012. In this context, while the Board remained in the D1 category of the BER scheme there was a 3% improvement within that category.

Electricity provides for all the onsite energy. In 2012 An Bord Pleanála consumed 480,360kWh of energy which is a 4% saving on 2011.

Actions Undertaken in 2012

1. Reducing consumption of hot water
2. Monitoring air conditioning and lighting
3. Minimising use of office paper
4. Implementing Green Team's transport initiatives

Actions Planned for 2013

1. Procuring energy efficient Multi-Functional Devices
2. Continued promotion of Smarter Travel Programme

Teicneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide

Sa bhliain 2012, rinne comhairligh sheachtracha Staidéar Anailíse ar Riachtanais agus ar Fhéidearthachtaí TFC. Ba iad torthaí an staidéir gur measadh gurbh éigean gach ceann de phríomhchórais TFC an Bhoird Pleanála a athsholáthar nó a uasghrádú. Aithníodh san anailís, leis, an tsraith príomh-fheidhmchláir a bheadh riachtanach feasta chun gur féidir leis an mBord seirbhís ar ardchaighdeán a chur ar fáil dá gheallsealbhoirí idir sheachtrach agus inmheánach, agus feidhmeanna na heagraíochta a chomhlíonadh ar shlí níos éifeachtúla. Teastóidh cistiú breise chun an tionscnamh forbraíoch seo a thabhairt níos faide.

Éifeachtúlacht Fuinnimh

Sa bhliain 2012, thug An Bord Pleanála faoi thionscnaimh éagsúla inmheánacha chun tíosacht ar fhuinneamh a mhéadú agus astaíochtaí carbóin a laghdú 2012. Bhí an Bord i gcatagóir D1 den scéim RFF i gcónaí ach rinne sé 3% d'fheabhsú sa chatagóir sin.

Is é an leictreachas a úsáidtear a sholáthar ar láthair An Bhoird Pleanála. D'ídigh an Bord 480,360 kWh fuinnimh sa bhliain 2012 agus is coigilteas 4% é sin ar fhigiúr na bliana 2011.

Bearta a Rinneadh sa bhliain 2012

1. An méid uisce te a ídítear a laghdú.
2. Monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar aerchóiriú agus ar shoilsiú
3. An méid páipéir oifige a úsáidtear a laghdú
4. Tionscnaimh iompair na Foirne Glaise a chur chun feidhme

Bearta a Dhéanfar sa bhliain 2013

1. Gléasanna Ilfheidhme tíosach ar fhuinneamh a cheannach
2. Clár Taistil Cliste leanúnach a chur chun cinn

6. Financial Statements 2012 | Ráitis Airgeadais 2012

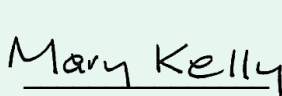
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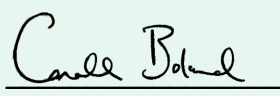
Section 117(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requires the Board to prepare financial statements in such form as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, after consultation with the Minister for Finance. In preparing those financial statements, the 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 An Bord Pleanála's headquarters at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.


Dr Mary Kelly
Chairperson


Conall Boland
Deputy Chairperson

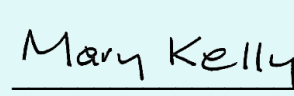
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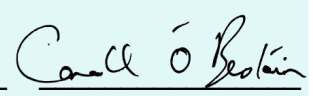
Ceanglaíonn Alt 117(1) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 ar an mBord ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú i cibé foirm a fhaomhfaidh an tAire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, tar éis dul i gcomhairle leis an Aire Airgeadais. Agus na ráitis airgeadais sin á n-ullmhú, tá ceangal ar an mBord:-

- beartais oiriúnacha cuntasáíochta a roghnú agus iad a chur i bhfeidhm go comhsheasmhach,
- breithiúnais agus meastacháin a dhéanamh atá réasúnta stuama,
- na ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú ar bhonn ghnóthais leantaigh, agus
- a rá cibé acu ar cloíodh le caighdeáin infheidhmithe chuntasáíochta, faoi réir aon athrú ábhartha arna nochtadh agus arna míniú sna ráitis airgeadais.

Tá an Bord freagrach as leabhair chuí chuntais a choimeád a nochtann go réasúnta cruinn uair ar bith staid airgeadais an Bhoird agus a chumasaíonn dó a chinntiú go ngéilleann na ráitis airgeadais d'alt 117(1) d'Acht na bliana 2000. Is ar an mBord, leis, atá an fhreagracht sócmhainní an Bhoird a choimirciú agus céimeanna réasúnta a ghlacadh, dá réir sin, chun calaois agus mírialtachtaí eile a chosc agus a bhrath.

Coimeádtar na leabhair chuntais ag ceanncheathrú An Bhoird Pleanála ag 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1.


An Dr. Máire Ní Cheallaigh
Cathaoirleach


Conall Ó Beoláin
Leaschathaoirleach

9 Deireadh Fómhair 2013

6. Financial Statements 2012 | Ráitis Airgeadais 2012

Statement on Internal Financial Control

Ráiteas ar Rialú Inmheánach Airgeadais

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 Board acknowledges also that 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 to provide effective Internal Financial Control

1. The Board has taken steps to ensure an appropriate control environment within the organisation by:
 - Publishing the Board's Strategy Statement. The Strategy Statement covers the period 2011 to 2014 and sets out the Board's organisational values and goals.
 - Establishing an Audit Committee as part of the governance procedures within the Board to oversee the Internal Audit function and advise the Board in relation to the operation and development of that function.
 - Establishing and operating a Risk Management Policy and appointing a Risk Committee.
 - Clearly defining management responsibilities and delegating appropriate functions.
 - Reviewing and approving all Board policies and procedures.
 - Maintaining a comprehensive schedule of insurances to protect the Board's interests.

Freagracht as Córas Rialaithe Inmheánach Airgeadais

Thar ceann Bhord an Bhoird Pleanála, admhaím an fhreagracht atá orainn a chinntiú go mbíonn córas éifeachtach maidir le rialú inmheánach airgeadais i bhfeidhm i gcónaí.

Admhaíonn an Bord, leis, nach féidir leis an gcóras ach dearbhú réasúnta a thabhairt seachas dearbhú amach is amach go bhfuil na sócmhainní faoi chosaint, na hidirbhearta á n-údarú agus á dtaifeadadh go cuí, agus go ndéantar earráidí agus mírialtachtaí ábhartha a chosc nó go ndéanfaí iad a bhrath go tráthúil.

Na Príomhnósanna Imeachta Rialaithe chun rialú inmheánach éifeachtach airgeadais a sholáthar

1. Tá beart déanta ag an mBord le cinntiú go mbíonn an timpeallacht rialaithe chuí i réim san eagraíocht, trí:
 - Ráiteas Straitéise an Bhoird a fhoilsiú. Baineann an Ráiteas Straitéise leis an tréimhse 2011 go 2014 agus leagtar amach ann luachanna agus spriocanna eagraíochtúla an Bhoird.
 - Coiste Iniúcháireachta a bhunú mar chuid de ghnásanna rialachais an Bhoird chun maoirsiú a dhéanamh ar fheidhm an Iniúchta Inmheánaigh i dtaca le hoibriú agus forbairt na feidhme sin.
 - Beartas Bainistíochta Riosca a bhunú agus a oibriú agus Coiste Riosca a cheapadh.
 - Freagrachtaí bainistíochta a shainiú go soiléir agus na feidhmeanna cuí a tharmligean.
 - Beartais agus nósanna imeachta an Bhoird a athbhreithniú agus a cheadú.
 - Sceideal cuimsitheach árachais a choimeád chun leasanna an Bhoird a chosaint.

2. 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 approved by Board members.
- The assignment of budgets and budgetary authority and responsibility for specific functions within the organisation to selected managers.
- Arrangements for purchasing to be conducted and controlled through the purchase order system and procedures.
- Segregation of duties in relation to the processing of payment transactions.
- Clearly defined capital investment control guidelines.

3. The Board adopted a formal Risk Management Policy in 2012. The management team undertook a review of the Board's Major Corporate Risk Register in the first quarter of 2012 with a further review and update taking place in the last quarter. While the Board retains ultimate responsibility for the management of risk in the organisation, the Management Committee is the designated Risk Committee for the organisation in line with the Risk Management Policy.

4. The Board has an internal audit function which operates in accordance with the Framework Code of Best Practice set out in the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies. The work of internal audit is informed by analysis of the risks to which the organisation is exposed, the requirements of the Comptroller & Auditor General and any issues in relation to Corporate Governance that have arisen in

2. Tá an córas rialaithe inmheánaigh airgeadais bunaithe ar chreat d'eolas rialta bainistíochta, gnásanna riaracháin lena n-áirítear leithscaradh dualgas, agus córas tarmligthe agus cuntasáíochta. Gnéithe sonracha is ea:

- Córas cuimsitheach buiséadta le buiséad bliantúil a dhéanann comhaltaí an Bhoird a athbhreithniú agus a fhormheas.
- Buiséid agus údarás buiséadta agus freagracht as feidhmeanna ar leith a shannadh ar bhainisteoirí áirithe san eagraíocht.
- Socruithe ceannaigh a dhéanamh agus a rialú trí chóras agus gnásanna ordú ceannaigh.
- Dualgais i dtaca le próiseáil idirbhearta airgeadais a bheith leithscartha.
- Treoirínte sainmhínithe soiléire maidir le rialú infheistíochta caipitiúla.

3. Ghlac an Bord Beartas foirmiúil sa bhliain 2012 i dtaca le Bainistíocht Riosca. Rinne an fhoireann bhainistíochta athbhreithniú ar Chlár Mhór-riosca Corparáidigh an Bhoird sa chéad ráithe den bhliain 2012 agus athbhreithniú eile agus uasdátú sa ráithe dheireanach. Coimeádann an Bord an fhreagracht dheiridh as bainistiú riosca san eagraíocht ach is é Coiste Bainistíochta na heagraíochta Coiste Riosca na heagraíochta ar aon dul leis an mBeartas Bainistíochta Riosca.

4. Tá feidhm iniúchta inmheánaigh ag an mBord a oibríonn de réir Chód Chreata an Dea-Chleachtais mar atá leagtha síos sa Chód Cleachtais maidir le Rialú Foras Stáit. Bunaítear obair an iniúchta inmheánaigh ar anailís ar na riosca dá nochtar an eagraíocht, ar riachtanais an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste, agus ar aon cheist i dtaca le Rialachas Corparáideach atá tagtha chun cinn san

the Public Sector in general. The internal audit plan is approved by the Audit Committee and by the Board.

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

Annual Review of Controls

I confirm that in respect of the year ending 31st December 2012, the Board conducted a review of the system of internal financial controls.

Mary Kelly

Dr. Mary Kelly
Chairperson

9th October 2013

earnáil phoiblí i gcoitinne. Déanann an Coiste Iniúcháireachta agus an Bord an plan iniúchta inmheánaigh a fhorghnó.

Ar obair an iniúcháir inmheánaigh, ar obair an Choiste Iniúcháireachta a mhaoirsíonn obair an iniúcháir inmheánaigh, ar obair na mbainisteoirí feidhmiúcháin sa Bhord atá freagrach as forbairt agus cothabháil an chreata um rialú airgeadais agus ar ráitis a dhéanann an tArd-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste ina litir bhainistíochta nó i dtuarascálacha eile, a bhunaítear an mhonatóireacht agus an t-athbhreithniú a dhéanann an Bord ar an gcóras rialaithe inmheánach airgeadais.

Athbhreithniú Bliantúil ar Rialúcháin

Deimhním go ndearna an Bord athbhreithniú sa bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2012 ar an gcóras rialaithe inmheánach airgeadais.

Mary Kelly

An Dr. Máire Ní Cheallaigh
Cathaoirleach

9 Deireadh Fómhair 2013

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 2011, the Board is responsible for the determination of applications for strategic infrastructure development, appeals and certain other matters. The Board also has functions to determine appeals under Water, Air Pollution and Building Control Acts.

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 from Vote 25, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government are accounted for on a cash receipt basis.

4. Fees:

These represent fees paid to the Board in respect of appeals, applications and other matters referred to the Board for determination under various enactments. The actual fees payable are either set by Ministerial regulation or are as determined by the Board and approved by the Minister

1. Nithe Ginearálta:

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

Tá an Bord freagrach, faoi na hAchtanna um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 go 2011, as iarratais ar fhorbairt straitéiseach bonneagair, as achomhairc agus as nithe áirithe eile a chinneadh. Tá feidhmeanna ag an mBord, leis, chun achomhairc a chinneadh faoi na hAchtanna Uisce, Truailliú Aeir agus Rialú Foirgníochta.

2. An Bunús Ullmhúcháin:

Ullmhaítear na ráitis airgeadais faoin modh fabhráithe cuntasaíochta, ach amháin i gcásanna ina ndeirtear a mhalairt, agus de réir na bprionsabal cuntasaíochta a nglactar leo i gcoitinne faoi choinbhinsiún an chostais stairiúil. Glactar caighdeán tuairiscithe airgeadais arna moladh ag comhlachtaí aitheanta cuntasaíochta de réir mar a thagann siad i bhfeidhm.

3. Deontas Oireachtais:

Áirítear deontais Oireachtais ó Vóta 25, an Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil ar bhonn fáltais airgid

4. Táillí:

Is ionann seo agus táillí a íoctar leis an mBord i dtaca le hachomhairc, iarratais agus nithe eile a tharchuirtear chuig an mBord lena gcinneadh faoi achtacháin éagsúla. Na táillí a íoctar iarbhrí, socraítear iad faoi rialachán an Aire nó mar a cinneann an Bord iad le ceadú an Aire

for the Environment, Community and Local Government in accordance with the following statutory provisions:

- Section 144 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.
- Sections 7 and 7A of the Building Control Act 1990, as amended.
- Sections 6 and 19 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977, as amended and section 103 of the Water Services Act 2007.
- Section 35 of the Air Pollution Act 1987.

Fee income is shown net of refunds which are made in respect of invalid appeals, referrals and other cases.

5. Strategic Infrastructural Development:

Fees in respect of strategic infrastructure development applications are as determined by the Board and approved by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government in accordance with section 144 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The Board charges an initial fee ranging from €30,000 to €100,000 in relation to Strategic Infrastructure projects. These fees are accounted for on a cash receipts basis. The Board assesses the cost of assessing individual cases and may seek to recoup additional costs or refund a portion of the fee as appropriate. Recoupment of additional costs and refund of fees are accounted for as they fall due.

Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, de réir na bhforálacha reachtúla seo a leanas:

- Alt 144 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, arna leasú.
- Ailt 7 agus 7A den Acht um Rialú Foirgníochta 1990, arna leasú.
- Ailt 6 agus 19 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú Uisce) 1977, arna leasú agus alt 103 den Acht Seirbhísí Uisce 2007.
- Alt 35 den Acht um Thruailliú Aeir 1987.

Taispeántar ioncam ó tháillí glan ar aisíocaíochtaí, a dhéantar i gcás achomharc neamhbhailí, tarchuir agus eile.

5. Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh:

Tá táillí maidir le hiarratais chun forbairt bonneagair straitéisigh a dhéanamh socraithe ag an mBord le ceadú an Aire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil de réir alt 144 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, arna leasú.

Gearrann an Bord táille thosaigh sa raon ó €30,000 go €100,000 i dtaca le tionscadail Bonneagar Straitéiseach. Áirítear na táillí sin ar bhonn fáltais airgid. Measúnaíonn an Bord costas cásanna aonair a mheasúnú agus d'fhéadfadh sé costais bhreise a lorg nó cuid den táille a aisíoc, de réir mar a bheadh. Áirítear aisghabháil costas breise agus aisíocaíochtaí táillí de réir mar a bhíonn siad dlite.

6. Fixed Assets and Depreciation:

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

7. Capital Account:

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

8. Superannuation:

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

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

6. Sócmhainní Seasta agus Dímheas:

Dímheastar sócmhainní seasta, a shonraítear ag an gcostas stairiúil, ar mhodh na líne díri ag ráta bliantúil de 10% i gcás foirgneamh ar léas, 33% i gcás ríomhairí agus 20% i gcás gach catagóir eile sócmhainní.

7. Cuntas Caipitil:

Léiríonn an Cuntas Caipitil an méid ioncaim gan amúchadh a úsáideadh chun sócmhainní seasta a cheannach.

8. Aoisliúntas:

Tá scéimeanna neamhspleácha aoisliúntais sochair shainithe i bhfeidhm ag an mBord trí mheán ceithre cinn de scéimeanna neamhspleácha difriúla mar atá;

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

Rinneadh soláthar sna scéimeanna aoisliúntais sin le sochair shainithe arna bhfaomhadh ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus le toiliú an Aire

by the Minister for the Environment, Community 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 the Environment, Community and Local Government and from contributions deducted from staff and members' salaries.

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

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

Airgeadais faoi alt 119 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, chun sochair aoisliúntais a íoc le agus maidir le fostaithe agus le comhaltaí den Bhord.

Maoinítear na scéimeanna sin go bliantúil ar bhonn 'íoc mar a chaitheann tú' ó airgead atá ar fáil don Bhord, lena n-áirítear airgead ón státhchiste arna sholáthar ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus ó ranníocaíochtaí a asbhaintear ó thuarastail na foirne agus na gcomhaltaí.

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

Léirítear na gnóthachain agus na caillteanais achtúire a éiríonn as dlíteanais scéime sa Ráiteas faoi na Gnóthachain agus na Caillteanais Iomlána Aitheanta agus aithnítear coigeartú comhfhreagrach sa mhéid is in-aisghabhála ón Státhchiste arna sholáthar ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

Léiríonn na dlíteanais aoisliúntais luach reatha na n-íocaíochtaí aoisliúntais todhchaí atá tuillte ag fostaithe go dtí seo. Léiríonn maoiniú aoisliúntais iarchurtha an tsócmhainn chomhfhreagrach a bheadh le haisghabháil i dtréimhsí sa todhchaí as an Státhchiste arna sholáthar ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

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 13). Legal costs recovered are accounted for on a cash receipt basis and netted to legal expenditure fees in the current year. Legal recoverable amounts, therefore, are not recorded in the Balance Sheet.

The Board treats anticipated legal costs as accrued expenses on cases that have been decided by the courts within the financial year (Note 10).

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 lease at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 over 10 years.

9. Costais Díl:

Is é beartas an Bhoird go n-íoctar aon chostas dlíthiúil a dhámhtar ina choinne tar éis críoch cásanna de bhun Billí Costais cánaíthe. Is é beartas an Bhoird, leis, a gcostais dlí féin a íoc i gcás iarratas faoi athbhreithniú breithiúnach ar chinntí an Bhoird tar éis cásanna a bheith curtha i láthair na hArd-Chúirte nó na Cúirte Uachtaraí.

Féachann an Bord, i gcásanna ina bhfuil sé indéanta, lena chostais dhíthiúla a aisghabháil i gcás caingne dlí ina ndámhann na Cúirteanna na costais sin (féach Nóta 13). Áirítear costais dhlíthiúla aisghafa ar bhonn fáltas airgid agus glanluacháiltear iad mar tháillí ar chaiteachas dlíthiúil sa bhliain reatha. Mar sin, ní thaifeadtar méideanna a bhíonn in-aisghafa go dlíthiúil sa Chlár Comhardaithe.

Caitheann an Bord le costais dlíthiúil a bhfuil súil leo mar chostais fabhraíthe ar chásanna a chinn na cúirteanna sa bhliain airgeadais (Nóta 10).

Lena chois sin, déantar na costais amuigh a dhíscríobh má mheastar nach féidir iad a aisghabháil.

10. Costais Léasa:

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

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Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General

Tuarascáil An Ard-Reachtair Cúntas agus Ciste

Report for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas – An Bord Pleanála

I have audited the financial statements of An Bord Pleanála for the year ended 31 December 2012 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. The financial statements have been prepared in the form prescribed under section 117 of the Act, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in Ireland.

Responsibilities of the Board

An Bord Pleanála is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, for ensuring that they give a true and fair view of the state of An Bord Pleanála's affairs and of its income and expenditure, and for ensuring the regularity of transactions.

Responsibilities of the Comptroller and Auditor General

My responsibility is to audit the financial statements and report on them in accordance with applicable law.

My audit is conducted by reference to the special considerations which attached to State bodies in relation to their management and operation.

My audit is carried out in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) and in compliance with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

An tArd-Reachtair Cúntas agus Ciste Tuarascáil le cur faoi bhráid Thithe an Oireachtais - An Bord Pleanála

Tá ráitis airgeadais an Bhoird Phleanála don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2012 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 de Ráiteas ar na Beartais Chuntasaíochta, an Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais, an Ráiteas ar Iomlán na nGnóthachain agus na gCaillteanas Aitheanta, an Clár Comhardaithe, an Ráiteas ar Shreabhadh Airgid agus na nótaí gaolmhara. Ullmhaíodh na ráitis airgeadais i bhfoirm séanta faoi alt 117 den Acht, agus de réir an cleachtais chuntasaíochta a nglactar leis go coitianta in Éirinn.

Freagrachtaí an Bhoird

Tá sé de fhreagracht ar an mBord Pleanála na ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú agus a chinntiú go dtugann siad léargas fíorcheart ar ghnóthaí an Bhoird Phleanála agus ar ioncam agus ar chaiteachas an Bhoird, agus rialtacht na n-idirbheart a chinntiú.

Freagrachtaí an Ard-Reachtair Cúntas agus Ciste

Is é m'fhreagracht na ráitis airgeadais a iniúchadh agus tuairisciú orthu de réir an dlí is infheidhme.

Déanaim m'iniúchadh faoi threoir na gcoinníollacha speisialta a ghabhann le bainistíocht agus oibriú comhlachtaí Stáit.

Déanaim m'iniúchadh de réir na gCaighdeán Idirnáisiúnta maidir le hIniúcháireacht (Ríocht Aontaithe agus Éire) agus de réir Chaighdeán Eiticiúla an Bhoird um Chleachtais Iniúcháireachta d'Iniúcháirí.

Scope of Audit of the Financial Statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to An Bord Pleanála's circumstances, and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed,
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made in the preparation of the financial statements, and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I also seek to obtain evidence about the regularity of financial transactions in the course of audit.

In addition, I read An Bord Pleanála's annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, I consider the implications for my report.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

In my opinion, the financial statements, which have been properly prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in Ireland, give a true and fair view of the state of An Bord Pleanála's affairs at 31 December 2012 and of its income and expenditure for 2012.

Scóip an Iniúchta ar na Ráitis Airgeadais

Is é atá i gceist le hiniúchadh dóthain fianaise a fháil mar gheall ar na méideanna agus na nithe a nochtar sna ráitis airgeadais le gur féidir dearbhú réasúnta a thabhairt go bhfuil na ráitis airgeadais saor ó mhíshonrú ábhartha, cibé de dheasca calaoise nó earráide. San áireamh ann bíonn measúnú ar

- cibé an bhfuil na beartais chuntasaíochta oiriúnach do thosca an Bhoird Phleanála, ar cuireadh i bhfeidhm iad go comhsheasmhach agus ar nochtadh iad go leordhóthanach,
- réasúntacht na meastachán suntasach cuntasaíochta a rinneadh agus na ráitis airgeadais á n-ullmhú, agus
- an tslí a chuirtear na ráitis airgeadais i láthair, tríd is tríd.

Féachaim, leis, i gcúrsa an iniúchta le fianaise a fháil ar rialtacht na n-idirbheart airgeadais.

Lena chois sin, léim an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil chun aon neamhréire ábhartha leis na ráitis airgeadais iniúchta a shainaithint. Má thagann aon mhíshonrú nó neamhréire ábhartha dealraitheach chun solais, breithním na himpleachtaí do mo thuarascáil.

Tuairim ar na Ráitis Airgeadais

Is í mo thuairim go dtugann na ráitis airgeadais, a ullmhaíodh go cuí de réir an chleachtais chuntasaíochta a nglactar leis go coitianta in Éirinn, léargas fíorcheart ar staid ghnóthaí an Bhoird Phleanála ag 31 Nollaig 2012 agus dá ioncam agus dá chaiteachas don bhliain 2012.

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.

Matters on which I report by Exception

I report by exception if

- I have not received all the information and explanations I required for my audit, or
- my audit noted any material instance where money has not been applied for the purposes intended or where the transactions did not conform to the authorities governing them, or
- the information given in An Bord Pleanála's annual report is not consistent with the related financial statements, or
- the Statement on Internal Financial Control does not reflect An Bord Pleanála's compliance with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies, or
- I find there are other material matters relating to the manner in which public business has been conducted.

I have nothing to report in regard to those matters upon which reporting is by exception.

Patricia Sheehan

For and on behalf of the
Comptroller and Auditor General
18th October 2013.

Is í mo thuairim gur choinnigh an Bord Pleanála leabhair chuí chuntais. Tá na ráitis airgeadais ar aon dul leis na leabhair chuntais.

Nithe ar a dtuairiscím de réir Eisceachta

Tuairiscím de réir eisceachta más amhlaidh

- nach bhfuair mé gach faisnéis agus míniú a bhí ag teastáil uaim chun m'iniúchadh a dhéanamh, nó
- gur thug m'iniúchadh chun solais aon chás ábhartha nuair nár caitheadh airgead ar na críocha a bhí ceaptha dó nó inar theip ar idirbheart géilleadh do na húdaráis arna rialú, nó
- nach bhfuil an fhaisnéis a tugadh i dTuarascáil Bhliantúil an Bhoird Phleanála i gcomhréir le ráitis airgeadais gaolmhara, nó
- nach léiríonn an Ráiteas ar Rialú Inmheánach Airgeadais géilliúlacht an Bhoird Phleanála do Chód Cleachtais maidir le Rialú Comhlachtaí Stáit, nó
- má fhaighim go bhfuil nithe ábhartha eile ag baint leis an tslí ar seoladh gnó poiblí.

Níl aon rud le tuairisciú agam maidir leis na nithe sin ar a dtuairiscítear orthu de réir eisceachta.

Patricia Sheehan

Ar son agus thar ceann
an Ard-Reachtaire Cúntas agus Ciste
18 Deireadh Fómhair 2013.

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Statement on Remuneration and Members' Fees Ráiteas faoi Luach Saothair agus Táillí na gComhaltaí

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, Community and Local Government. It does not depart from Government pay policy in any way.

Members Fees and Expenses

Following the commencement of the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Amendment) Act 2011 on 1st January 2012, the salary for the post of Chairperson was no longer aligned at the same level as that paid to a judge of the High Court and the remuneration of the Chairperson was reduced to €189,474 (ppc rate) from this date.

The salary for the post of Deputy Chairperson in 2012 was €133,387 (ppc rate) (€126,718 non-ppc rate) and aligned to the second point of the Assistant Secretary salary scale but subject to the full pay reduction required by the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (No.2) Act 2009.

The salary for a Board Member in 2012 was €116,935 ppc rate (€111,214 non-ppc rate). This is a reduction from the salary payable in 2011 which was €127,588 ppc rate (€121,406 non ppc rate) and which was equivalent to the first point for the Assistant Secretary scale in the Civil Service but subject to the full pay reduction required by the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (No.2) Act

Nithe Ginearálta

Géilleann an Bord do na treoirínte a chlúdaíonn íoc táillí leis an gCathaoirleach agus le comhaltaí eile an Bhoird mar atá leagtha amach sa Chód Cleachtais um Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit. Cuireann an Bord méaduithe pá chun feidhme de réir an cheadaithe ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil. Ní imíonn sé ó bheartas pá an Rialtais in aon slí.

Táillí agus Costais na mBall

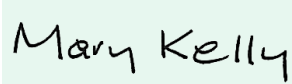
Tar éis tús feidhme an Achta um Bearta Éigeandála Airgeadais ar Mhaithe le Leas an Phobail (Leasú) 2011 an 1 Eanáir 2012, scoireadh de thuarastal an Chathaoirligh a bheith ar aon leibhéal le tuarastal breithimh den Ard-Chúirt agus laghdaíodh luach saothair an Chathaoirligh go €189,474(ráta rpp) ón dáta sin.

Ba é €133,387 (ráta rpp) tuarastal an Leaschathaoirligh (€126,718 ráta neamh-rpp) agus é ailínithe leis an dara pointe de scála tuarastail an Rúnaí Chunta ach faoi réir an laghdaithe iomláin pá a cheanglaíonn an tAcht um Bearta Airgeadais Éigeandála ar Mhaithe le Leas an Phobail (Uimh. 2), 2009.

Ba é €116,935 (ráta rpp) an tuarastal an chomhalta den Bhord (€111,214 ráta neamh-rpp). Laghdú is ea é sin ar an tuarastal a bhí iníoctha sa bhliain 2011 arbh ionann é agus €127,588 (ráta rpp) nó €121,406 (ráta neamh-rpp) agus a bhí choibhéiseach leis an gcéad phointe ar scála tuarastail an Rúnaí Chunta sa Státseirbhís ach faoi réir an laghdaithe iomláin pá a cheanglaíonn an tAcht um Bearta

2009. One Board Member remains in receipt of this salary.

There are no fees paid to Board Members.



Dr Mary Kelly
Chairperson

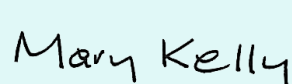


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Deputy Chairperson

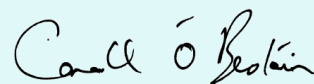
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Airgeadais Éigeandála ar Mhaithe le Leas an Phobail (Uimh. 2), 2009. Comhalta amháin den Bhord atá ag fáil an tuarastail sin fós.

Ní foctar aon táille le comhaltaí an Bhoird.



An Dr. Máire Ní Cheallaigh
Cathaoirleach



Conall Ó Beoláin
Leaschathaoirleach

9 Deireadh Fómhair 2013

6. Financial Statements 2012

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December 2012

Income:	2012 €	2011 €
Oireachtas Grant	12,897,000	13,724,000
Fees (<i>Note 1</i>)	947,818	1,107,938
Strategic Infrastructure Fees & Cost Recoupment (<i>Note 2</i>)	1,524,930	2,333,294
Miscellaneous	6,938	4,223
Deposit Interest	5,356	0
Net Deferred Funding for Superannuation (<i>Note 5(c)</i>)	3,413,000	3,347,000
Profit on Disposal of Fixed Assets	0	657
	18,795,042	20,517,112
Transfer from Capital Account (<i>Note 11</i>)	121,199	722,867
	18,916,241	21,239,979
Expenditure:		
Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation (<i>Note 3</i>)	14,604,668	14,855,725
Establishment Expenses (<i>Note 6</i>)	2,108,369	2,871,651
Operating Expenses (<i>Note 7</i>)	2,096,228	3,118,417
Total Expenditure	18,809,265	20,845,793
Surplus for year	106,976	394,186
Surplus/(Deficit) brought forward	291,780	(102,406)
Cumulative Surplus/(Deficit) at 31 December	<u>398,756</u>	<u>291,780</u>

Statement of Total Recognised Gains & Losses

Experience Gains on superannuation scheme Liabilities (<i>Note 5(d)</i>)	939,000	758,000
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of superannuation scheme liabilities	(6,385,000)	(5,425,000)
Actuarial (loss) on Superannuation Liabilities (<i>Note 5(b)</i>)	(5,446,000)	(4,667,000)
Adjustment to Deferred Superannuation Funding	5,446,000	4,667,000
Surplus for year	106,976	394,186
Total Recognised Gain for year	<u>106,976</u>	<u>394,186</u>

The Statement of Accounting Policies, Cash Flow Statement and Notes 1 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Mary Kelly

Dr Mary Kelly
Chairperson

Conall Boland

Conall Boland
Deputy Chairperson

9th October 2013

6. Financial Statements 2012

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2012

	2012 €	2011 €
Fixed Assets (Note 8)	305,102	426,301
Current Assets		
Debtors and Prepayments (Note 9)	375,952	261,037
Cash in bank and on hand	1,435,521	2,163,055
	<u>1,811,473</u>	<u>2,424,092</u>
Current Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors and Accrued Expenses (Note 10)	<u>(1,412,717)</u>	<u>(2,132,312)</u>
Net Current Assets	398,756	291,780
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities before superannuation	<u>703,858</u>	<u>718,081</u>
Deferred Superannuation Funding	86,802,000	77,943,000
Superannuation Liabilities (Note 5(b))	<u>(86,802,000)</u>	<u>(77,943,000)</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	<u>703,858</u>	<u>718,081</u>
Represented by		
Capital Account (Note 11)	305,102	426,301
Income and Expenditure Account	<u>398,756</u>	<u>291,780</u>
	<u>703,858</u>	<u>718,081</u>

The Statement of Accounting Policies, Cash Flow Statement and Notes 1 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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9th October 2013

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Deputy Chairperson

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Cash Flow Statement for year ended 31st December 2012

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

	2012 €	2011 €
Surplus for year	106,976	394,186
Movement on Capital Account	(121,199)	(722,867)
Depreciation	152,328	823,504
Profit on Disposal of Fixed Assets	0	(657)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(114,915)	60,065
(Decrease) in creditors	(719,595)	(173,906)
Bank interest received	(5,356)	0
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow)	<u>(701,761)</u>	<u>380,325</u>

Cash Flow Statement

Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	(701,761)	380,325
Bank Interest received	5,356	0
Capital Expenditure	(31,129)	(100,637)
Proceeds on disposal of fixed assets	0	657
Increase/(Decrease) in cash	<u>(727,534)</u>	<u>280,345</u>

Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds

Increase/(Decrease) in cash in year	(727,534)	280,345
Net Funds at 1 January	2,163,055	1,882,710
Net Funds at 31 December	<u>1,435,521</u>	<u>2,163,055</u>

The Statement of Accounting Policies and Notes 1 to 17 form part of these Financial Statements.

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9th October 2013

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Notes to the Financial Statements for year ended 31st December 2012

NOTE 1: Fee Income

	2012	2011
	€	€
Fees received in respect of appeals and referrals	1,052,908	1,285,334
Refunds in respect of Appeals	(105,090)	(177,396)
	<u>947,818</u>	<u>1,107,938</u>

NOTE 2: Strategic Infrastructure Fees and Cost Recoupment

	2012	2011
	€	€
Fees received in respect of strategic infrastructure development	1,360,000	1,770,000
Cost Recoupment from applicants in respect of strategic infrastructure development	636,644	1,356,630
Refunds paid to applicants in respect of strategic infrastructure	(318,180)	(138,336)
Refund Liability in respect of strategic infrastructure	(153,534)	(655,000)
	<u>1,524,930</u>	<u>2,333,294</u>

NOTE 3: Salaries and Allowances

At 31 December 2012, the Board consisted of a chairperson and 7 ordinary members, (five members at the end of 2011) in accordance with section 104 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Membership of the Board is wholetime.

At 31 December 2012, there were 137.8 whole time equivalent employees in the Board of which 11.7 were management, 50 were professional and 76.1 were administrative. The average number of wholetime equivalent employees during the year was 144.2 (152.9 in 2011). During 2012, there was a increase in the intake of cases by 5% compared to 2011 (2,227 v 2,110 in 2011). The volume of cases disposed of decreased by 23% (1,794 v 2,326 in 2011). Staffing levels are approved by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government with the consent of the Minister for Finance. The Employment Control Framework numbers at the end of 2012 was 146 (162 in 2011).

	2012	2011
	€	€
Salaries and Allowances	8,629,592	9,214,347
Superannuation Costs	5,283,300	4,982,173
Employers' PRSI	691,776	659,205
	<u>14,604,668</u>	<u>14,855,725</u>

An amount of €585,174 was paid to the Department of Finance in respect of pension levy.

NOTE 4: Chairperson's Remuneration

The total remuneration paid to the Chairperson position in 2012 comprised:

	€
Salary	189,214
Benefit-in-Kind*	2,153
Allowances	0
Total	<u>191,367</u>

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

* This relates to the Chairperson's membership of the Association of the Chief Executives of State Agencies and the Forum of Chairpersons of State Sponsored Bodies. The actual cost of such memberships was €900 in 2012. Revenue rules require that such membership fees be treated as benefit in kind and be accordingly processed as part of remuneration. As the Chairperson's memberships of these bodies are subscribed in her capacity as Chairperson of the organisation, An Bord Pleanála absorbed any taxes and levies due on this notional income so that net pay would not be affected.

NOTE 5: Pension Costs*(a) Analysis of total pension costs charged to Expenditure*

	2012 (€'000)	2011 (€'000)
Current service costs	1,792	1,657
Interest on Pension Scheme Liabilities	3,946	3,830
Employee Contributions	(455)	(505)
	<u>5,283</u>	<u>4,982</u>

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

	2012 (€'000)	2011 (€'000)
Net Pension Liability at 1 January	(77,943)	(69,929)
Current Service Cost	(1,792)	(1,657)
Interest Costs	(3,946)	(3,830)
Actuarial (loss)	(5,446)	(4,667)
Pensions Paid in the year	2,325	2,140
Net Pension Liability at 31 December	<u>(86,802)</u>	<u>(77,943)</u>

NOTE 5: Pension Costs (continued)

(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. The Board has no evidence that this funding policy will not continue to meet such sums in accordance with current practice.

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

	2012 (€'000)	2011 (€'000)
Funding recoverable in respect of the current year pensions costs	5,738	5,487
State Grant applied to pay pensioners	(2,325)	(2,140)
	<u>3,413</u>	<u>3,347</u>

The deferred funding asset for pensions at 31st December 2012 amounts to €86.8 million (2011: €77.9 million).

(d) History of defined benefit obligations

	2012 (€'000)	2011 (€'000)	2010 (€'000)	2009 (€'000)
Defined benefit obligations	86,802	77,943	69,929	64,924
Experience losses/(gains) on scheme liability amount	(939)	(758)	(3,352)	(528)
Percentage of Scheme Liabilities	1.1%	1%	5%	1%

(e) General Description of the Scheme

The pension scheme is a defined benefit final salary pension arrangement with benefits and contributions defined by reference to current "model" public sector scheme regulations. The scheme provides a pension (being 1/80 per year of service), a gratuity or lump sum (being 3/80 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.

The valuation used for FRS17 (Revised) disclosures has been based on a full actuarial valuation on the 8th February 2013 by a qualified independent actuary taking account of the requirements of the FRS in order to assess the scheme liabilities at 31st of December 2012.

NOTE 5: Pension Costs (continued)

The principal actuarial assumptions were as follows:

	2012	2011
Rate of increase in salaries	3.00%	3.50%
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	2.50%	3.50%
Discount Rate	3.75%	5.00%
Inflation Rate	2.00%	2.00%

Mortality

62% of PNML00 for males

70% of PNFL00 for females

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

NOTE 6: Establishment Expenses

	2012 €	2011 €
Rent and Service Charge (<i>Note 15</i>)	1,803,658	1,913,045
Repairs and Maintenance	34,510	20,023
Insurance	26,661	32,541
Light and Heat	91,212	82,538
Depreciation	152,328	823,504
Total	<u>2,108,369</u>	<u>2,871,651</u>

NOTE 7: Operating Expenses

	2012 €	2011 €
Travel and Subsistence	161,887	211,155
Legal Fees (<i>Note 13</i>)	863,437	1,474,285
Office Equipment and Stationery	168,479	188,122
Information and Communications Technology	314,679	200,162
Printing and Books	16,601	5,434
Statutory Notices	84,906	85,086
Recruitment, Staff Training & Development, and Conferences	127,779	119,374
Telephone and Postage	99,667	91,444
Consultants' Fees and Services* (<i>Note 14</i>)	237,645	722,479
Audit Fees	17,390	17,390
Sundries	3,758	3,486
Total	<u>2,096,228</u>	<u>3,118,417</u>

NOTE 7: Operating Expenses (continued)

*A fee amount of €3,600 (€5,400: 2011) was paid to one external member of the Audit Committee and an expenses amount of €929 (€0: 2011) to another external member of the Audit Committee. These amounts are included in the heading "Consultants' Fees and Services".

NOTE 8: Fixed Assets

	Leasehold Premises €	Furniture & Fittings €	IT & Office Equipment €	Total €
Cost				
Balance at 01/01/12	6,683,425	150,415	1,702,292	8,536,132
Additions	0	6,488	24,641	31,129
Disposals	0	0	(13,478)	(13,478)
Balance at 31/12/12	<u>6,683,425</u>	<u>156,903</u>	<u>1,713,455</u>	<u>8,553,783</u>
Depreciation				
Balance at 01/01/12	6,525,736	112,416	1,471,679	8,109,831
Charge for the year	27,036	15,347	109,945	152,328
Disposals	0	0	(13,478)	(13,478)
Balance at 31/12/12	<u>6,552,772</u>	<u>127,763</u>	<u>1,568,146</u>	<u>8,248,681</u>
Net Book Value				
31 December 2012	<u>130,653</u>	<u>29,140</u>	<u>145,309</u>	<u>305,102</u>
31 December 2011	<u>157,689</u>	<u>37,999</u>	<u>230,613</u>	<u>426,301</u>

NOTE 9: Debtors

	2012 €	2011 €
Debtors	171,041	0
Prepayments	204,911	261,037
	<u>375,952</u>	<u>261,037</u>

NOTE 10: Creditors due within one year

	2012 €	2011 €
Creditors	9,028	(35,168)
Legal Provisions	742,160	726,395
Accruals	661,529	1,441,085
	<u>1,412,717</u>	<u>2,132,312</u>

NOTE 11: Capital Account

	2012	2011
	€	€
Balance at 1 January	426,301	1,149,168
-Income allocated for capital purposes (gross of asset disposals)	31,129	100,637
-Amount released on disposal of fixed assets	0	0
-Amortisation in line with asset depreciation	(152,328)	(823,504)
Transfer from/(to) Income and Expenditure Account	(121,199)	(722,867)
Balance at 31 December	<u>305,102</u>	<u>426,301</u>

NOTE 12: Contingencies with Regard To Legal Actions

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

NOTE 13: 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 2012 regarding these recoverable costs was as follows:-

Recoverable Legal Costs:	2012	2011
	€	€
Outstanding at 1 January	2,081,052	2,201,874
Recovered during year ¹	(204,381)	(517,776)
Recoverable costs arising during year	167,946	468,710
Costs written off during year	(107,575)	(71,756)
Costs re-designated during year ²	(26,347)	0
Outstanding at 31 December	<u>1,910,695</u>	<u>2,081,052</u>

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

¹ The amount recovered was netted to legal fees in the current year.

² Costs which were initially deemed recoverable prior to the completion of legal actions and are now being written off on foot of court decisions.

NOTE 13 Legal Costs continued

Legal Fees:	2012 €	2011 €
Recoverable costs arising during year	167,946	468,710
Recovered during year	(204,381)	(517,776)
Net recoverable costs	<u>(36,435)</u>	<u>(49,066)</u>
 Non-recoverable costs	 768,322	 999,493
Non-recoverable applicant costs	131,550	523,858
	<u><u>863,437</u></u>	<u><u>1,474,285</u></u>

NOTE 14: Consultants' Fees and Services

The Board engages part-time consultant inspectors on a fee-per-case basis in accordance with rates approved by the Minister for the Environment, Community 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 advisers, as it is necessary for the performance of its functions. In 2012, about 1.49% of all inspectors' reports came from consultant inspectors and their fees, along with associated costs relating to recording of oral hearings, accounted for nearly 85% (2011: 96%) of all consultancy fees and services costs.

NOTE 15: Premises

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

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

The financial commitment on the above lease is the annual rent which in 2012 was €1,250,000.

NOTE 16: Board Members & Staff Interests

The Code of Practice for the Governance of 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 2012, all members made statements in accordance with the Acts.

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

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

NOTE 16: Board Members & Staff Interests (continued)

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 2012, members made one (1) disclosure, staff made one (1) disclosure and consultants made zero (0) disclosures.

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 2012, one (1) member made disclosures, one (1) staff made disclosures and zero (0) consultants made disclosures under the Code.

NOTE 17: Approval of Financial Statements

The Board approved the financial statements on 9th October 2013.

6. Ráitis Airgeadais 2012

Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2012

Ioncam:	2012 €	2011 €
Deontas Oireachtais	12,897,000	13,724,000
Táillí (Nóta 1)	947,818	1,107,938
Táillí Bonneagair Straitéisigh & Aisghabháil Costas (Nóta 2)	1,524,930	2,333,294
Ilghnéitheach	6,938	4,223
Ús ar thaiscí	5,356	0
Glanchistiú larchurtha le haghaidh Aoisliúntais (Nóta 5(c))	3,413,000	3,347,000
Brabús ar Dhiúscairt Sócmhainní Seasta	0	657
	18,795,042	20,517,112
Aistriú ón gCuntas Caipitil (Nóta 11)	121,199	722,867
	18,916,241	21,239,979
Caiteachas:		
Tuarastail, Liúntais agus Aoisliúntas (Nóta 3)	14,604,668	14,855,725
Costais Teaghlachais (Nóta 6)	2,108,369	2,871,651
Costais Oibriúcháin (Nóta 7)	2,096,228	3,118,417
Caiteachas iomlán	18,809,265	20,845,793
Barrachas don bhliain	106,976	394,186
Barrachas/(Easnamh) tugtha ar aghaidh	291,780	(102,406)
Barrachas Carnach/(Easnamh) ar 31 Nollaig	<u>398,756</u>	<u>291,780</u>
Ráiteas ar Ghnóthachain & Caillteanais Aitheanta iomlána		
Gnóthachain de réir Taithí ar dhliteanais na scéime aoisliúntais (Nóta 5(d))	939,000	758,000
Athruithe ar thoimhdí atá mar bhunús le luach dhliteanais reatha na scéime aoisliúntais	(6,385,000)	(5,425,000)
(Caillteanas) achtúireach ar Dhliteanais Aoisliúntais (Nóta 5(b))	(5,446,000)	(4,667,000)
Coigeartú ar Chistiú Aoisliúntais larchurtha	5,446,000	4,667,000
Barrachas don bhliain	106,976	394,186
Gnóthachan Aitheanta iomlán don bhliain	<u>106,976</u>	<u>394,186</u>

Cuid de na ráitis airgeadais seo is ea an Ráiteas ar na Beartais Chuntasaíochta, an Ráiteas faoi Shreabhadh Airgid agus Nótaí 1 go 17.

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6. Ráitis Airgeadais 2012

Clar Comhardaithe mar atá ar an 31 Nollaig 2012

	2012 €	2011 €
Sócmhainní Seasta (Nóta 8)	305,102	426,301
Sócmhainní Reatha		
Féichiúnaithe agus Réamhíocaíochtaí (Nóta 9)	375,952	261,037
Airgead sa bhanc agus ar láimh	1,435,521	2,163,055
	<u>1,811,473</u>	<u>2,424,092</u>
Dlíteanais Reatha		
Creidiúnaithe Ilghnéitheacha agus Costais Fabhraithe (Nóta 10)	<u>(1,412,717)</u>	<u>(2,132,312)</u>
Glansócmhainní Reatha	398,756	291,780
Sócmhainní Iomlána Lúide Dlíteanais Reatha roimh aoisliúntas	<u>703,858</u>	<u>718,081</u>
Cistiú Aoisliúntais larchurtha	86,802,000	77,943,000
Dlíteanais Aoisliúntais (Nóta 5(b))	<u>(86,802,000)</u>	<u>(77,943,000)</u>
Sócmhainní Iomlána Lúide Dlíteanais Reatha	<u>703,858</u>	<u>718,081</u>
Arna n-ionannú ag	305,102	426,301
Cuntas Caipitil (Nóta 11)	398,756	291,780
Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais	<u>703,858</u>	<u>718,081</u>

Cuid de na ráitis airgeadais seo is ea an Ráiteas ar na Beartais Chuntasaíochta, an Ráiteas faoi Shreabhadh Airgid agus Nótaí 1 go 17.

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6. Ráitis Airgeadais 2012

Raiteas faoi Shreabhadh Airgid don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2012

Imréiteach an (easnaimh)/bharrachais oibriúcháin leis an nglan-insreabhadh airgid ó ghníomhaíochtaí oibriúcháin

	2012 €	2011 €
Barrachas don bhliain	106,976	394,186
Gluaiseacht ar an gCuntas Caipitil	(121,199)	(722,867)
Dímheas	152,328	823,504
Brabús ar Dhiúscairt Sócmhainní Seasta	0	(657)
(Méadú)/Laghdú ar fhéichiúnaithe	(114,915)	60,065
(Laghdú) ar chreidiúnaithe	(719,595)	(173,906)
Ús bainc a fuarthas	(5,356)	0
Glansreabhadh Airgid Isteach/(Amach)	<u>(701,761)</u>	<u>380,325</u>

Ráiteas faoi Shreabhadh Airgid

Glansreabhadh airgid isteach/(amach) ó ghníomhaíochtaí oibriúcháin	(701,761)	380,325
Ús bainc a fuarthas	5,356	0
Caiteachas Caipitil	(31,129)	(100,637)
Brabús ar dhiúscairt sócmhainní seasta	0	657
Méadú/(Laghdú) ar airgead	<u>(727,534)</u>	<u>280,345</u>

Imréiteach glansreabhadh airgid leis an ngluaiseacht i nglanchistí

Méadú/(Laghdú) ar airgead sa bhliain	(727,534)	280,345
Glanchistí ar 1 Eanáir	2,163,055	1,882,710
Glanchistí ar 31 Nollaig	<u>1,435,521</u>	<u>2,163,055</u>

Cuid de na ráitis airgeadais seo is ea an Ráiteas ar na Beartais Chuntasaíochta agus Nótaí 1 go 17.

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6. Ráitis Airgeadais 2012

Nótaí leis na Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2012

NÓTA 1: Teacht Isteach ó Tháillí

	2012 €	2011 €
Táillí a fuarthas i dtaca le hAchomhairc agus le hAtreoruithe	1,052,908	1,285,334
Aisíocaíochtaí i dtaca le hAchomhairc	(105,090)	(177,396)
	<u>947,818</u>	<u>1,107,938</u>

NÓTA 2: Táillí Bonneagair Straitéisigh agus Aisíoc Costas

	2012 €	2011 €
Táillí a fuarthas i dtaca le forbairt bonneagair straitéisigh	1,360,000	1,770,000
Aisíoc Costas ó iarratasóirí i dtaca le forbairt bonneagair straitéisigh	636,644	1,356,630
Aisíocaíochtaí le hiarratasóirí i dtaca le bonneagar straitéiseach	(318,180)	(138,336)
Dliteanas Aisíocaíochta i dtaca le bonneagar straitéiseach	(153,534)	(655,000)
	<u>1,524,930</u>	<u>2,333,294</u>

NÓTA 3: Tuarastail agus Liúntais

Ar an 31 Nollaig 2012, ba iad baill an Bhoird an cathaoirleach agus 7 gnáthbhall, (cúig bhall ag deireadh na bliana 2011) de réir alt 104 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, arna leasú. Baill lánaimseartha is ea baill an Bhoird.

Ar an 31 Nollaig 2012, bhí 137.8 fostaí coibhéiseach lánaimseartha sa Bhord, a raibh 11.7 sa lucht bainistíochta, 50 ina ngairmithe agus 76.1 sa lucht riaracháin. Bá é 144.2 líon meánach na bhfostaithe coibhéiseacha lánaimseartha i gcaitheamh na bliana (152.9 sa bhliain 2011). Sa bhliain 2012 mhéadaigh líon na gcásanna nua de 5% i gcomparáid leis an mbliain 2011 (2,227 i gcomparáid le 2,110 sa bhliain 2011). Laghdaigh líon na gcásanna a cuireadh de láimh de 23% (1,794 i gcomparáid le 2,326 sa bhliain 2011). D'fhaomhaigh an tAire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil na leibhéil foirne le cead an Aire Airgeadais. Ba é 146 (162 in 2011) uimhir an Chreata Rialaithe Fostaíochta in 2012.

	2012 €	2011 €
Tuarastail agus Liúntais	8,629,592	9,214,347
Costais Aoisliúntais	5,283,300	4,982,173
ÁSPC an Fhostóra	691,776	659,205
	<u>14,604,668</u>	<u>14,855,725</u>

Íocadh €585,174 leis an Roinn Airgeadais i dtaca leis an tobhach pinsin.

NÓTA 4: Luach Saothair an Chathaoirligh

Bhí an luach saothair ar fad a íocadh le sealbhóir phost an Chathaoirligh sa bhliain 2012 comhdhéanta de:

	€
Tuarastal	189,214
Sochair Chomhchineálach*	2,153
Liúntais	0
Iomlán	<u>191,367</u>

Ní théann teidlíochtaí pinsin an Chathaoirligh thar na gnáth-theidlíochtaí sa scéim aoisliúntais eiseamlárach le sochair shainithe don earnáil phoiblí.

*Baineann an chuid seo le comhaltacht an Chathaoirligh i gCumann na bPríomhfheidhmeannach ar Ghníomhaireachtaí Stáit agus i bhFóram na gCathaoirleach ar Chomhlachtaí Stát-Urraithe. Costas €900 iarbhir a bhí ar an gcomhaltacht sin sa bhliain 2012. Ceanglaíonn rialacha na gCoimisinéirí Ioncaim go gcaithfí le táillí comhaltachta den sórt sin mar shochar comhchineáil agus go bpróiseálfaí iad mar chuid den luach saothair. Ós rud é go n-íoctar táillí comhaltachta an Chathaoirligh ina cáil mar chathaoirleach na heagraíochta, d'iompair an Bord Pleanála aon cháin nó tobhach dlite ar an ioncam barúlach seo, ionas nach mbeidh aon éifeacht ar a glanphá .

NÓTA 5: Costais Pinsin

(a) *Anailís ar iomlán na gcostas pinsin a cuireadh de mhuirear ar an Stáitchiste*

	2012 (€'000)	2011 (€'000)
Costais reatha seirbhíse	1,792	1,657
Ús ar Dhliteantais na Scéime Pinsin	3,946	3,830
Ranníocaíochtaí na bhFostaithe	(455)	(505)
	<u>5,283</u>	<u>4,982</u>

(b) *Gluaiseacht i nGlandliteanas Pinsin i gcaitheamh na bliana airgeadais*

	2012 (€'000)	2011 (€'000)
Glandliteanas Pinsin ar 1 Eanáir	(77,943)	(69,929)
Costais Reatha Seirbhíse	(1,792)	(1,657)
Costais Úis	(3,946)	(3,830)
(Caillteanas) achtúireach	(5,446)	(4,667)
Pinsin a Íocadh sa bhliain	2,325	2,140
Glandliteanas Pinsin ar an 31 Nollaig	<u>(86,802)</u>	<u>(77,943)</u>

NÓTA 5: Costais Pinsin (ar lean)*(c) Cistiú larchurtha le haghaidh Pinsean*

Aithníonn an Bord na méideanna seo mar shócmhainn a chomhfhreagraíonn don dliteanas neamhfháilte iarchurtha le haghaidh pinsean ar bhonn na sraithe toimhdí a thuairiscítear thuas agus roinnt imeachtaí san am atá caite. Ar na himeachtaí sin tá an bonn reachtúil do bhunú na scéime pinsin, agus an beartas agus an cleachtas atá i bhfeidhm faoi láthair i dtaca le cistiú pinsean seirbhíse poiblí lena n-áirítear ranníocaíochtaí ó fhostaithe agus an próiseas meastachán bliantúil. Níl aon fhianaise ag an mBord nach leanfaidh an beartas maoinithe seo ar aghaidh ag soláthar na suimeanna sin de réir an chleachtais reatha.

Seo mar a bhí an Glanchistiú larchurtha le haghaidh Pinsean a aithnítear sna Cuntais Ioncaim agus Caiteachais:

	2012 (€'000)	2011 (€'000)
Cistiú inghnóthaithe i dtaca le costais pinsin na bliana reatha	5,738	5,487
Deontas Stáit a úsáideadh chun pinsinéirí a íoc	(2,325)	(2,140)
	3,413	3,347

Ba ionann an tsócmhainn chistithe iarchurtha le haghaidh pinsean ar an 31 Nollaig 2012 agus €86.8 milliún (2011: €77.9 milliún).

(d) Stair na n-oibleagáidí i leith sochar sainithe

	2012 (€'000)	2011 (€'000)	2010 (€'000)	2009 (€'000)
Oibleagáidí i leith sochar sainithe	86,802	77,943	69,929	64,924
Caillteanais/(gnóthachain) ó thaithí ar	(939)	(758)	(3,352)	(528)
Céatadán de Dhliteanais na Scéime	1.1%	1%	5%	1%

(e) Tuairisc Ghinearálta ar an Scéim

Socrú críochnúil faoi thuarastal le sochar sainithe is ea an scéim pinsin agus sainítear na sochair agus na ranníocaíochtaí trí chomparáid a dhéanamh le rialúcháin "eiseamláracha" i scéimeanna reatha san earnáil phoiblí. Soláthraíonn an scéim pinsean (méid is ionann agus aon ochtódú in aghaidh gach bliain seirbhíse), aisce nó cnapshuim (méid is ionann agus trí ochtódú in aghaidh gach bliain seirbhíse) agus pinsin chéilí agus leanaí. Is é an 65ú breithlá an Ghnáthaois Scoir, agus tá sé de cheart ag baill roimh 2004 dul ar scor ó aois 60 ar aghaidh gan laghdú achtúireach. Is gnách do phinsin atá á n-íoc (agus pinsin iarchurtha) méadú ar aon dul le boilsciú ginearálta ar thuarastail san earnáil phoiblí.

NÓTA 5: Costais Pinsin (ar lean)

Bunaíodh an luacháil a úsáideadh le haghaidh nochtuithe FRS17 (Athchóirithe) ar luacháil iomlán achtúireach a rinne achtúire cáilithe neamhspleách an 8 Feabhra 2013 ag cur riachtanais an FRS san áireamh chun dlíteanais na scéime amhail ag an 31 Nollaig 2012 a mheas.

Seo a leanas na príomhthoimhdí achtúireacha:

	2012	2011
An ráta méadaithe ar thuarastail	3.00%	3.50%
An ráta méadaithe ar phinsin atá á n-íoc	2.50%	3.50%
Ráta Lascaine	3.75%	5.00%
Ráta Boilscithe	2.00%	2.00%

Mortlaíocht

62% de PNML00 i gcás na bhfear

70% de PNML00 i gcás na mban

Méadaíonn fachtóirí blianachta de 0.39% sa bhliain i gcás gach bliana idir 2008 agus an bhliain scoir.

NÓTA 6: Costais Teaghlachais

	2012	2011
	€	€
Cíos agus Muirear Seirbhíse (<i>Nóta 15</i>)	1,803,658	1,913,045
Deisiúchán agus Cothabháil	34,510	20,023
Árachas	26,661	32,541
Solas agus Teas	91,212	82,538
Dímheas	152,328	823,504
Iomlán	<u>2,108,369</u>	<u>2,871,651</u>

NÓTA 7: Costais Oibriúcháin

	2012	2011
	€	€
Taisteal agus Cothabháil	161,887	211,155
Táillí Dlí (<i>Nóta 13</i>)	863,437	1,474,285
Trealamh agus Stáiseanóireacht Oifige	168,479	188,122
Teicneolaíocht na Faisnéise agus na Cumarsáide	314,679	200,162
Priontáil agus Leabhair	16,601	5,434
Fógraí Reachtúla	84,906	85,086
Earcú, Oiliúint & Forbairt Foirne, agus Comhdhálacha	127,779	119,374
Teileafón agus Postas	99,667	91,444
Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleoirí* (<i>Nóta 14</i>)	237,645	722,479
Táillí Iniúchóireachta	17,390	17,390
Ilnithe	3,758	3,486
Iomlán	<u>2,096,228</u>	<u>3,118,417</u>

NÓTA 7: Costais Oibriúcháin (ar lean)

*Íocadh €3,600 (€5,400: 2011) de tháille le ball seachtrach amháin den Choiste Iniúchóireachta agus €929 (€0:2011) i bhfoirm chostais le ball seachtrach eile den Choiste Iniúchóireachta. Áirítear na méideanna sin faoin gceannteideal "Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleach".

NÓTA 8: Sócmhainní Seasta

	Léasacht Áitreabh €	Troscán & Feistis €	TF & Oifig Trealamh €	Iomlán €
Costas				
Iarmhéid ar 01/01/12	6,683,425	150,415	1,702,292	8,536,132
Breiseanna	0	6,488	24,641	31,129
Diúscairtí	0	0	(13,478)	(13,478)
Iarmhéid ar 31/12/12	<u>6,683,425</u>	<u>156,903</u>	<u>1,713,455</u>	<u>8,553,783</u>
Dímheas				
Iarmhéid ar 01/01/12	6,525,736	112,416	1,471,679	8,109,831
Muirear don bhliain	27,036	15,347	109,945	152,328
Diúscairtí	0	0	(13,478)	(13,478)
Iarmhéid ar 31/12/12	<u>6,552,772</u>	<u>127,763</u>	<u>1,568,146</u>	<u>8,248,681</u>
Glanluach na Leabhar				
31 Nollaig 2012	<u>130,653</u>	<u>29,140</u>	<u>145,309</u>	<u>305,102</u>
31 Nollaig 2011	<u>157,689</u>	<u>37,999</u>	<u>230,613</u>	<u>426,301</u>

NÓTA 9: Féichiúnaithe

	2012 €	2011 €
Féichiúnaithe	171,041	0
Réamhíocaíochtaí	204,911	261,037
	<u>375,952</u>	<u>261,037</u>

NÓTA 10: Creidiúnaithe a bheidh dlite laistigh de bhliain

	2012 €	2011 €
Creidiúnaithe	9,028	(35,168)
Forálacha Dílíthiúla	742,160	726,395
Fabhruithe	661,529	1,441,085
	<u>1,412,717</u>	<u>2,132,312</u>

NÓTA 11: Cuntas Caipitil

		2012 €	2011 €
Iarmhéid ar 1 Eanáir		426,301	1,149,168
-Ioncam a leithdháileadh chun críocha caipitil (glan ar dhiúscairtí sócmhainní)	31,129	100,637	
-An méid a scaoileadh ó shócmhainní seasta a bheith diúscartha	0	0	
-Amúchadh ar aon dul le dímheas acmhainní	(152,328)	(823,504)	
Aistriú ó/(chuig) Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais		(121,199)	(722,867)
Iarmhéid ar 31 Nollaig		<u>305,102</u>	<u>426,301</u>

NÓTA 12: Teagmhais maidir le Caingne Dlí

Tá dliteanas teagmhasach de mhéid neamhchinnte ann de bharr caingne dlí in aghaidh an Bhoird i dtaca le cinntí a rinne an Bord ar achomhairc phleanála agus ar chásanna eile. Is é beartas an Bhoird cur in aghaidh caingne dá sórt, más cuí.

NÓTA 13: Costais Dlí

Mar a léirítear ag uimhir 9 sa Ráiteas ar na Beartais Chuntasaíochta, íocann an Bord costais dlí áirithe ar dtús agus féachtar le hiad a aisghabháil dá éis. Seo mar a bhí staid na gcostas inghnóthaithe sin sa bhliain 2012:

Costais Dlí Inghnóthaithe:	2012 €	2011 €
Amuigh ar 1 Eanáir	2,081,052	2,201,874
Gnóthaithe i gcaitheamh na bliana ¹	(204,381)	(517,776)
Costais inghnóthaithe a tháinig chun cinn sa bhliain	167,946	468,710
Costais a díscríobhadh i gcaitheamh na bliana	(107,575)	(71,756)
Costais a athainmníodh i gcaitheamh na bliana ²	(26,347)	0
Amuigh ar 31 Nollaig	<u>1,910,695</u>	<u>2,081,052</u>

Athbhreithníonn an Bord go leanúnach a inghnóthaithe atá na costais thuas. Meastar nach n-aisghabhfar méid substaintiúil de.

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

² Costais a measadh ar dtús a bheadh inghnóthaithe roimh dheireadh na gcaingne dlí, tá siad á ndíscríobh anois de bhun cinntí cúirte.

NÓTA 13 Costais Dí (ar lean)

Táillí Dí	2012 €	2011 €
Costais inghnóthaithe a tháinig chun cinn sa bhliain	167,946	468,710
Inghnóthaithe i gcaitheamh na bliana	(204,381)	(517,776)
Glanchoistais inghnóthaithe	(36,435)	(49,066)
Costais neamh-inghnóthaithe	768,322	999,493
Costais neamh-inghnóthaithe iarratasóra	131,550	523,858
	<u>863,437</u>	<u>1,474,285</u>

NÓTA 14: Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleoirí

Fostaíonn an Bord cigirí comhairleacha páirtaimseartha a n-íoctar táille in aghaidh an cháis leo de réir rátaí atá faofa ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil le cead an Aire Airgeadais. Chomh maith leis sin, fostaíonn an Bord comhairleoirí eile, de réir alt 124 den Acht, de réir mar is gá chun a fheidhmeanna a chomhlíonadh. Sa bhliain 2012 tuarascálacha ó chigirí comhairleacha ab ea 1.49% de na tuarascálacha ar fad ó chigirí agus ba ionann a dtáillí siúd, mar aon leis na costais ghaolmhara a ghabh le héisteachtaí ó bhéal a thaifeadfadh, agus 85% nach mór (2011: 96%) de na táillí comhairleachta agus de na costais seirbhíse ar fad.

NÓTA 15: Áitreabh

Tá an Bord suite in áitreabh ag 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1, agus íoctar cíós ina leith ar léas 25 bliain ó Dheireadh Fómhair 2001.

Leithdháileadh na costais i dtaca leis an trealmhú agus le nithe áirithe eile, seachas na gnáthchoistais teaghlachais agus oibriúcháin, chun críocha caipitil agus áiríodh iad faoi Áitreabh Léasachta sna Sócmhainní Seasta. Caitear amhlaidh le feabhsúcháin leanúnacha ar an áitreabh.

Is é an gealltanais airgeadais ar an léasa thuas an cíós bliantúil ab ionann agus €1,250,000 é sa bhliain 2012.

NÓTA 16: Baill an Bhoird & Sainleasanna an Bhoird

Faoi gCód Cleachtais maidir le Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit teastaíonn cód iompair scríofa do bhaill an Bhoird. Tá cód i bhfeidhm a ghéilleann do na treoirlínte agus ceanglaíonn sé ar bhaill dearbhuithe i leith sainleasanna a dhéanamh don Rúnaí ar bhonn bliantúil.

Lena chois sin, tá baill an Bhoird agus baill áirithe foirne faoi réir riachtanais na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifig Phoiblí, 1995 agus 2001, agus déantar ráitis bhliantúla i dtaobh sainleasanna inchláraithe faoi na hAchtanna. Ceanglaíonn na hAchtanna ráitis ó bhaill an Bhoird a bheith curtha ar fáil gach bliain do Choimisiún na gCaighdeán in Oifigí Poiblí. Sa bhliain 2012 rinne gach ball ráiteas de réir na nAchtanna.

Ceanglaíonn forálacha an Achta um Pleanáil agus Forbartha 2000 ar bhaill an Bhoird agus ar bhaill áirithe foirne dearbhú/nochtadh sainleasanna a dhéanamh.

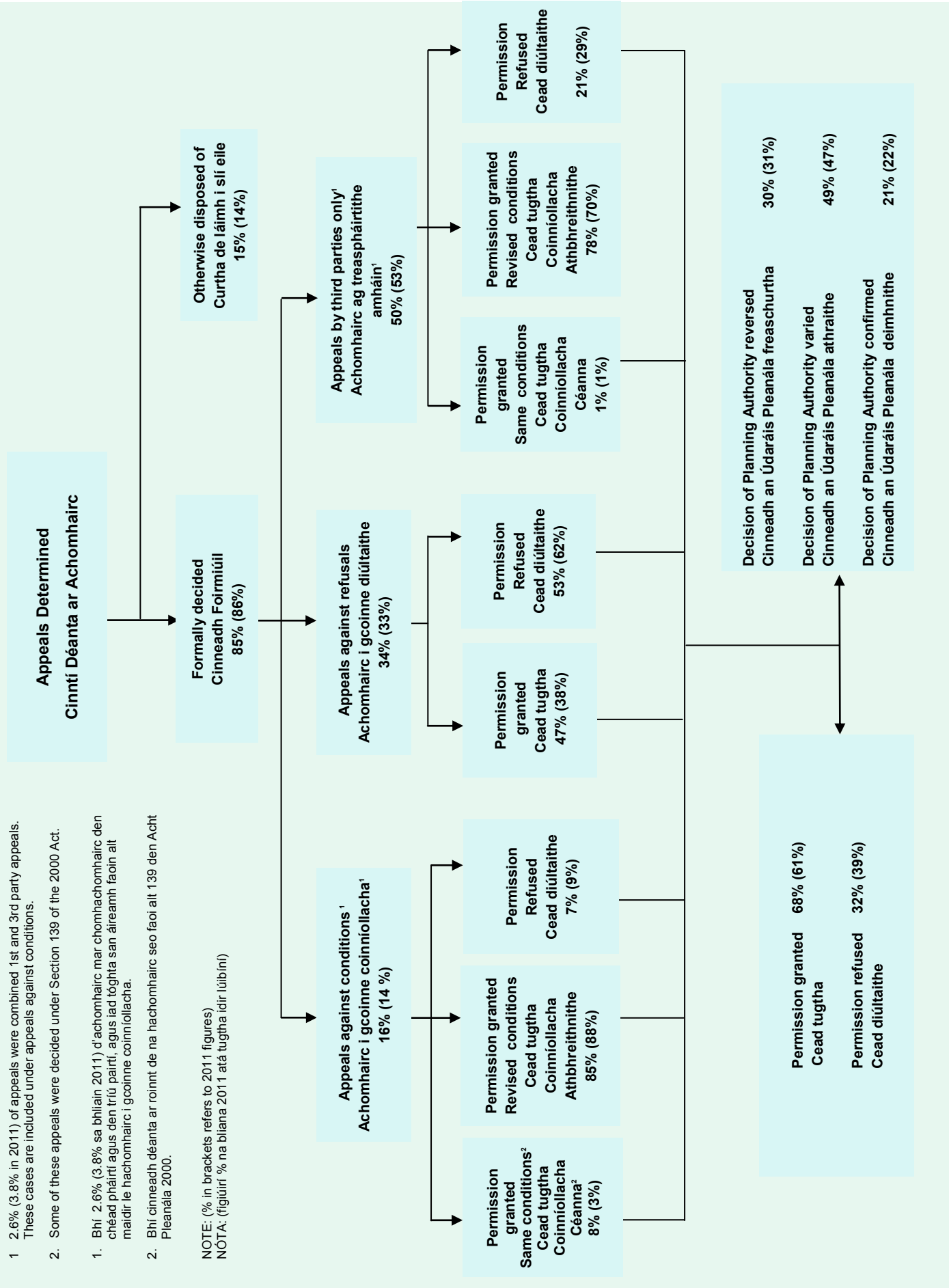
Foráiltear in Alt 147 d'Acht na bliana 2000 do dhearbhuithé reachtúla ó bhaill an Bhoird agus ó bhaill áirithe foirne i dtaca le sainleasanna ar leith. Coimeádann an Rúnaí clár sainleasanna de réir Alt 147 den Acht agus bíonn sé ar fáil d'iniúchadh an phobail le linn uaireanta oifige.

Baineann Alt 148 d'Acht na bliana 2000 le nochtuithe maidir le leas airgid nó leas tairbhiúil in aon achomharc nó in aon ghnó eile a bhíonn le cinneadh ag an mBord, nó a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ábhartha maidir leis. Sa bhliain 2012 rinne comhalta amháin nochtadh amháin (1), rinne ball foirne nochtadh amháin (1) agus ní dhearna comhairleach nochtadh ar bith (0).

Faoi alt 150 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, ghlac an Bord cód iompair chun déileáil le coinbhleacht leasa agus chun muinín a chothú i measc an phobail i sláine na slí a dhéanann sé a ghnó. Tá feidhm ag an gcód maidir le baill an Bhoird, le baill áirithe den fhoireann agus le daoine eile a mbaineann an Bord leas astu. Sa bhliain 2012 rinne comhalta amháin nochtadh amháin (1), rinne ball foirne nochtadh amháin (1) agus ní dhearna comhairleach nochtadh ar bith (0) faoi gCód.

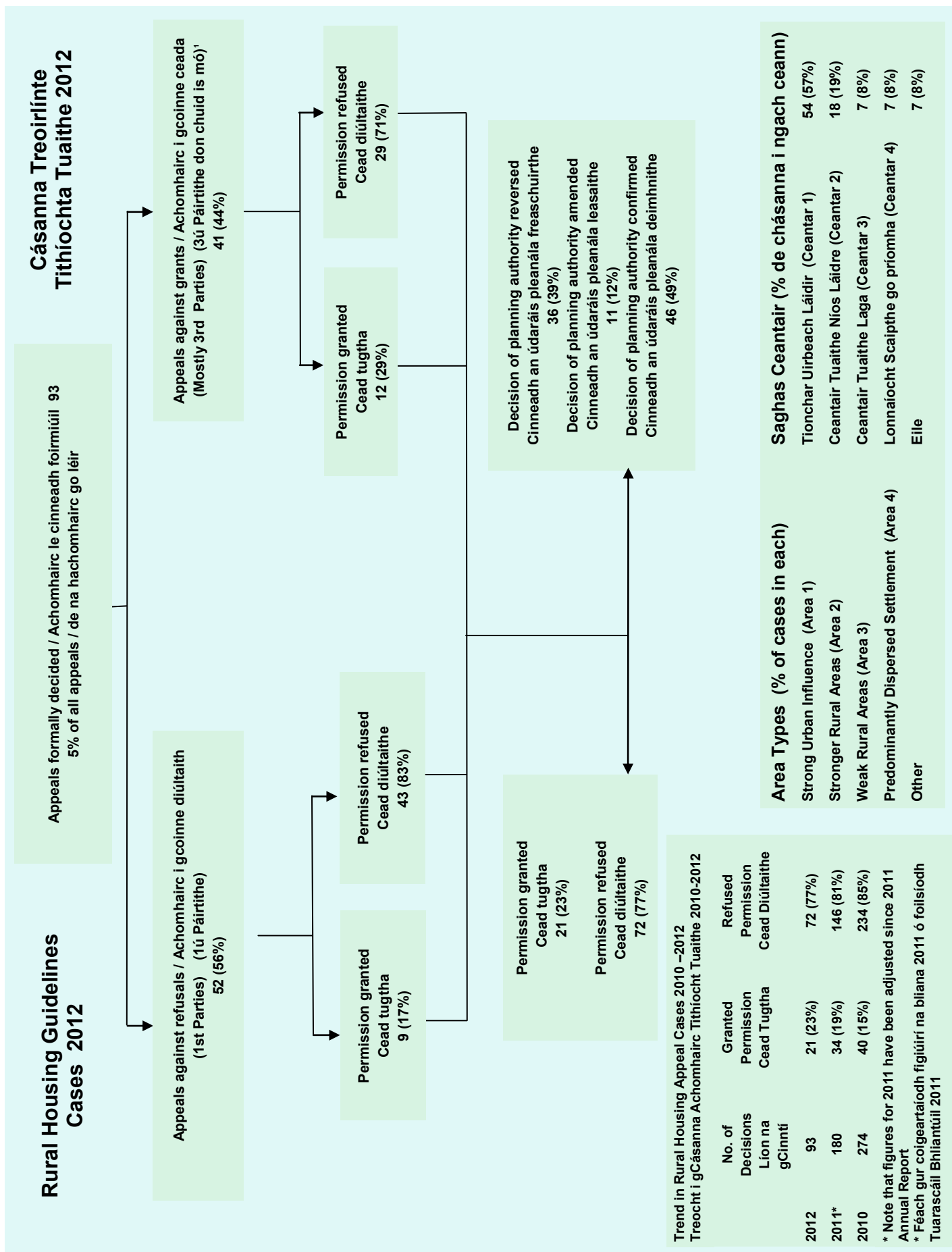
NÓTA 17: Faomhadh na Ráiteas Airgeadais

D'fhaomhaigh an Bord na ráitis airgeadais an 9 Deireadh Fómhair 2013



Appendix 2 | Aguisín 2

Analysis of Rural Housing Guideline Decisions | Anailís ar Chinntí ar Thithíocht Tuaithe Treoirintí



Appendix 3 | Aguisín 3

Normal Planning Appeals Received and Decided by Area in 2012

Gnáth Achomhairc Phleanála Faighte agus Cinneadh Déanta ortha de réir Cheantair i 2012

		No. of decisions made by planning authority ²	No. of decisions appealed to Board	% of decisions appealed to Board	Decisions appealed as a % of all appeals to Board	% of planning authority decisions confirmed by Board	% of planning authority decisions varied by Board	% of planning authority decisions reversed by the Board
		Méid Cinntí déanta ag údarás pleanála ²	Méid cinntí achomharc don Bhord	% de chinntí faoi achomharc	Cinntí achomhartha mar % de gach achomharc don Bhord	% de chinntí an údaráis pleanála deimhnithe ag an mBord	% de chinntí an údaráis pleanála athraithe ag an mBord	% de chinntí an údaráis pleanála freaschuirthe ag an mBord
County Area ¹ Contae ¹								
Carlow	Ceatharlach	222	20	9.0%	1.4%	6.3%	68.8%	25.0%
Cavan	An Cabhán	342	13	3.8%	0.9%	20.0%	60.0%	20.0%
Clare	An Clár	610	28	4.6%	2.0%	0.0%	45.8%	54.2%
Cork	Corcaigh	2,198	121	5.5%	8.5%	23.6%	50.0%	26.4%
Donegal	Dún na nGall	1,147	50	4.4%	3.5%	5.7%	60.0%	34.3%
Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown	Dún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin	853	98	11.5%	6.8%	21.0%	46.9%	32.1%
Fingal	Fine Gall	828	85	10.3%	5.9%	24.3%	45.7%	30.0%
Galway	Gaillimh	789	48	6.1%	3.4%	26.7%	40.0%	33.3%
Kerry	Ciarraí	890	70	7.9%	4.9%	24.6%	46.2%	29.2%
Kildare	Cill Dara	795	72	9.1%	5.0%	30.8%	30.8%	38.5%
Kilkenny	Cill Chainnigh	526	19	3.6%	1.3%	23.1%	53.8%	23.1%
Laois	Laois	307	13	4.2%	0.9%	16.7%	58.3%	25.0%
Leitrim	Liatroim	168	5	3.0%	0.3%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Limerick	Luimneach	781	42	5.4%	2.9%	25.0%	36.1%	38.9%
Longford	An Longfort	139	11	8.0%	0.8%	11.1%	55.6%	33.3%
Louth	Lú	610	41	6.7%	2.9%	11.1%	63.0%	25.9%
Mayo	Maigh Eo	707	53	7.5%	3.7%	24.2%	54.5%	21.2%
Meath	An Mhí	817	66	8.1%	4.6%	22.0%	54.0%	24.0%
Monaghan	Muineachán	389	19	4.9%	1.3%	0.0%	80.0%	20.0%
North Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh	371	19	5.1%	1.3%	23.5%	41.2%	35.3%
Offaly	Uíbh Fhailí	304	8	2.6%	0.6%	21.4%	50.0%	28.6%
Roscommon	Ros Comáin	378	12	3.2%	0.8%	22.2%	44.4%	33.3%
Sligo	Sligeach	360	26	7.2%	1.8%	15.8%	52.6%	31.6%
South Dublin	Áth CliathTheas	555	48	8.6%	3.4%	20.5%	59.1%	20.5%
South Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Theas	404	18	4.5%	1.3%	0.0%	88.9%	11.1%
Waterford	Port Láirge	421	32	7.6%	2.2%	26.3%	42.1%	31.6%
Westmeath	An Iarmhí	310	12	3.9%	0.8%	21.4%	14.3%	64.3%
Wexford	Loch Garman	976	28	2.9%	2.0%	8.0%	68.0%	24.0%
Wicklow	Cill Mhantáin	619	58	9.4%	4.1%	25.9%	37.0%	37.0%
City Cathair								
Cork	Corcaigh	329	43	13.1%	3.0%	12.5%	62.5%	25.0%
Dublin	Baile Átha Cliath	1,461	194	13.3%	13.6%	23.6%	47.3%	29.1%
Galway	Gaillimh	297	31	10.4%	2.2%	22.2%	44.4%	33.3%
Limerick	Luimneach	172	18	10.5%	1.3%	12.5%	87.5%	0.0%
Waterford	Port Láirge	134	10	7.5%	0.7%	11.1%	77.8%	11.1%
Total	Iomlán	20,209	1,431	7.1%	100.0%	21.0%	49.1%	29.9%

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, Community & Local Government

¹ 'Ceantar' is ea údarás Pleanála contae agus aon údarás Pleanála sa cheantar sin ach amháin comhairlí cathrach

² Figiúirí ar chinntí déanta ag údaráis phleanála le caoinchead ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil

Appendix 4 | Aguisín 4

Normal Planning Appeals Received by Development Category / Area

Gnáth Achomhairc Phleanála Faighte de réir Catagóire / Ceantair Forbartha

County	Contae	Agriculture Talmhaíocht	Commercial/ Factories Tráchtála/ Monarchana	Education Oideachas	Industry Tionscal	Leisure/Sport Foilíocht/Sport	Residential Cónaithe	Transport Iompar	Utilities Fónais	Wholesale Mórdhíola	Mixed Meascha	Signs Comharthaí	Other Eile	Retail Miondíola	Misc Ighnéitheach	Total Iomlán
Carlow	Ceatharlach	2	1	1	1	1	7	1	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	20
Cavan	An Cabhán	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	4	1	13
Clare	An Clár	2	0	1	3	3	13	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	28
Cork	Corcaigh	6	2	3	5	6	63	1	13	0	1	1	3	12	5	121
Donegal	Dún na nGall	3	0	0	5	2	23	1	5	0	2	0	4	5	0	50
Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown	Dún Laoghaire - Ráth an Dúin	0	2	1	1	4	70	1	0	0	5	3	1	10	0	98
Fingal	Fine Gall	1	2	4	5	0	57	0	1	0	4	2	1	7	1	85
Galway	Gaillimh	3	2	3	4	0	26	0	6	0	1	0	0	2	1	48
Kerry	Ciarraí	3	3	0	1	3	42	1	10	0	0	0	1	6	0	70
Kildare	Cill Dara	7	1	1	4	2	28	1	10	0	3	2	1	12	0	72
Kilkenny	Cill Chainnigh	2	0	1	3	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	19
Laois	Laois	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	5	0	13
Leitrim	Liatroim	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5
Limerick	Luimneach	4	0	5	2	3	21	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	42
Longford	An Longfort	0	3	0	1	0	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Louth	Lú	1	4	1	2	1	19	1	6	0	0	1	0	5	0	41
Mayo	Maigh Eo	3	1	2	3	4	21	1	13	0	0	1	0	3	1	53
Meath	An Mhí	7	2	4	2	2	30	2	5	0	4	1	3	4	0	66
Monaghan	Muineachán	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	6	0	0	0	1	6	0	19
North Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh	0	0	0	1	1	9	0	3	0	1	0	1	3	0	19
Offaly	Uíbh Fhailí	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	8
Roscommon	Ros Comáin	0	0	0	2	0	4	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	12
Sligo	Sligeach	2	0	0	0	0	16	0	2	0	1	0	0	5	0	26
South Dublin	Áth CliathTheas	0	0	3	2	3	25	0	2	0	2	0	0	10	1	48
South Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Theas	1	1	1	0	1	5	0	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	18
Waterford	Port Láirge	4	0	2	0	1	16	0	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	32
Westmeath	An Iarmhí	0	0	2	0	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	12
Wexford	Loch Garman	4	0	0	2	1	17	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	28
Wicklow	Cill Mhantáin	5	2	0	0	2	45	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	58
City	Cathair															
Cork	Corcaigh	0	3	2	1	2	17	1	0	0	2	1	1	13	0	43
Dublin	Baile Átha Cliath	0	3	3	0	4	118	4	1	0	9	6	9	35	2	194
Galway	Gaillimh	0	1	1	0	1	19	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	1	31
Limerick	Luimneach	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	8	0	18
Waterford	Port Láirge	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	10
Total	Iomlán	62	37	43	52	53	746	17	123	1	39	23	28	188	19	1431

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 altranais agus a leithéid de lóistín. D'fhéadfadh aonaid chónaithe a bheith san áireamh chomh maith faoi chatagóir forbartha eile m.sh. Faoi 'Meascha'.

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Summary of All Cases Disposed of by reference to Statutory Objective Period

Achoimre do Gach Cás Curtha de Láimh trí thagairt do Sprioc Thréimhse Reachtúil

	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
	Gnáth Achomhairc Phleanála			Iarratais Forbarthaileith 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
2003	3,278	1,167	74%	-	-	-	219	59	79%	3,526	1,256	74%
2004	3,995	670	86%	-	-	-	271	50	84%	4,357	754	85%
2005	3,879	1,085	78%	-	-	-	233	58	80%	4,210	1,177	78%
2006	2,660	2,543	51%	-	-	-	194	118	62%	2,934	2,694	52%
2007	2,647	2,997	47%	56	39	40%	255	135	65%	2,980	3,183	48%
2008	1,056	4,133	20%	11	18	38%	167	285	37%	1,306	4,495	23%
2009	1,113	3,526	24%	5	26	16%	155	184	46%	1,312	3,778	26%
2010	1,838	1,072	65%	3	21	13%	146	91	62%	2,031	1,217	63%
2011	1,615	323	83%	6	23	21%	189	72	72%	1,873	453	81%
2012	521	915	36%	8	22	27%	154	93	62%	762	1068	41%

Notes:

A Number disposed of within statutory objective periods.

B Number not disposed of within statutory objective periods.

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

Nótaí:

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

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

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

Appendix 6 | Aguisín 6

Staff, External Consultants and Legal Adviser as at 31st December 2012

Foireann, Sainchomhairleoirí Seachtracha agus Comhairleoir DLí mar atá ar an 31 Nollaig 2012

The following staff were employed as of 31st December 2012:

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