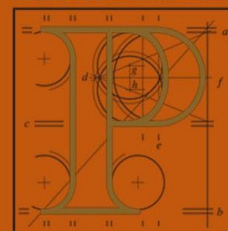


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## MISSION STATEMENT

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.

## RÁITEAS MISIN

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.

## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

## COMHALTAÍ AN BHOIRD



**1 John O'Connor (Retired June 2011)**  
Chairperson/ Cathaoirleach

**2 Mary Kelly (Appointed August 2011)**  
Chairperson/ Cathaoirleach

**3 Karl Kent**  
Deputy Chairperson/ Leas Chathaoirleach

**4 Conall Boland**

**5 Jane Doyle**

**6 Angela Tunney**

**7 Mary MacMahon**

**8 Brian Swift**

**9 Fionna O'Regan**

## CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

Welcome to the An Bord Pleanála Annual Report and Accounts for 2011. The report provides details of the work of the Board during 2011, along with the Board's financial statements. It is the first Annual Report to be published during my tenure as Chairperson of An Bord Pleanála which commenced on August 29th, 2011. At the outset, I would like to say that I am very happy and indeed very proud, to have been appointed Chairperson of An Bord Pleanála, an organisation that has served its stakeholders with the highest levels of integrity since its establishment in 1977. It is, therefore, a great honour and a huge responsibility for me to hold this post and to lead this organisation for the next seven years. Our stakeholders, government, citizens and the enterprise sector rely on An Bord Pleanála for critical and timely decisions based on the principles of good planning and of sustainable development, and the decisions taken by the Board have the very real potential to have long lasting effects on people's lives and businesses as well as on the environment in which we live. Along with the decisions made at local authority and planning authority levels, Board decisions shape the physical, spatial and infrastructural nature of Ireland, and touch individual people's lives. So I am very conscious of the responsibility vested in me as Chairperson of this organisation.

I am pleased to include my first Chairperson's Statement in the Board's Annual Report for 2011.

### Workload and Performance in 2011

2011 saw a continuation in the downward trend in the intake of cases, particularly planning appeals, from a high of 6,664 in 2007 to 2,110 in 2011, with the result that the total number of cases of all types on hand at year end was reduced to less than 750 compared to

## RAITEAS AN CHATHAOIRLIGH

Fáilte go Tuarascáil agus Cuntais Bhliantúla an Bhoird Phleanála don bhliain 2011. Gheofar sa tuarascáil sonraí d'obair an Bhoird i gcaitheamh na bliana 2011 mar aon le ráitis airgeadais an Bhoird. Is í seo an chéad Tuarascáil Bhliantúil a foilsíodh le linn mo théarma oifige mar Chathaoirleach an Bhoird Phleanála, téarma a thosaigh an 29 Lúnasa, 2011. Ar an gcéad dul síos, ba mhaith liom a rá gur cúis mhór sásaimh agus mórtais, go deimhin, dom bheith ceaptha mar Chathaoirleach an Bhoird Phleanála, eagraíocht a thug seirbhís ar na caighdeáin ionracais is airde ó bunaíodh é sa bhliain 1977. Mar sin is mór an onóir agus an fhreagracht domsa a bheith sa phost seo agus i gceannas ar an eagraíocht seo go ceann na gcéad seacht mbliana eile. Braithéann ár ngeallsealbhóirí, an rialtas, saoránaigh agus an earnáil fiontraíochta ar an mBord Pleanála chun cinntí criticiúla tráthúla a dhéanamh bunaithe ar phrionsabail na dea-phleanála agus na forbartha inbhuanaithe, agus féadann cinntí an Bhoird Phleanála tionchar fadtéarmach a imirt ar shaolta daoine agus ar ghnóthais agus ar an gcomhshaol ina mairimid. Chomh maith leis na cinntí a dhéantar ar leibhéil an údarais áitiúil agus an údarais phleanála, múnlaíonn cinntí an Bhoird an cruth fisiceach agus cruth spásach atá ar Éirinn agus cruth bhonneagar na hÉireann, agus bíonn tionchar ag na cinntí sin ar shaol daoine aonair. Mar sin is eol dom go maith an fhreagracht atá orm mar Chathaoirleach na heagraíochta seo.

Táim sásta mo chéad Ráiteas mar Chathaoirleach a chur ar áireamh i dTuarascáil Bhliantúil an Bhoird don bhliain 2011.

### Ualach Oibre agus Feidhmíocht sa bhliain 2011

Tháinig laghdú eile sa bhliain 2011 ar líon na gcásanna nua, go háirithe i gcás achomharc pleanála, ón uimhir ab airde de 6,664 sa bhliain 2007 go 2,110 sa bhliain 2011. Ba é an toradh air sin gur laghdaigh líon iomlán na gcásanna de gach cineál a bhí idir lámha ag deireadh bliana go 750, i gcomparáid le 2,865 sa bhliain 2007.



2,865 in 2007. The clearance of the last remaining element of the backlog of cases from the years of peak intake enabled the compliance level with the statutory time objective of 18 weeks to rise to an overall 81% level for the year. A number of large infrastructure applications were also progressed during the year.

**The following gives an overview of the Board's workload and performance in 2011:**

Intake of new cases 2,110 - down 26% on 2010.  
Cases determined 2,326 - down 28% on 2010.

18 week statutory objective met in 81% of cases, compared to 63% in 2010.

**Other noteworthy features in 2011**

The rate of reversal of local planning authority decisions appealed showed a decrease- 31% in 2011 compared to 36% in 2010.

51% of planning appeals lodged with the Board came from third parties, a slight decrease on recent years.

Invalid appeals constituted 7.9% (8.2% in 2010) of all appeals determined, with invalid fee (3.4%), late appeals (1.9%) and third party appeals with no acknowledgement of participation at planning authority stage (1.3%) being the main reasons. Appeals/ Applications withdrawn as a percentage of the intake increased to 5.8% (3.8% in 2010).

There were 49 applications for leave to appeal by third parties. The Board granted leave to appeal in 10 cases.

Glanadh an chuid dheiridh de riaráiste na gcásanna ó na blianta ina mbíodh riar mór cásanna nua ann, rud a chumasaigh an cuspóir reachtúil 18 seachtaine a bheith comhlíonta i gcás 81% de chásanna sa bhliain iomlán. Rinneadh dul chun cinn i gcaitheamh na bliana maidir le roinnt iarratas i dtaca le mórbhonneagar.

**Gheofar sa mhéid seo a leanas foramharc ar ualach oibre agus ar fheidhmíocht an Bhoird sa bhliain 2011:**

2,110 cás nua - 26% de laghdú ar an mbliain 2010.

2,326 cás cinnte - 28% de laghdú ar an mbliain 2010.

An cuspóir reachtúil 18 seachtaine comhlíonta in 81% de chásanna, i gcomparáid le 63% sa bhliain 2010.

**Gnéithe suntasacha eile sa bhliain 2011**

Chonacthas laghdú ar an ráta aisiompaithe i gcás cinntí údaráis áitiúil - 31% sa bhliain 2011 i gcomparáid le 36% sa bhliain 2010

Ó thríú páirtithe a tháinig 51% de na hachomhairc phleanála a taisceadh leis an mBord, agus laghdú beag ab ea é sin ar na blianta deireanacha.

Achomhairc neamhbhailí ab ea 7.9% (8.2% sa bhliain 2010) de na cinntí ar fad a cinneadh, agus b'iad táille neamhbhailí (3.4%), achomharc déanach (1.9%) agus achomharc tríú páirtithe gan rannpháirtíocht ar chéim an údaráis phleanála a bheith aitheanta (1.3%) na príomhchúiseanna. Mhéadaigh líon na n-achomharc a aistarraingíodh mar chéatadán de chásanna nua go 5.8% (3.8% sa bhliain 2010). Rinneadh 49 iarratas ar chead achomhairc ag tríú páirtithe. Dheonaigh an Bord cead achomhairc i ndeich gcás.

## Strategic Infrastructure

Of the 10 formal decisions on non-local authority strategic infrastructure applications in 2011, 5 were made within the statutory objective period of 18 weeks. The scale and complexity of some of these projects coupled with the need to ensure meaningful public participation and, on occasion, the need to request and analyse further information meant that it was not possible to determine some of these cases within the 18 week period (cases concluded in 2011 included complex Gas and Rail cases e.g. Corrib Gas Field and Dart Underground). By end March 2012, one further decision had been made on a major proposed strategic infrastructure development.

Since the commencement of the Strategic Infrastructure Act in January, 2007 to end March 2012 the Board has entered into 220 pre-application consultations with prospective applicants, 193 of which have concluded –383 pre-application consultation meetings have been held in this period and a total of 52 formal applications have been received. In the same period the Board has also received a total of 114 local authority strategic infrastructure project applications, including major road projects.

Planning appeals can also involve proposed development which would be deemed major infrastructure and these appeals continue to be prioritised by the Board. In 2011 the Board received 96 and disposed of 106 such appeals, 54% of which were disposed of within 18 weeks.

In the present economic climate the Board is conscious of the need to process cases relating to major infrastructural projects and those with job creation potential in the shortest possible timeframe.

## Bonneagar Straitéiseach

De na 10 gcinneadh foirmiúil ar thionscadail bhonneagair straitéisigh, nár thionscadail de chuid údarás áitiúil iad, a rinneadh sa bhliain 2011, rinneadh cúig cinn díobh laistigh den tréimhse cuspóra reachtúla 18 seachtaine. Tionscadail mhóra chasta ab ea cuid de na tionscadail sin agus dá bhrí sin agus toisc a thábhachtaí a bhí sé rannpháirtíocht lánbhríoch phoiblí a chinntiú, agus breis eolais a iarraidh agus a anailísiú uaireanta, níorbh fhéidir cuid de na cásanna sin a chinneadh laistigh den tréimhse 18 seachtaine (ar na cásanna a tugadh chun críche sa bhliain 2011 bhí cásanna casta gáis agus iarnróid. m.sh. Gáscheantar na Coiribe agus Iarnród Faoi Thalamh an DART). Faoi dheireadh mhí an Mhárta 2012, bhí cinneadh amháin eile déanta ar mhórfhorbairt bhonneagar straitéisigh bheartaithe.

Idir teacht i bhfeidhm an Achta um Bonneagar Straitéiseach in Eanáir 2007 agus deireadh mhí an Mhárta 2012 chuaigh an Bord i mbun comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais le 220 iarratasóir ionchasach, ar tugadh 193 díobh chun críche cheana féin - tionóladh 383 cruinniú comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais sa tréimhse seo agus fuarthas 52 iarratas foirmiúil san iomlán. Sa tréimhse chéanna fuair an Bord 114 iarratas ó údaráis áitiúla ar thionscadail i dtaca le bonneagar straitéiseach, lena n-áirítear mórtionscadail bóthair.

Is féidir le forbairt bheartaithe a d'aicmeofaí mar mhórbhonneagar a bheith ar áireamh in achomhairc phleanála chomh maith, agus tugann an Bord tús áite d'achomhairc mar sin i gcónaí, mar a tugadh riamh. Fuair an Bord 96 achomharc den sórt sin sa bhliain 2011 agus cuireadh 106 achomharc dá shórt de láimh; cuireadh 54% díobh de láimh laistigh de 18 seachtaine.

Agus cúrsaí geilleagracha faoi mar atá, tá an Bord meabhrach ar an ngá atá le cásanna a bhaineann le mórtionscadail bhonneagair agus tionscadail a d'fhéadfadh poist a chruthú a phróiseáil a luaithe is féidir.

## Current Trends and Outlook

The early months of 2012 have shown a low level of intake (an average of 165 per month) continuing the trend of the past few years. From 2008 onwards the lower level of intake allowed the backlog of cases which had grown in the Celtic Tiger years to be worked down to its lowest level in a decade. However, the Board has been operating with only four members since the end of 2011, pending new appointments, and there has been a consequent impact on the ability to determine a normal volume of cases. This on-going constraint has resulted in a significant backlog of cases building up at Board level and a consequential reduction in the compliance rate with the statutory time objective to determine cases – same was 36% for cases concluded in the month of March 2012 and stands at 52% for the first quarter of 2012.

While four new Board members are scheduled to commence in mid-May it is envisaged that there will be a transitional period before new members are fully established. On this basis it is anticipated that the output of decisions at Board level is likely to be restored to normal levels more towards the last quarter of 2012. Having regard to the number of on-hands cases already over the statutory objective time period (circa 350) current analysis suggests that the statutory time objective compliance level will decrease further in the short term. In this regard it is anticipated that the annual time objective compliance rate for 2012 will at best reach 50% of all cases determined within the year. The Board's view is that movement back towards the 80-90% compliance level is at this stage only a realistic target for 2013. This is reflected in the Board's Annual Plan for 2012.

## Treochtaí agus Dearcadh Reatha

B'íseal líon na gcásanna nua sna míonna tosaigh den bhliain 2012 (165 sa mhí ar an meán) mar ab amhlaidh sna blianta deireanacha. Ón mbliain 2008 ar aghaidh chiallaigh an laghdú ar chásanna gur éirigh linn an riaráiste cásanna ó bhlianta an Tíogair Cheiltigh a laghdú go dtí an leibhéal is ísle i ndeich mbliana. Ceathrar ball amháin atá ar an mBord ó dheireadh na bliana 2011, áfach, ar feitheamh ar cheapacháin nua, agus bhí tionchar aige sin ar chumas an Bhoird gnáthuimhir cásanna a chinneadh. De bharr an tsriain leanúnaigh sin d'fhás riaráiste suntasach cásanna ar leibhéal an Bhoird agus laghdaíodh dá réir sin an ráta géilliúlachta don chuspóir ama reachtúil chun cásanna a chinneadh – chomhlíon 36% de na cásanna a tugadh chun críche i mí an Mhárta 2012 an ráta sin agus seasann an ráta ag 52% i gcás an chéad ráithe den bhliain 2012.

Tá ceathrar ball nua le dul i mbun dualgas ar an mBord i lár na Bealtaine ach meastar go mbeidh idirthréimhse ann sula mbeidh na baill nua ag feidhmiú ar lánchumas. Dá réir sin meastar go mbeidh gnáthleibhéal cinntí an Bhoird i bhfeidhm arís faoin ráithe dheireanach den bhliain 2012. Ag féachaint do líon na gcásanna idir lámha a bhfuil an tréimhse ama reachtúil sáraithe acu cheana féin (350 nó mar sin) cuireann anailís i bhfios go dtitfidh an ráta géilliúlachta tuilleadh sa ghearrthéarma. Meastar go sroichfear an ráta géilliúlachta don chuspóir ama i gcás 50% de chásanna ar a mhéad sa bhliain 2012. Is é dearcadh an Bhoird nach mbainfear amach ráta géilliúlachta 80-90% arís go dtí an bhliain 2013. Léirítear é sin i bPlean Bliantúil an Bhoird don bhliain 2012.

It should also be noted that the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010 provisions in respect of Appropriate Assessment under the Habitats Directive are already generating new casework in relation to local authority proposed development and Appropriate Assessment is also becoming a significant element for consideration in a greater number of appeal and strategic infrastructure development cases. Furthermore the 2010 Act provisions in relation to the new Substitute Consent process generally and specifically in respect of quarry developments are likely to generate a substantial additional caseload in the later part of 2012 and into 2013. In addition the Board is aware that additional new functions in respect of development control of proposed off-shore development (Foreshore cases) are likely to be assigned to the Board in the medium term.

### **Resources and Structures**

An Bord Pleanála, like all public sector bodies, is required to operate with a reduced budget for 2012. In this regard the Board's grant from central exchequer funds has been reduced by approximately 6% from that pertaining in 2011 to €12.897 million. Coupled with significant reductions in fee income and recovered costs income streams this cut requires the Board to continue to operate strict controls on expenditure and value for money in respect of all essential spending and to continue to focus on cost reduction in all areas. Costs throughout the organisation are scrutinised in detail and kept to the minimum level possible.

An Bord Pleanála, like other public sector bodies, is subject to an Employment Control Framework set by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. In this regard the Board is required to reduce its

Ba cheart a nótáil chomh maith go bhfuil cásobair nua á giniúint ag forálacha an Achta um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2010 i dtaca le Measúnú Cuí faoin Treoir maidir le Gnáthóga i dtaca le forbairtí beartaithe ag údaráis áitiúla. Tá an Measúnú Cuí sin ag teacht chun bheith ina ábhar suntasach breithniúcháin i líon níos mó cásanna achomhairc agus forbairt bonneagair straitéisigh. Rud eile de, dealraíonn sé go nginfidh forálacha Acht na bliana 2010 i dtaca leis an bpróiseas nua Toilithe Ionaid i gcoitinne agus i dtaca le forbairtí cairéil go sonrach riar mór cásanna breise sa dara cuid den bhliain 2012 agus isteach sa bhliain 2013. Lena chois sin, tá an Bord feasach gur dócha go sannfar don Bhord sa mheántéarma feidhmeanna nua i dtaca le rialú forbartha i gcás forbairt bheartaithe amach ón gcósta (cásanna Urthrá).

### **Acmhainní agus Struchtúir**

Ceanglaítear ar an mBord Pleanála, mar a cheanglaítear ar gach comhlacht eile san earnáil phoiblí, a chuid dualgais a chur i gcrích sa bhliain 2012 le buiséad laghdaithe. Laghdaíodh deontas an Bhoird ón Státchiste de 6% nó mar sin ar dheontas na bliana 2011, go €12.897 milliún. I dteannta na laghduithe móra ar theacht isteach ó tháillí agus ó chostais aisghafa fágann an ciorrú seo nach mór don Bhord srianta diana a choimeád ar chaiteachas agus luach ar airgead a fháil i dtaca le gach caiteachas riachtanach agus leanúint de bheith ag díriú ar chostais a laghdú i ngach réimse. Scrúdaítear go géar gach costas a thabhaítear ar fud na heagraíochta agus coimeádtar iad a ísle is féidir.

Tá an Bord Pleanála, dála na gcomhlachtaí eile san earnáil phoiblí, faoi réir an Chreata Rialaithe Fostaíochta a shocraigh an Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe.

current overall employee levels to a total of not more than 146 Board/staff members by end 2012 representing a 20% reduction in staffing on 2008 numbers. This will involve the Board participating in the central public sector staff redeployment programme as set out under the terms of the Public Sector Agreement 2011-2014.

These financial and staff constraints allied to the recent departures of a significant number of very experienced Board and staff members at a time when the Board is beginning to undertake the additional new functions under the 2010 Act pose challenges for An Bord Pleanála over the short to medium term. However, I am confident that the organisation will meet these challenges and will continue to maintain and indeed improve the level of expertise and service necessary to fulfil its overall remit in a manner consistent with the quality and efficiency expected of a national public sector body.

### **Public Confidence**

The Board's three core principles of independence, impartiality and openness are embedded in our Mission Statement and objectives and underpinned by legislation. We are always mindful that public confidence depends on the integrity and quality of our decision-making and the professionalism with which we carry out our functions. There is a statutory code of conduct for all Board members, staff and consultants, which places stringent obligations on members and employees of the Board to declare interests and conduct themselves generally in a way that reinforces public confidence. This code was formally reviewed and amended in 2011 in the light of experience and general government guidance. It is the Board's policy to adopt the most open approach possible in its relations with the public and we operate a completely open file system once cases are determined.

Tá ceangailte ar an mBord faoin gCreat sin a líon iomlán fostaithe a laghdú go líon nach mó ná 146 ball den Bhord/den fhoireann faoi dheireadh na bliana 2012. Laghdú arb ionann agus 20% ar an líon foirne sa bhliain 2008 a bheidh ansin. Chuige sin ní mór don Bhord bheith rannpháirteach i gclár lárnach ath-implonaithe foirne na hearnála poiblí faoi mar atá leagtha amach i gComhaontú na hEarnála Poiblí 2011-2014.

Dúshlán a bheidh ann don Bhord sa ghearrthearma agus sa mheántearma na srianta airgeadais agus foirne sin in éineacht leis an líon mór ball den Bhord agus den fhoireann, baill a raibh an-taithí acu, a d'fhág le deireanas, go háirithe agus an Bord ag glacadh le feidhmeanna nua faoi Acht na bliana 2010. Táim muiníneach, áfach, go mbeidh an eagraíocht in ann do na dúshláin sin agus go n-éireoidh linn an gnáthleibhéal saineolais agus seirbhíse agus fiú leibhéal níos airde saineolais agus seirbhíse a chur ar fáil, faoi mar is gá chun ár sainordú iomlán a chomhlíonadh ar shlí a bheidh i gcomhréir leis an gcaighdeán agus leis an éifeachtúlacht a mbeifí ag súil leo ó chomhlacht earnála poiblí.

### **Muinín an phobail**

Tá trí chroíphrionsabail an Bhoird, mar atá, neamhspleáchas, neamhchlaontacht agus oscailteacht, neadaithe inár Ráiteas Misin agus inár gcuspóirí agus an reachtaíocht mar thaca leo. Is feasach dúinn i gcónaí go mbraitheann muinín an phobail ar iomláine agus ar chaighdeán chinnteoireacht an Bhoird agus ar a ghairmiúla a chuirimid ár bhfeidhmeanna i gcrích. Tá cód reachtúil iompair ann do bhaill an Bhoird, don fhoireann agus do chomhairleoirí an Bhoird ina leagtar oibleagáidí diana ar bhaill agus ar fhostaithe an Bhoird sainleasanna a nochtadh agus iad féin a iompar a shlí a threiseodh muinín an phobail. Rinneadh athbhreithniú foirmiúil ar an gcód seo sa bhliain 2011 agus leasaíodh é i bhfianaise taithí agus threoir ghinearálta an Rialtais.



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

### **Improving the Organisation**

The Board is fully cognisant of the Public Service Reform Programme published last November and the other policies including the eGovernment strategy 2012-2015 and is continuing to organise its operations to align with the approaches set out in these central initiatives. Achievement of a higher overall level of compliance with the statutory objective time period of 18 weeks remains a top priority for the Board. In this regard the Board considers that progress in the on-going development of its Information and Communications Technology systems provides a significant opportunity to improve internal work processes and thus promote efficiencies which will greatly help the achievement of the objective whilst also improving public access to our services and information held by the Board in respect of current and decided cases. An ICT Feasibility Study and Needs Analysis is currently being conducted in the organisation by an external consultant and this will provide the Board with the basis for progressing significant further developments in this area. Significant investment in the Board's ICT capabilities is likely to be required to meet the eGovernment objectives and our stakeholder needs.

Is é beartas an Bhoird a chaidreamh leis an bpobal a bheith chomh hoscailte agus is féidir agus bíonn ár gcóras comhad ar oscailt go hiomlán don phobal ón uair a chinntear cás.

Toisc go mbaineann cuid dár gcinntí le mórfhorbairtí, ní nach ionadh go mbeadh conspóid i measc an phobail mar gheall ar chuid acu. Measann an Bord, áfach, gur cheart don Bhord cloí lena chleachtas seanbhunaithe gan cásanna aonair a phlé i ngeall ar nádúr garbhreithiúnach ár bhfeidhmeanna agus chun nach ndéanfaí dochar do chásanna sa todhchaí.

### **Feabhsú na hEagraíochta**

Tá an Bord go hiomlán ar an eolas mar gheall ar Chomhaontú Pá agus Athchóiriú na Seirbhíse Poiblí a foilsíodh mí na Samhna seo caite agus mar gheall ar na beartais eile lena n-áirítear straitéis ríomh-Rialtais 2012-2015 agus tá a oibríochtaí á eagrú aige, mar ab amhlaidh riamh, chun iad a bheith i gcomhréir leis na cineálacha cur chuige atá leagtha amach sna tionscnaimh lárnacha sin. Tosaíocht ardleibhéil is ea é don Bhord leibhéal níos airde géilliúlachta a bhaint amach i gcás na tréimhse ama reachtúil 18 seachtaine. Chuige sin measann an Bord gur deis shuntasach a bheidh san fhorbairt leanúnach ar a chórais Theicneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide chun próisis inmheánacha oibre a fheabhsú agus éifeachtúlachtaí a chur ar aghaidh a chabhróidh linn go mór an cuspóir sin a bhaint amach agus a fheabhsóidh, leis, teacht an phobail ar sheirbhísí an Bhoird agus ar an eolas atá i seilbh an Bhoird i dtaobh cásanna reatha agus cásanna cinnte. Tá Staidéar Indéantachta agus Anailís ar Riachtanais TFC ar siúl san eagraíocht i láthair na huaire ag comhairleoir seachtrach agus soláthróidh sé sin bonn don Bhord chun forbairtí suntasacha sa réimse sin a chur i gcrích. Dealraíonn sé go mbeidh gá le hinfheistíocht shuntasach i gcumais TFC an Bhoird chun riachtanais ríomh-Rialtais agus riachtanais ár ngeallsealbhóirí araon a chomhlíonadh.

## **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 Languages Act 2003 was adopted by the Board in 2011 and the organisation is focussed on meeting the commitments contained in that scheme.

## **Complaints/Post Decision Correspondence**

As part of our increased focus on customer service, the Board operates a system of considering complaints/post decision correspondence received in relation to cases determined. 225 such items were received in 2011 and 222 responses issued in the year. There is a system of feedback at all levels within the organisation so that we can learn from issues raised and improve procedures where necessary.

## **Accounts**

Appendix 9 contains the Board's audited accounts for 2011.

Expenditure decreased from €21,439,852 in 2010 to €20,845,793 in 2011 (a decrease of 3%). 2011 expenditure represented a decrease of 21% over the peak expenditure level of €26,291,533 in 2008. In 2011, fee income together with costs recouped from local authorities on infrastructure projects was €3,441,232 which represented 16.5% of the total costs of the Board's operations (15.38% in 2010).

In 2011, income amounted to €21,239,979 leaving a surplus for the year of €394,186. There was an incoming deficit of €102,406 which left a cumulative surplus of €291,780.

## **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 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.

## **Gearáin/Comhfhreagras Iarchinnidh**

Cuid dár bhfócas méadaithe ar sheirbhís don chustaiméir is ea an córas atá ag an mBord chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar ghearáin/ar chomhfhreagras iarchinnidh a fhaightear i dtaca le cásanna cinnte. Fuarthas 225 mír den sórt sin sa bhliain 2011 agus tugadh freagra ar 222 díobh. Tá córas aiseolais i bhfeidhm ar gach leibhéal den eagraíocht ionas go bhfoghlaimeoidimid ó na saincheisteanna a tharraingítear anuas agus go gcuirfear feabhas ar nósanna imeachta más gá.

## **Cuntais**

Gheofar in Aguisín 9 cuntais iniúchta an Bhoird don bhliain 2011.

Laghdaigh an caiteachas de 3% ó €21,439,852 sa bhliain 2010 go €20,845,793 sa bhliain 2011. Bhí titim 21% i gceist sa bhliain 2011 ar chaiteachas an Bhoird i gcomparáid leis an mbuaic-caiteachas €26,291,533 a tharla i 2008. Ba é €3,441,232 an teacht isteach ó tháillí agus ó chostais a d'aisíoc údarais áitiúla ar thionscadail bhonneagair, rud ab ionann agus 16.5% de chostais iomlána oibríochtaí an Bhoird (15.38% sa bhliain 2010).

Fuarthas €21,239,979 de theacht isteach sa bhliain 2011, rud a d'fhág barrachas €394,186 don bhliain. Ba é €102,406 an t-easnamh tosaigh, rud a d'fhág €291,780 de bharrachas carnach.

## Thanks

I would like to pay tribute to the former Chairperson of the Board Mr. John O'Connor whose term of office ended in June, 2011 after eleven years service as Chairperson. Under his stewardship the Board undertook new functions in areas relating to assessment of local authority proposed development and compulsory acquisition and he also oversaw the implementation of the new Strategic Infrastructure Development process. In this regard he has made an enormous contribution to the management and work of the Board in general and I hope to build on his legacy. A number of other Board members also departed the organisation in 2011 thus marking it as a year of significant change at Board level. In this regard I would also like to acknowledge the significant contributions made to the organisation over a number of years by the former Deputy Chairperson Karl Kent and by former Board members Angela Tunney, Brian Swift and Jane Doyle.

Similar to other public sector bodies, 2011 and the early months of 2012 also saw the departure of a number of senior staff members and I wish to acknowledge the contributions of Mary Cunneen, David Dunne, Ruairi Somers and Danny O'Connor from our complement of Inspectorate personnel. Padraic Thornton who had served the Board in various capacities within the Board's Inspectorate also departed in early 2012 as outgoing Chief Officer and his overall dedication to the work of the organisation over a long number of years is acknowledged and appreciated.

## Focail Bhuíochais

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le hiar-Chathaoirleach an Bhoird, an tUasal John O'Connor, ar éag a théarma oifige i Meitheamh 2011 tar éis aon bhliain déag seirbhíse mar Chathaoirleach. Ghlac an Bord feidhmeanna nua air féin faoina cheannas siúd i réimsí a bhain le measúnú ar fhorbairt bheartaithe rialtais áitiúil agus ceannach éigeantach agus mhaoirsigh sé cur chun feidhme an phróisis nua i dtaca le Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh. Ba mhór a rannchuidiú le bainistíocht agus le hobair an Bhoird i gcoitinne agus tá súil agam go mbeidh ar mo chumas tógáil ar an oidhreacht sin. D'fhág roinnt ball eile den Bhord an eagraíocht sa bhliain 2011, rud a d'fhág go mba bhliain shuntasach í ó thaobh athruithe ar leibhéal an Bhoird. Ba mhaith liom, leis, aitheantas a thabhairt don rannchuidiú nach beag a thug an t-iar-Leaschathaoirleach Karl Kent agus iar-bhaill an Bhoird Angela Tunney, Brian Swift agus Jane Doyle leis na blianta.

Faoi mar a tharla i gcomhlachtaí eile san earnáil phoiblí d'fhág roinnt ball sinsearach foirne sa bhliain 2011 agus go luath sa bhliain 2012. Is mian liom rannchuidiú, Mary Cunneen, David Dunne, Ruairí Somers agus Danny O'Connor a aithint. Baill den Chigireacht ab ea iad ar fad. Duine eile a d'fhág go luath sa bhliain 2012 ab ea Padraic Thornton a ghníomhaigh i gcáileanna éagsúla i gCigireacht an Bhoird agus is mór againn an díograis a léirigh sé le blianta fada d'obair na heagraíochta.



I wish to express the gratitude of the Board members and staff to all of the above for the great service they have given to the Irish planning system and to wish them well for the future.

I would also like to thank the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government Mr. Phil Hogan TD and the past and current Ministers for State with responsibility for Planning Mr. Willie Penrose TD and 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 cooperation and to the Board's legal advisers.

Fionna O'Regan was appointed to the Board in February 2011 and Mary MacMahon and Conall Boland were both reappointed to the Board in late 2011, with Conall Boland subsequently being appointed as Deputy Chairperson. As noted earlier, four new Board Members were appointed in 2012 and will join the Board in May 2012, bringing the number of Ordinary Board Members to seven along with the Chairperson. I look forward to welcoming Nicholas Mulcahy, Gabriel Dennison, Michael Leahy and Paddy Keogh to the Board and to the contributions they will make to decision making at Board level over the next five years.

Is mian liom buíochas bhaill an Bhoird agus na foirne a chur in iúl do gach duine thuas as an tseirbhís den scoth a thug siad do chóras pleanála na hÉireann agus gach beannacht a ghuí orthu sa todhchaí.

Ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas a ghabháil, chomh maith, leis an Aire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, Phil Hogan T.D., agus leis an iar-Aire Stáit, Willie Penrose, T.D. agus an Aire Stáit reatha atá freagrach as cúrsaí pleanála, Jan O'Sullivan T.D., agus le hoifigigh na Roinne as an tacaíocht a thug siad don Bhord. Ní mór buíochas a ghabháil, chomh maith, leis na comhairleoirí éagsúla a sholáthraíonn seirbhís den scoth don Bhord, leis an lucht bainistíochta agus le hoifigigh na n-údarás pleanála as a gcomhoibriú agus le comhairleoirí dlí an Bhoird.

Ceapadh Fionna O'Regan ar an mBord i mFeabhra 2011 agus athcheapadh Mary MacMahon agus Conall Boland ar an mBord go déanach sa bhliain 2011. Ceapadh Conall Boland ina Leas-Chathaoirleach dá éis sin. Mar a dúradh thuas, ceapadh ceathrar ball nua ar an mBord sa bhliain 2012 agus tiocfaidh siad isteach sa Bhord i mBealtaine 2012, ionas go mbeidh seacht nGnáthbhall Boird ann mar aon leis an gCathaoirleach. Táim ag tnúth le fáilte a fhearadh roimh Nicholas Mulcahy, Gabriel Dennison, Michael Leahy agus Paddy Keogh go dtí an Bord agus leis an rannchuidiú a thabharfaidh siad do chinnteoireacht an Bhoird sna cúig bliana romhainn.

I would like to conclude by saying that I take on the position of Chairperson of An Bord Pleanála at a time of change and of challenge – a new Board, the loss of senior staff, an economy trying to recover from serious economic difficulties and a public sector seeking to achieve radical reform. I look forward to working with that new Board, with the staff of An Bord Pleanála and with our many stakeholders, including the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government, in meeting those challenges, achieving the objectives set out for us and contributing to a sustainable economic recovery in an independent, fair, open and efficient manner.

Mary Kelly

Dr. Mary Kelly  
Chairperson

Mar fhocal scoir ba mhaith liom a rá go bhfuilim ag glacadh le post Chathaoirleach an Bhoird Phleanála tráth athruithe agus dúshlán – Bord nua, foireann shinsearach a bheith imithe ar scor, geilleagar atá ag iarraidh téarnamh ó mhórdheacrachtaí geilleagracha agus earnáil phoiblí atá ag iarraidh athchóiriú radacach a bhaint amach. Táim ag tnúth le dul i mbun oibre leis an mBord, le foireann an Bhoird Phleanála agus lenár mórchuid geallsealbhóirí, lena n-áirítear an tAire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, chun freastal do na dúshláin sin, na cuspóirí atá socraithe dúinn a bhaint amach agus ran-nchuidiú chun téarnamh eacnamaíochta inbhuanaithe a bhaint amach ar shlí a bheith ne-amhspleách, cothrom, oscailte agus éifeachtúil.

Mary Kelly

An Dr. Máire Ní Cheallaigh  
Cathaoirleach

## ALL CASES

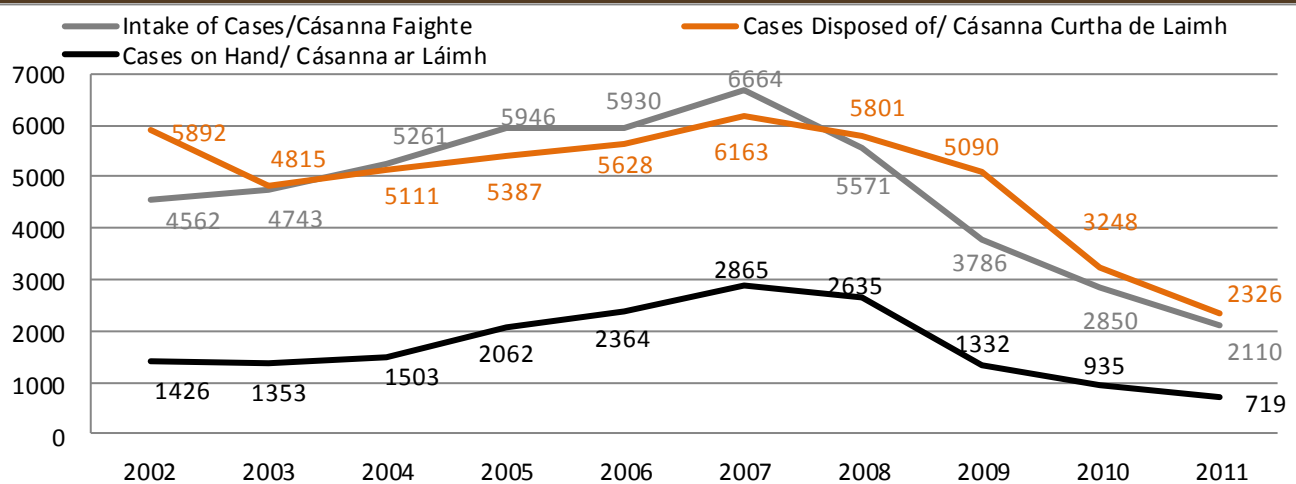
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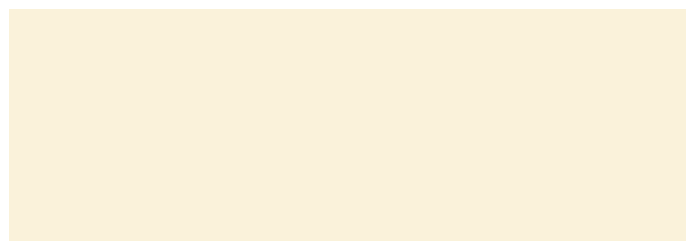
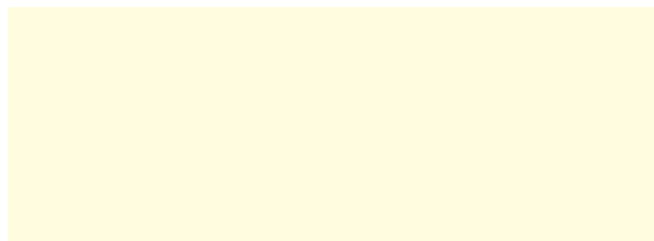
Figures 1 to 5 contain key performance indicators in relation to all casework received and disposed of by the Board in 2011. A breakdown of casework by reference to normal planning appeals, local authority projects and other cases is provided in Figures 6 to 13.

I bhFíoracha 1 go 5 gheofar na príomhtháscairí feidhmíochta maidir le gach cásobair dá bhfuarthas agus dár chuir an Bord de láimh i 2011. Cuirtear miondealú den chásobair ar fail i bhFíoracha 6 go 13, le tagairt do ghnáthachomhairc phleanála, do thionscadail údaráis áitiúil agus do chásanna eile.

**FIGURE 1 Trend in intake, disposal and cases on hands 2002 to 2011**

**FIGIÚR 1 Claonadh i gcásanna a fuarthas, a cuireadh de láimh agus a bhí idir lámha 2002 go dtí 2011**





| FIGURE 2<br>Summary of all Cases              |                                                         | FIGIÚR 2<br>Achoimre Gach Cás |                  |                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                               |                                                         | 2011                          | 2010             | Méadú/(laghdú)<br>%Increase/<br>(decrease) |
| On hands at start                             | Idir lámha ag an tús                                    | 935 <sup>1</sup>              | 1,332            | (30%)                                      |
| Received                                      | Faighte                                                 | 2,110                         | 2,850            | (26%)                                      |
| Disposed of                                   | Curtha de láimh                                         | 2,326                         | 3,248            | (28%)                                      |
| On hands at end                               | Idir lámha ag an deireadh                               | 719                           | 935              | (23%)                                      |
| Disposed of within statutory objective period | Curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil | 81% <sup>2</sup>              | 63% <sup>1</sup> | -                                          |
| Average time taken (weeks)                    | Meán ama a tógadh                                       | 18 <sup>2</sup>               | 19               | (5%)                                       |

1 - 2010 figure adjusted

2 - This figure excludes pre-application consultation cases

### 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.

1- Figiúr na bliana 2010 agus é coigeartaithe

2- Ní áirítear ar an bhfigiúr sin cásanna comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais

### Spriothréimhsí reachtúla le cásanna a chinneadh

Faoi fhorálacha sna hAchtanna agus sna Rialacháin um Pleanáil, um Rialú Foirgnóchta 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.

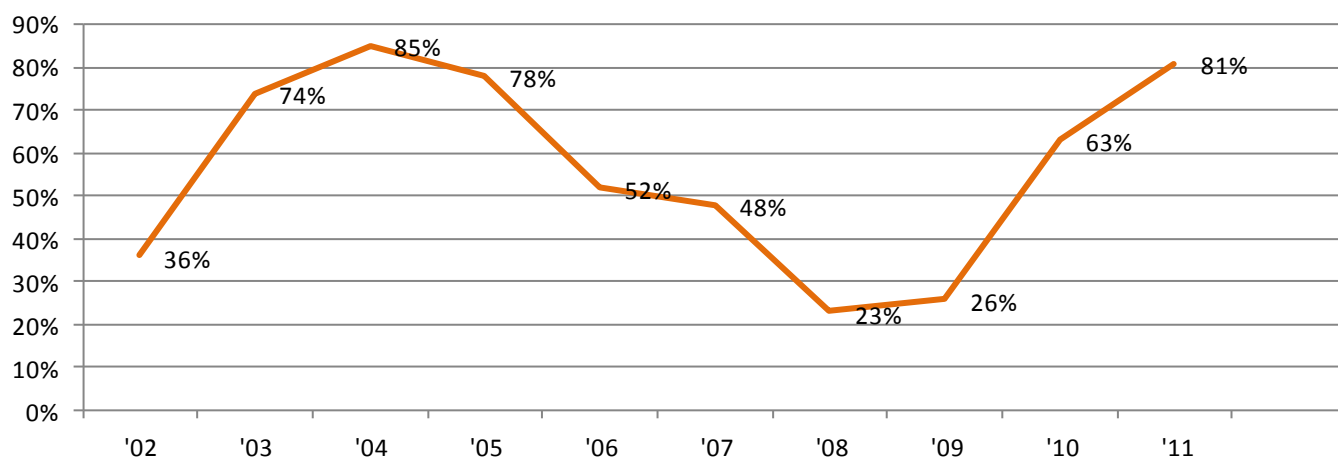
I bhformhór na gcásanna, 18 seachtaine atá i gceist; ceithre mhí atá i gceist i gcásanna áirithe agus i gcásanna eile fós níl aon spriothréimhse reachtúil i bhfeidhm. Cuspóir straitéiseach de chuid an Bhoird is ea é 90% de na cásanna ar fad a thagann os a chomhair a chinneadh laistigh de ocht seachtaine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

**FIGURE 3**

Percentage of cases determined within statutory objective period 2002 to 2011

**FIGIÚR 3**

Céatadán de chásanna a chinntíodh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil 2002 go dtí 2011



During 2011, 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 2002 to 2011.

Le linn 2011, 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 2002 go dtí 2011.

**FIGURE 4**

Average time taken to dispose of cases (weeks)

**FIGIÚR 4**

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

| Year   | Normal planning appeals    | Strategic Infrastructure Development Cases | Other cases  | All             |
|--------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Bliain | Gnáth Achomhairc Phleanála | Forbairtí Bonneagair Straitéisigh          | Cásanna Eile | Iomlán          |
| 2002   | 23                         | -                                          | 20           | 23              |
| 2003   | 14                         | -                                          | 13           | 16              |
| 2004   | 14                         | -                                          | 9            | 14              |
| 2005   | 15                         | -                                          | 10           | 15              |
| 2006   | 18                         | -                                          | 14           | 18              |
| 2007   | 20                         | 16                                         | 13           | 19              |
| 2008   | 24                         | 30                                         | 27           | 24              |
| 2009   | 23                         | 35                                         | 25           | 23              |
| 2010   | 19                         | 46                                         | 23           | 20              |
| 2011   | 17                         | 51 <sup>1</sup>                            | 18           | 18 <sup>1</sup> |

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

### 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 2011 the number of oral hearing requests in relation to normal planning appeals was 30 and the number of hearings held was 9.

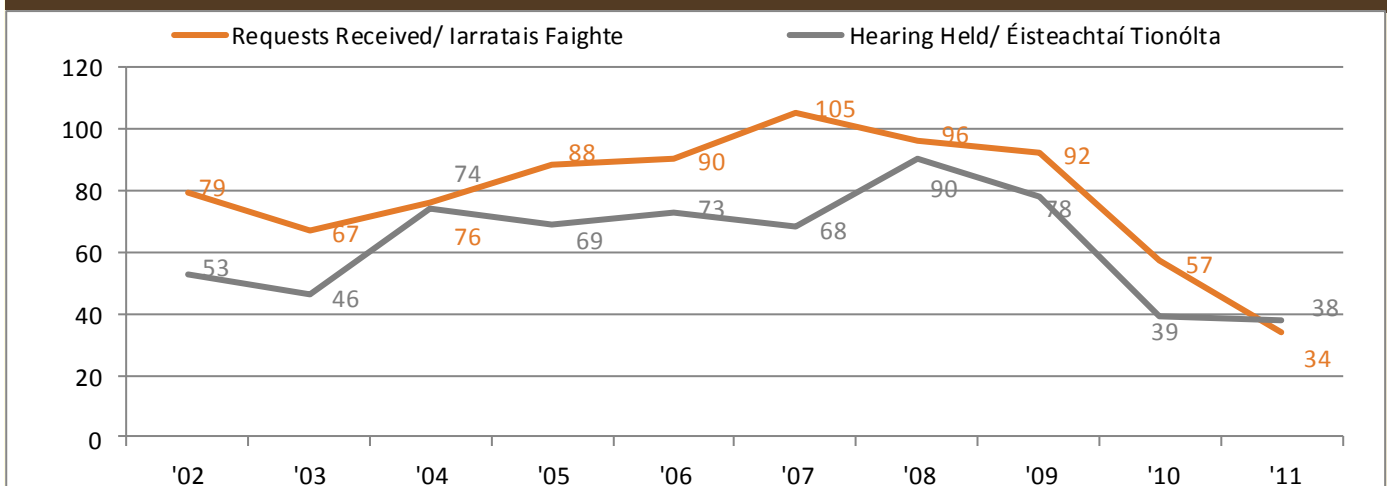
### Éisteachtaí ó bhéal

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.

Sa bhliain 2011 ba é 30 an líon iarratas ar éisteacht ó bhéal i dtaca le gnáthachomhairc phleanála agus 9 líon na n-éisteachtaí a reachtáladh.

**FIGURE 5**  
**Oral Hearings of all cases**

**FIGIÚR 5**  
**Éisteachtaí béil maidir le gach cás**



### Inspectors' Reports and Recommendations

In 2011, the number of formal decisions made with Inspectors' reports were 1,937. The number of Inspectors' recommendations not generally accepted by the Board was 289 (14.9%) compared to 392 (14.5%) in 2010.

### Tuarascálacha agus Moltaí na gCigirí

Sa bhliain 2011 ba é 1,937 an líon cinntí foirmiúla a rinneadh le tuarascálacha Cigirí. Ba é 289 (14.9%) líon moltaí na gCigirí nár ghlac an Bord leo i gcoitinne i gcomparáid le 392 (14.5%) sa bhliain 2010.

## NORMAL PLANNING APPEALS

### 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 84% of the intake of cases in 2011. Normal planning appeals arise from decisions by planning authorities on applications for permission for the development of land.

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

## GNATH ACHOMHAIRC PHLEANÁLA

### Tús Eolais

Ba ghnáthachomhairc phleanála .i. achomhairc faoi alt 37 den Acht Pleanála 2000 (agus faoi alt 26 d'Acht Pleanála 1963 i gcás seanchásanna phleanála) 84% de na cásanna a glacadh sa bhliain 2011. Tagann gnáthachomhairc phleanála de chinntí ag údaráis phleanála ar iarratais ar chead chun talamh a fhorbairt.

Is féidir le gnáthachomhairc phleanála a bheith ina n-achomhairc céad pháirtí, 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 chatagóirí an achomhairc agus do chinneadh an údaráis phleanála.

**FIGURE 6**

#### Summary of appeals

|                                               |                                                        | 2011  | 2010  | (laghdú) %<br>Increase/(decrease) |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| On hands at start                             | Idir lámha ag an tús                                   | 742   | 1,147 | (35%)                             |
| Received                                      | Faighte                                                | 1,779 | 2,505 | (29%)                             |
| Disposed of                                   | Curtha de láimh                                        | 1,938 | 2,910 | (33%)                             |
| On hands at end                               | Idir lámha ag deireadh                                 | 583   | 742   | (21%)                             |
| Disposed of within statutory objective period | Curtha de láimh laistigh de sprioc thréimhse reachtúil | 83%   | 63%   | -                                 |
| Average time taken (weeks)                    | Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí)                         | 17    | 19    | (10%)                             |

**FIGIÚR 6**

#### Achoimre na nAchomhairc



**FIGURE 7**

**Analysis of appeals disposed of and analysis of invalid cases**

**FIGIÚR 7**

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

| <b>Appeals Disposed of</b>                                    | <b>Achomhairc curtha de láimh</b>                                           | <b>2011</b>  | <b>2010</b>  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Formally                                                      | Go foirmeálta                                                               | 1,673        | 2,517        |
| Otherwise                                                     | Ar bhealaí eile                                                             | 265          | 393          |
| - Invalid All                                                 | - Neamhbhailí iomlán                                                        | 153          | 238          |
| · late                                                        | · Déanach                                                                   | 37           | 59           |
| · no acknowledgement                                          | · gan admháil                                                               | 25           | 55           |
| · incorrect fee, no fee                                       | · táille mícheart, gan táille                                               | 65           | 100          |
| · name/address of appellant/agent                             | · ainm/seoladh achomharcóir/gníomhaire                                      | 9            | 10           |
| · grounds/subject                                             | · bonn/ábhar                                                                | 7            | 6            |
| · hours                                                       | · uaireanta                                                                 | 2            | 1            |
| · other                                                       | · eile                                                                      | 8            | 7            |
| - Appeal withdrawn by appellant (section 140(1) of 2000 Act)  | - Achomharc aistarraingthe ag an achomharcóir (alt 140(1) den Acht 2000)    | 77           | 95           |
| - Application withdrawn by applicant                          | - Iarratas aistarraingthe ag an iarratasóir                                 | 23           | 54           |
| - Appeal dismissed (section 133 of the                        | - Achomharc dífe (alt 133 den Acht                                          | 0            | 0            |
| - Appeal dismissed (section 138(1)(a)                         | - Achomharc dífe (alt 138(1)(a)(i)) den                                     | 6            | 2            |
| - Appeal dismissed (section 138(1)(b)                         | - Achomharc dífe (alt 138(1)(b) den Acht                                    | 2            | 2            |
| - Appeal declared withdrawn (section                          | - Fógraíodh gur aistarraingíodh an                                          | 3            | 0            |
| - Application declared withdrawn (section 140(2) of 2000 Act) | - Fógraíodh gur aistarraingíodh an an t-iarratas (alt 140(2) den Acht 2000) | 0            | 2            |
| - Otherwise disposed of                                       | - Curtha de láimh i slí eile                                                | 1            | 0            |
| <b>Total</b>                                                  | <b>iomlán</b>                                                               | <b>1,938</b> | <b>2,910</b> |

### Invalid Appeals

The rate of invalid appeals in 2011 decreased from 8.2% in 2010 to 7.9% 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

Laghdaigh ráta na n-achomharc neamhbhailí sa bhliain 2011 ó 8.2% sa bhliain 2010 go 7.9% 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

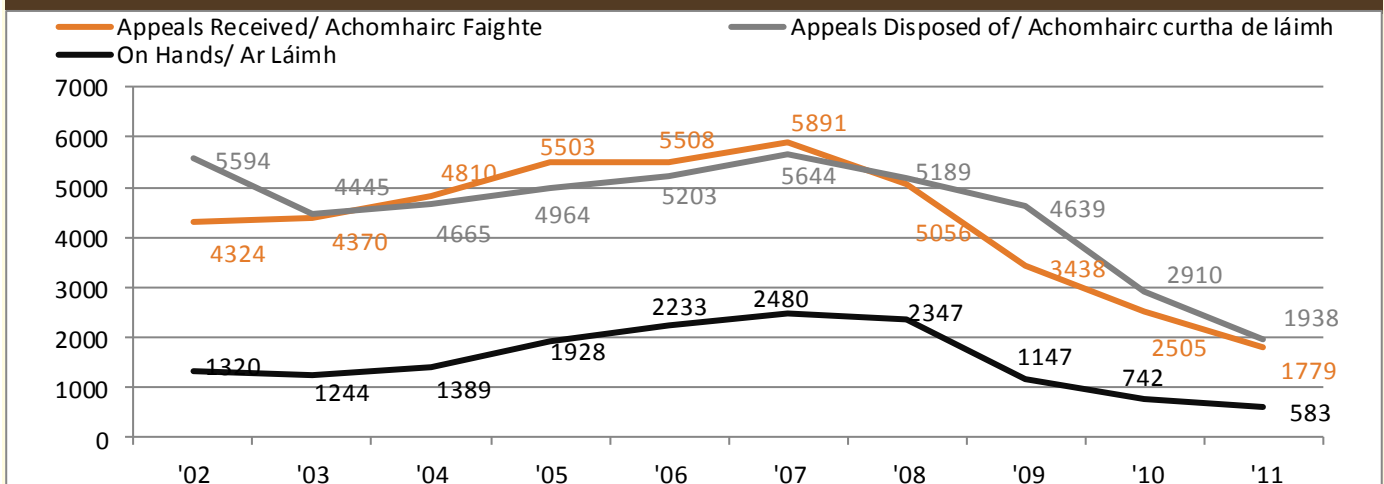
An analysis of planning application decisions, appeals and appeal decisions for each county and city area is shown in Appendix 3. Overall, the number of appeals received as a percentage of planning authority applications was 7.7% compared 8.7% in 2010. Dublin City Council (14.9%), Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council (14.6%) and Cork City Council (12.4%) had the highest levels of decisions appealed. Areas with the highest rate of appealed decisions overturned by the Board were Leitrim County Council (75%), Wexford County Council (48.9%) and Laois County Council (43.5%) while those with the lowest rate of appealed decisions overturned were Sligo County Council (10.5%), Limerick City Council (11.1%), Louth County Council (18.8%) and Offaly County Council (18.8%).

### Achomhairc de réir Ceantair

Is féidir anailís a fháil mar gheall ar cinntí iarratais phleanála achomhairc agus cinntí achomharc, faoin gach údarás contae agus cathrach mar atá léirithe in Aguisín 3. Nuair a fheictear ar an líon cásanna san iomlán mar chéatadán de na cinntí a rinne údarais áitiúla, 7.7% an figiúr atá i gceist i gcomparáid le 8.7% a bhí déanta i 2010. Bhí na leibhéil is airde achomharc ar chinntí ag Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath (14.9%), Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire - Ráth an Dúin (14.6%) agus Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí (12.4%). Is iad seo a leanas na ceantair inar chuir an Bord an líon is mó cinntí achomhartha ar ceal: Comhairle Contae Liatroma (75%), Comhairle Contae Loch Garman (48.9%) agus Comhairle Contae Laoise (43.5%) agus ba iad na ceantair leis an líon is lú cinntí achomhartha a chuir an Bord ar ceal ná Comhairle Contae Shligigh (10.5%), Comhairle Contae Luimnigh (11.1%), Comhairle Contae Lú (18.8%) agus Comhairle Contae Uíbh Fhailí (18.8%).

**FIGURE 8**  
Appeals received, disposed of and on hands 2002 to 2011

**FIGIÚR 8**  
Achomharc a fuarthas, a cuireadh de láimh 2002 go dtí 2011



## Major Infrastructure Appeals

The number of major infrastructure appeals received during 2011 was 96. The number disposed of was 106, of which 54% were disposed of within the statutory objective period. The average time taken to dispose of major infrastructure appeals was 29 weeks. The following are the broad criteria that are currently applied in deciding whether a planning appeal should receive major infrastructural status (MIA):

- National, regional and/or local projects of significant economic potential;
- Development of significant employment potential;
- Large scale industrial/commercial/retail/residential/tourism projects including mixed use projects;
- Large scale urban redevelopment/regeneration projects;
- Tall buildings (normally in excess of 15 storeys);
- 200+ unit housing developments;
- Large scale retirement homes/villages;
- Large energy generation and transmission projects. Normally transmission lines in excess of 15km only.
- Significant windfarm projects (normally in excess of 15 turbines);
- Large scale landfill, waste projects (normally in excess of 20ha. working area) waste water treatment, incinerators;
- Large scale mining/major quarrying projects (normally excess of 20ha. working area);
- Strategic Development Zones;
- Major medical/health facilities including hospitals and major medical centres and extensions to such facilities;

## Achomhairc um Mórbonneagar

Ba é 96 an líon achomharc maidir le mórbonneagar a fuarthas sa bhliain 2011. Ba é 106 an líon a cuireadh de láimh, ar cuireadh 54% díobh de láimh laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil. Ba é 29 seachtain an meántréimhse a thóg sé achomhairc maidir le mórbonneagar a chur de láimh. Seo a leanas na critéir leathana a chuirtear i bhfeidhm i láthair na huaire agus cinneadh á dhéanamh cibé acu ar cheart stádas mórbonneagair a thabhairt d'achomharc pleanála:

- Tionscadail náisiúnta, réigiúnacha agus/nó áitiúla a bhfuil ealladh mór eacnamaíoch fúthu;
- Forbairt a bhfuil gealladh mór fostaíochta fúithi;
- Tionscadail thionsclaíocha /thráchtála/mhiondíola/chónaithe/turasóireachta ar an mórchoir lena n-áirítear tionscadail lchineálacha;
- Athfhorbairt/athchóiriú uirbeach ar an mórchoir
- Foirgnimh arda (os cionn 15 urlár de ghnáth);
- Forbairtí tithíochta de 200+ teach; Tithe/sráidbhailte scoir ar an mórchoir;
- Tionscadail ghiniúna agus tarchuir fuinnimh ar an mórchoir.
- Línte tarchuir os cionn 15km amháin, de ghnáth.
- Tionscadail mhóra feirm ghaoithe (os cionn 15 tuirbín de ghnáth);
- Tionscadail líonta talún, tionscadail dramhaíola (os cionn 20 heic teár de limistéar oibre de ghnáth), tionscadail chóireála dram huisce, loisceoirí ar an mórchoir;
- Tionscadail mhóra mianadóireachta/cairéalaithe (os cionn 20 heicteár de limistéar oibre de ghnáth);
- Criosanna Forbartha Straitéisí;
- Mórshaoráidí míochaine/sláinte lena n-áirítear ospidéal agus mó rionaid mhíochaine agus leathnú ar na saoráidí sin;

- New school buildings/educational facilities and extensions to existing facilities (permanent or temporary);
- New significant transportation infrastructure including railway stations, river quays, airport infrastructure, roads infrastructure and service areas;
- Large scale sports stadia and /or sports/leisure facilities;
- Other cases whether through scale, nature, significant public interest or importance justify priority MIA status.

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

#### **Submission of documents to the Board by Planning Authorities**

In 2011, planning authorities submitted the planning file and other documents in relation to appeals to the Board within the statutory period of two weeks in 83% of appeals (83% in 2010).

#### **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 relating to one-off rural houses is contained in Appendix 2.

- Foirgnimh nua scoile/saoráidí oideachais agus l eathnú ar shaoráidí atá ann cheana (idir bhuan agus shealadach);
- Bonneagar suntasach nua iompair, lena n-áirítear stáisiúin iarnróid, céanna abhann, bonneagar aer foirt, bonneagar bóithre agus limistéir sheirbhíse;
- Staideanna spóirt agus/nó saoráidí spóirt/áineasa ar an mórchóir;
- Cásanna eile cibé acu ar bhonn scála, nádúir, leas suntan sách poiblí nó tábhachta a thuille ann stádas tosaíochta MIA dá bharr.

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

#### **Doiciméid á gcur ar aghaidh chuig an mBord ag Údaráis Phleanála**

Sa bhliain 2011 chuir údaráis phleanála an comhad pleanála agus na doiciméid eile a bhain le hachomhairc chuig an mBord laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil coicíse in 83% d'achomhairc (83% sa bhliain 2010).

#### **Tithíocht Tuaithe**

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

## STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE CASES

Since January 2007 and the commencement of the relevant provisions of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006, the Board became the planning consent authority for strategic infrastructure projects in the energy, transport and environmental areas (whether promoted by the public or private sector), including rail transport, gas pipelines and electricity generation and transmission. It also became responsible for determining applications for compulsory acquisition relating to gas, airport and railway projects. Health Infrastructure was added as a category by the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010.

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

In 2011, the Board determined 5 applications for permission for strategic infrastructure development specified in the Seventh Schedule to the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. The Board also decided 1 electricity application, 2 railway applications and 2 gas applications. An oral hearing was held in relation to 5 cases. The average time to determine the above cases was 48 weeks from the date of lodgement of the application.

## CASANNA BONNEAGAIR STRAITÉISIGH

Ó Eanáir 2007 agus ó tháinig na forálacha lena mbaineann den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006 i bhfeidhm, tháinig an Bord le bheith ar an údarás toilithe pleanála i leith tionscadal bonneagair straitéisigh i réimsí an fhuinnimh, an iompair agus an chomhshaoil (cibé an í an earnáil phoiblí nó an earnáil phríobháideach atá dá gcur ar aghaidh), lena n-áirítear iompar iarnróid, píblínte gais agus giniúint agus tarchur leictreachais. Tháinig sé le bheith freagrach, leis, as iarratas a chinneadh maidir le talamh a cheannach go héigeantach chun críocha tionscadal gáis, aerfoirt agus iarnróid. Cuireadh catagóir an Bhonneagair Shláinte leis faoin Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2010.

In Acht 2006, leis, tháinig iarratais áirithe ar fhorbairt ag údaráis áitiúla agus cásanna gaolmhara a bhain le ceannach éigeantach chun bheith aicmithe mar bhonneagar straitéiseach. Tá an Bord ag déileáil le cásanna mar iad, áfach, ón mbliain 2001 i leith.

Sa bhliain 2011, chinn an Bord 5 iarratas ar fhorbairt bonneagair straitéisigh a bhí sonraithe sa Seachtú Sceideal den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú. Ina theannta sin, chinn an Bord 1 iarratas leictreachais, 2 iarratas iarnróid agus 2 iarratas gáis. Tionóladh éisteacht ó bhéal i dtaca le 5 chás. Ba é 48 seachtain ó dháta taisce an iarratais an tréimhse mheánach a thóg sé na cásanna thuas a chinneadh.

**FIGURE 9****Strategic Infrastructure Cases (excluding Local Authority Cases)**

|                               | Received 2011 | Concluded 2011 | On-hands end 2011 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Consultation Requests         | 33            | 42             | 30                |
| Applications                  | 11            | 13             | 8                 |
| Scoping Requests              | 0             | 2              | 2                 |
| Alteration/Amendment Requests | 0             | 1              | 0                 |
| Total                         | 44            | 58             | 40                |

In respect of the 13 applications concluded in 2011, 10 were formally determined by the Board and 3 were withdrawn. Of the 10 decisions, 5(50%) were made within the statutory objective time period. 9 cases were the subject of approval decisions (subject to conditions) while 1 was refused approval.

**FIGURE 10****Local Authority Strategic Infrastructure Cases**

|                                                 | Received 2011 | Concluded 2011 | On-hands end 2011 |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Applications                                    | 14            | 23             | 19                |
| Scoping Requests                                | 2             | 4              | 0                 |
| Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Cases | 11            | 11             | 3                 |
| Alteration/Amended Requests                     | 0             | 0              | 1                 |
| EIS Exemption                                   | 0             | 1              | 0                 |
| Total                                           | 27            | 39             | 23                |

In respect of the local authority cases concluded in 2011, 28% were determined within the statutory objective period.

**FIGIÚR 9****Cásanna Bonneagair Straitéisigh (Seachas Cásanna Údaráis Áitiúil)**

|                             | Faighte 2011 | Críochnaithe 2011 | Ar IAimh, deireadh 2011 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Iarrataí ar Chomhairliúchán | 33           | 42                | 30                      |
| Iarratais                   | 11           | 13                | 8                       |
| Iarrataí Scoipe             | 0            | 2                 | 2                       |
| Iarrataí ar Athrú/Leasú     | 0            | 1                 | 0                       |
| Iomlán                      | 44           | 58                | 40                      |

I dtaca leis na 13 iarratas a tugadh chun críche sa bhliain 2011, chinn an Bord 10 gcinn díobh go foirmiúil agus aistarraingíodh 3 cinn díobh. Den 10 gcinneadh, rinneadh 5 (50%) cinn díobh laistigh den tréimhse reachtúil. Rinneadh cinntí ceadaithe (faoi réir coinníollacha) i 9 gcás agus diúltaíodh ceadú d'iarratas amháin.

**FIGIÚR 10****Cásanna Bonneagair Straitéisigh ag Údaráis Áitiúla**

|                                                    | Faighte 2011 | Críochnaithe 2011 | Ar IAimh, deireadh 2011 |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Iarratais                                          | 14           | 23                | 19                      |
| Iarrataí Scoipe                                    | 2            | 4                 | 0                       |
| Cásanna Scagtha um Mheasúnú Tionchar Timpeallachta | 11           | 11                | 3                       |
| Iarrataí ar Athrú/Leasú                            | 0            | 0                 | 1                       |
| Díolúine ó RMT                                     | 0            | 1                 | 0                       |
| Iomlán                                             | 27           | 39                | 23                      |

I dtaca leis na cásanna údaráis áitiúil a tugadh chun críche sa bhliain 2011, cinneadh 28% laistigh den tréimhse reachtúil.

Of the 23 applications concluded 19 were approved subject to conditions, 1 was refused approval and 3 were withdrawn. 14 major road projects were concluded, 11 of which were approved. In the environmental impact assessment screening cases, an environmental impact statement was required in 1 case and not required in 1 case.

#### Operation of Strategic Infrastructure Division

During 2011 the Strategic Infrastructure division of the Board comprised the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson and three other Board members. Due to changes in personnel at Board level during the year the following members served on the division at various times in 2011- John O'Connor, Dr. Mary Kelly, Karl Kent, Angela Tunney, Jane Doyle, Conall Boland and Fionna O'Regan.

In non-local authority strategic infrastructure cases prospective applicants are required to engage in pre-application consultations with the Board and in 2011 the Board received 33 requests for such consultations. A record of all such consultations is maintained by the Board and becomes publicly available when the consultations are concluded. In certain cases the Board has a mandatory function to decide whether a proposed development is or is not strategic infrastructure. There is no statutory timeline objective for pre-application consultations and the pace of determination of the consultations is generally set by the prospective applicant.

**FIGURE 11**

#### Pre-Application Consultations

|               | 2011 | Since Jan 2007 |
|---------------|------|----------------|
| Received      | 33   | 214            |
| Meetings Held | 57   | 365            |
| Concluded     | 42   | 184            |

De na 23 iarratas a tugadh chun críche ceadaíodh 19 díobh faoi réir coinníollacha, diúltaíodh ceadú i gcás amháin agus aistarraingíodh 3 cinn díobh. Tugadh 14 mórthionscadal bóthair chun críche, ar ceadaíodh 11 díobh. Sna cásanna inar lorgaíodh scagadh measúnachta tionchair timpeallachta, lorgaíodh ráiteas tionchair timpeallachta i gcás amháin agus níor iarradh é i gcás eile.

#### Feidhmiú na Rannóige um Bonneagar Straitéiseach

Oibriú an Rannáin Bonneagair Straitéisigh I gcaitheamh na bliana 2011 ba iad baill Rannán Bonneagair Straitéisigh an Bhoird an Cathaoirleach agus an Leaschathaoirleach agus trí bhall eile den Bhord. De bharr athruithe ar phearsanra an Bhoird i gcaitheamh na bliana d'oibrigh na baill seo a leanas ar an rannán ag amanna éagsúla sa bhliain 2011 – John O'Connor, an Dr. Mary Kelly, Karl Kent, Angela Tunney, Jane Doyle, Conall Boland agus Fionna O'Regan.

I gcásanna bonneagair straitéisigh nach mbaineann le húdarás áitiúil, iarrtar ar iarratasóirí ionchasacha dul i mbun comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais leis an mBord agus sa bhliain 2011 fuair an Bord 33 iarratas ar chomhairliúcháin dá sórt. Coimeádann an Bord taifead de gach comhairliúchán dá shórt agus cuirtear ar fáil don phobal é ar chríoch na gcomhairliúcháin. I gcásanna áirithe tá feidhm éigeantach ag an mBord cinneadh a dhéanamh cibé an bonneagar straitéiseach an fhorbairt bheartaithe nó nach ea. Níl aon tréimhse reachtúil ann i gcás comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais agus is ar an iarratasóir ionchas de ghnáth a bhraitheann fad thréimhse na gcomhairliúcháin.

**FIGIÚR 11**

#### Comhairliúcháin Réamh-Iarratais

|                        | 2011 | Ó Eanáir 2007 |
|------------------------|------|---------------|
| Faighte                | 33   | 214           |
| Cruinnithe reachtáilte | 57   | 365           |
| Críochnaithe           | 42   | 184           |



Of the 42 cases concluded in 2011, 12 were deemed strategic infrastructure, 19 were deemed not strategic infrastructure and 9 were withdrawn/ consultations closed and 2 were invalid.

### Other Local Authority Projects

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

**FIGURE 12**

#### Local Authority Projects other than Strategic Infrastructure

|                                       | Received 2011 | Concluded 2011 | On-hands end 2011 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Compulsory Acquisition CPO            | 16            | 24             | 7                 |
| Compulsory Acquisition Derelict Sites | 1             | 0              | 1                 |
| Other Local Authority Projects        | 8             | 6              | 2                 |
| Total                                 | 25            | 30             | 10                |

Of the compulsory acquisition cases concluded in 2011, 8 cases were approved without modifications and 6 were approved with modifications. There were 6 informal decisions e.g. where no objections were received in CPO cases and 4 applications were withdrawn. The other local authority project cases concluded in 2011 relate to local authority development approval applications lodged prior to classification of such cases as strategic infrastructure. Of the 30 cases disposed in 2011, 77% were concluded within the statutory objective period.

De na 42 cás a tugadh chun críche sa bhliain 2011, measadh 12 díobh a bheith ina mbonneagar straitéiseach, measadh 19 díobh gan a bheith ina mbonneagar straitéiseach, aistarraingíodh 9 gcás nó dúnadh na comhairliúcháin agus cásanna neamhbhailí ab ea 2 chás.

### Tionscadail Eile Údaráis Áitiúil

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

**FIGIÚR 12**

#### Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúil nár Bhonneagair Straitéiseach iad

|                                  | Faighte 2011 | Críochnaithe 2011 | Ar lAimh, deireadh 2011 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Sealbhú Éigeantach CPO           | 16           | 24                | 7                       |
| Sealbhú Éigeantach Láithreán     | 1            | 0                 | 1                       |
| Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúil Eile | 8            | 6                 | 2                       |
| Iomlán                           | 25           | 30                | 10                      |

De na cásanna ceannaigh éigeantaigh a tugadh chun críche sa bhliain 2011, ceadaiódh 8 gcinn gan mhionathrú agus ceadaiódh 6 cinn le mionathruithe. Rinneadh 6 chinneadh neamhfhoirmiúil m.sh. i gcás nach bhfuarthas aon aighneacht i gcás Ordú Ceannaigh Éigeantaigh, agus aistarraingíodh 4 chás. Na cásanna tionscadail údaráis áitiúil eile a tugadh chun críche sa bhliain 2011, bhain siad le hiarratais ar chead forbartha údaráis áitiúil a taisceadh sular aicmíodh cásanna dá sórt mar bhonneagar straitéiseach. Den 30 gcinneadh a cuireadh de láimh sa bhliain 2011, tugadh 77% díobh chun críche laistigh den tréimhse reachtúil.

## OTHER CASES

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

Apart from normal planning appeals and local authority projects, other functions have been assigned to the Board under the Planning Acts; the Building Control Acts 1990 and 2007; the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977 to 2007; and the Air Pollution Act 1987. A summary of the various cases which came before the Board in 2011 is set out in Figure 13.

## CASANNA EILE

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

Tá feidhmeanna eile tugtha don Bhord seachas gnáth achomhairc phleanála agus tionscadail údarás áitiúil, faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála; An tAcht um Rialú Foirgníochta 1990 agus 2007, na hAchtanna Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú Uisce) 1977 i 2007; agus an tAcht um Thruailliú Aeir 1987. Tá achoimre de na cásanna a tháinig faoi bhráid an Bhoird i 2011 leagtha amach i bhFigiúr 13.

FIGURE 13

FIGIÚR 13

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

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

|                                     |                                       | Disposed of in Year/ Curtha de láimh sa Bhlian |                      |            |                  |                            |            |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|
|                                     |                                       | On hands start of year                         | Received in the Year | Sub-total  | Formally decided | Other-wise disposed        | All        | On hands end of year             |
|                                     |                                       | Idir Lámha ag tús na bliana                    | Faighte sa bhlian    | Fo-lomlán  | Cinntí foirmiúla | Curtha de láimh i slí eile | Gach       | Idir Lámha ag deireadh na bliana |
| <b>Planning Acts</b>                | <b>Achtanna Pleanála</b>              |                                                |                      |            |                  |                            |            |                                  |
| Leave to Appeal                     | Cead Achomharc                        | 1                                              | 49                   | 50         | 42               | 5                          | 47         | 3                                |
| Referrals                           | Tarchuir                              | 65                                             | 137                  | 202        | 127              | 30                         | 157        | 45                               |
| Determinations <sup>1</sup>         | Cinntí 1                              | 0                                              | 4                    | 4          | 0                | 3                          | 3          | 1                                |
| Section 254 Licences                | Ceadúnais Rannóg 254                  | 1                                              | 13                   | 14         | 10               | 0                          | 10         | 4                                |
| Planning Scheme in SDZ              | Scéim Pleanála in SDZ                 | 0                                              | 1                    | 1          | 0                | 0                          | 0          | 1                                |
| Amendment to Planning Scheme in SDZ | Leasú ar Scéim Pleanála in SDZ        | 0                                              | 1                    | 1          | 0                | 0                          | 0          | 1                                |
| Substitute Consent Notice           | Fógra Toilithe Ionaid                 | 0                                              | 1                    | 1          | 0                | 1                          | 1          | 0                                |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                     | <b>Fo-lomlán</b>                      | <b>67</b>                                      | <b>206</b>           | <b>273</b> | <b>179</b>       | <b>39</b>                  | <b>218</b> | <b>55</b>                        |
| <b>Building Control Acts</b>        | <b>Achtanna um Rialú Foirgníochta</b> |                                                |                      |            |                  |                            |            |                                  |
| Fire Safety Certificate             | Teastas Sábháilteachta Tine           | 3                                              | 8                    | 11         | 7                | 2                          | 9          | 2                                |
| Registration Certificate            | Deimhniú Clárúcháin                   | 0                                              | 3                    | 3          | 0                | 1                          | 1          | 2                                |
| Disability Access Certificate       | Disability Access Certificate         | 15                                             | 13                   | 28         | 24               | 3                          | 27         | 1                                |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                     | <b>Fo-lomlán</b>                      | <b>18</b>                                      | <b>24</b>            | <b>42</b>  | <b>31</b>        | <b>6</b>                   | <b>37</b>  | <b>5</b>                         |
| <b>Water Pollution Acts</b>         | <b>Achtanna um Thruailliú Uisce</b>   |                                                |                      |            |                  |                            |            |                                  |
| Discharge to water                  | Curtha chuig Uisce                    | 0                                              | 2                    | 2          | 0                | 0                          | 0          | 2                                |
| Discharge to sewers                 | Curtha chuig Séarachas                | 2                                              | 1                    | 3          | 3                | 0                          | 3          | 0                                |
| <b>Subtotal</b>                     | <b>Fo-lomlán</b>                      | <b>2</b>                                       | <b>3</b>             | <b>5</b>   | <b>3</b>         | <b>0</b>                   | <b>3</b>   | <b>2</b>                         |
| <b>Air Pollution Act</b>            | <b>Acht um Thruailliú Aer</b>         |                                                |                      |            |                  |                            |            |                                  |
| Air emission                        | Scaoileadh aer                        | 2                                              | 2                    | 4          | 3                | 0                          | 3          | 1                                |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>lomlán</b>                         | <b>89</b>                                      | <b>235</b>           | <b>324</b> | <b>216</b>       | <b>45</b>                  | <b>261</b> | <b>63</b>                        |

1 189 (72%) of the 261 cases were disposed of within 18 weeks/4 months, as appropriate. 1 These cases relate to the 1963 to 1999 Planning Acts.

1 189 (72%) de na 261 cásanna curtha de láimh laistigh de 18 seachtaine/4 mí, mar is cuí. 1 Baineann roinnt de na cásanna sin leis na hAchtanna Pleanála 1963 go 1999.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

## ACMHAINNÍ DAONNA

As a knowledge based organisation, the Board considers its staff to be a strategic resource. 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 2011 was 153, (155 in 2010). The following staff were employed as at 31st December 2011.

Mar eagraíocht eolasbhunaithe, braitheann an Bord gurb í an fhoireann an acmhainn is mó atá aige. Is mór ag an mBord saineolas gairmiúil, sláine, tiomnacht agus éiteas seirbhíse poiblí na mball agus na foirne. Aithníonn an Bord a dtiomnacht agus a ndúthracht i dtaca le hiarrachtaí an Bhoird chun seirbhís éifeachtúil ar ardchaighdeán a sholáthar dá gheallsealbhóirí. Aithníonn an Bord go bhfuil an fhoireann tiomanta do sprioc na heagraíochta a bhaint amach, is é sin, seirbhís éifeachtach ar ardchaighdeán a sholáthar dá pháirtithe leasmhara. 153 duine ba ea an meánlíon a bhí fostaithe ann in 2011 (155 2010). Bhí na baill foirne seo a

**Chief Officer\*/ Príomhoifigeach\***

Padraic Thornton.

**Director of Corporate Affairs\*/ Stiúrthóir Gnóthaí Corparáideacha\***

Gerard Egan.

**Secretary\*/ Rúnaí\***

Chris Clarke.

**Director of Planning\*/ Stiúrthóirí Pleanála\***

Des Johnson.

**Assistant Directors of Planning\*/ Stiúrthóirí Pleanála\***

Mary Cunneen, David Dunne, Philip Green, Philip Jones.

**Senior Administrative Officers\*/ Oifigigh Riaracháin Shinsearacha\***

Diarmuid Collins, Brid Hill, Mary Holohan, Mary Kelly, Carol Moloney, Ellen Morrin, Paddy Tallon.

*\*Members of the Management Committee/\* Baill den Choiste Bainistíochta*

**Senior Planning Inspectors/ Cigirí Pleanála Sinsearacha**

Andrew Boyle, Paul Caprani, Una Crosse, Derek Daly, Philip Davis, Jane Dennehy, Michael Dillon, Pauline Fitzpatrick, Breda Gannon, Leslie Howard, Stephen Kay, Suzanne Kehely, Dermot Kelly, Mary Kennelly, Mairead Kenny, Karla McBride, Dolores McCague, Conor McGrath, Kevin Moore, Sarah Moran, Anne Marie O'Connor, Stephen O'Sullivan, Tom Rabbette, Robert Ryan, Keith Sargeant, Ruari Somers, Fiona Tynan, Brendan Wyse, Öznur Yücel -Finn.

**Planning Inspectors/ Cigirí Pleanála**

Angela Brereton, Siobhan Carroll, Auriol Considine, Caryn Coogan, Mary Crowley, John Desmond, Lorraine Dockery, Donal Donnelly, Emer Doyle, Fiona Fair, Gillian Kane, Jennifer Kelly, Joanna Kelly, Louise Kiernan, Hugh Mannion, Brid Maxwell, Colin McBride, Kenneth Moloney, Hugh Morrison, Gerard Ryan, Juliet Ryan, Robert Speer, Patricia Young.

**Senior Executive Officers/ Oifigigh Fheidhmiúcháin Shinsearacha**

David Curran, Pierce Dillon, Michael Donlan, Marcella Doyle, John Duffy, Josephine Hayes, Anne Killian, Myriam O'Neill, Nora Ryan, Siobhan White.

#### **Executive Officers/ Oifigigh Fheidhmiúcháin**

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

#### **Administrative Assistants / Cúntóirí Riaracháin**

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

### **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 2011 such consultant use was as reporting inspectors in a small number of specialist case work areas such as Fire Safety and Disability Access cases or as specialist consultants assisting an in-house reporting inspector in relation to some specialised aspect of a particular planning case. Figure 14 shows the breakdown of reporting inspectors between in-house and external consultants. The number of reports received from external consultants in 2011 represented 2% of all reports received (2% in 2010).

The Board also retained the services of Barry Doyle and Company, Solicitors as its legal agent.

### **External Consultants**

Ray Connolly, Luke Fegan, Des Fortune, Denise Germaine, Gerry Kinsella, Don Menzies, John McCarthy, CJ Walsh, David Kelly, Michael Mohan, Martin Nolan, Eoin O’Cofaigh, Donal O’Callaghan, Eoin O’Herlihy, Fionuala Rogerson, Gerry Sexton, Colm Traynor.

### **Comhairligh, Comhairleoirí agus Cigirí Comhairleacha Páirtaimseartha**

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

Le linn 2011, baineadh úsáid as sainchomhairleoirí páirt-aimseartha i gcásanna speisialta a bhaineann le cúrsaí Sábháilteachta Dóiteáin nó cásanna a bhaineann le Rochtain do Dhaoine faoi mhíchumas, chomh maith le sainchomhairleoirí speisialta ag cabhrú le cigirí inmheánacha maidir le gné suntasach i gcásanna pleanála áirithe. Léiríonn figiúir 14 na figiúirí mar a bhaineann siad leis na cigirí inmheánacha agus na sainchomhairleoirí seachtracha an líon tuarascálacha faighte ó shainchomhairleoirí seachtracha sa bhliain 2011 agus is léir go raibh 2% seo de na tuarascálacha iomlán faighte ó na sainchomhairleoirí seachtracha an figiúr atá i gceist, (2% sa bhliain 2010).

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

### **Sainchomhairleoirí Seachtracha**

Ray Connolly, Luke Fegan, Des Fortune, Denise Germaine, Gerry Kinsella, Don Menzies, John McCarthy, CJ Walsh, David Kelly, Michael Mohan, Martin Nolan, Eoin O’Cofaigh, Donal O’Callaghan, Eoin O’Herlihy, Fionuala Rogerson, Gerry Sexton, Colm Traynor.

Figure 14 shows the number of reports received from in-house and external consultant Inspectors in 2011. The number of reports received from external Inspectors in 2011 represented 2% of all reports received, (2% in 2010).

Léiríonn figiúr 14 an líon tuarascálacha faighte ó Chigirí inmheánacha agus Cigirí comhairligh seachtracha sa bhliain 2011. Is ionadaíocht de 2% é seo de na turascálacha iomlán faighte ó na Cigirí comhairligh seachtracha, (2% sa bhliain 2010).

**FIGURE 14**  
**Breakdown of Inspector's Reports**

**FIGIÚR 14**  
**Miondealú ar thuairiscí na gcigirí**

|                                |                                | 2011  | 2010  | Méadú/(laghdú) %<br>Increase/(decrease) % |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------------|
| In-house Inspectors            | Cigirí inmheánacha             | 1,920 | 2,532 | (24%)                                     |
| External Consultant Inspectors | Cigirí comhairligh seachtracha | 34    | 51    | (33%)                                     |
| Total                          | Iomlán                         | 1,954 | 2,583 | (24%)                                     |

### 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, with two executive members of the Board, Jane Doyle and Brian Swift and operates under formal terms of reference. Under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies, the 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 2011, the Committee met eight times. The Chairperson meets regularly with the Chairperson of the Board. In the Audit Committee's Annual Report for 2011 which issued in January 2012, the Committee expressed satisfaction with the internal financial controls operated by the Board. A Statement on the System of Internal Financial Controls is in Appendix 7.

### An Coiste Iniúcháireachta

Ar Choiste Iniúcháireachta an Bhoird Phleanála tá Cathaoirleach seachtrach, Jim Hehir, a bhí ina Stiúrthóir Bainistíochta ar an nGníomhaireacht um Airgeadas Tithíochta tráth, agus beirt bhall feidhmeannach den Bhoird, Jane Doyle agus Brian Swift. Tá téarmaí tagartha foirmiúla ag an gCoiste. Faoin gCód Cleachtais do Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit, féadann an Coiste 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. Ocht gcrúinniú a bhí ag an gCoiste i gcaitheamh na bliana 2011. 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 2011. Gheofar Ráiteas ar Chóras na Rialuithe Inmheánach Airgeadais in Aguisín 7.



## FINANCE

### Fees

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

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

Gross receipts from appeal fees in 2011 amounted to €1,285,334 of which (€177,396) was refunded where appeals were found to be late or otherwise invalid. Gross receipts from strategic infrastructure development applications in 2011 amounted to €1,770,000 of which (€138,336) was refunded where the cost of processing the application was less than the fee. A provision of (€655,000) is included in the Financial Statements to reflect future refunds on undecided applications as at the end of 2011.

In 2011, net receipts from fees represented about 16.50% of total expenditure (15.38% in 2010).

### Income and expenditure

In 2011, total expenditure amounted to €20,845,793 while income amounted to €21,239,979 leaving a surplus for the year of €394,186. There was an incoming deficit of (€102,406) which left a cumulative surplus of €291,780. The accounts are reproduced in Appendix 9. Certification under the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act, 1997 is in Appendix 6.

## AIRGEADAS

### 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 €1,285,334 na fáлтаis chomhlána achomhairc ó tháillí sa bhliain 2011 ar aisíocadh (€177,396) de i gcás achomharc a bhí déanach nó neamhbhailí ar shlí éigin eile. B' ionann agus €1,770,000 na fáлтаis chomhlána ó iarratais chun bonneagar straitéiseach a fhorbairt, ar aisíocadh (€138,336) de i gcás inar lú an táille ná costas próiseála an iarratais. Cuireadh soláthar de (€665,000) ar áireamh sna Ráitis Airgeadais chun aisíocaíochtaí todhchaí ar iarratais neamhchinnte amhail ag deireadh na bliana 2011 a léiriú.

Ba ionann an glanioncam ó tháillí sa bhliain 2011 agus 16.50% nó mar sin den chaiteachas iomlán (15.38% sa bhliain 2010).

### Ioncam agus caiteachas

Ba ionann agus €20,845,793, sa bhliain 2011, an caiteachas iomlán agus b'ionann agus €21,239,979 an t-ioncam, rud a thug barrachas de €394,186 don bhliain. Bhí (€102,406) d'easnamh ag tús na bliana, rud a d'fhág €291,780 de bharrachas carnach. Atáirgtear na cuntais in Aguisín 9. Gheofar deimhniú faoin Acht um Íoc Pras Cuntas, 1997 in Aguisín 6.

### Members' salaries and expenses

Members of the Board may hold no other employment and are paid salaries under the PAYE system. Fees are not paid to members. A statement on Remuneration and Members' fees is in Appendix 8.

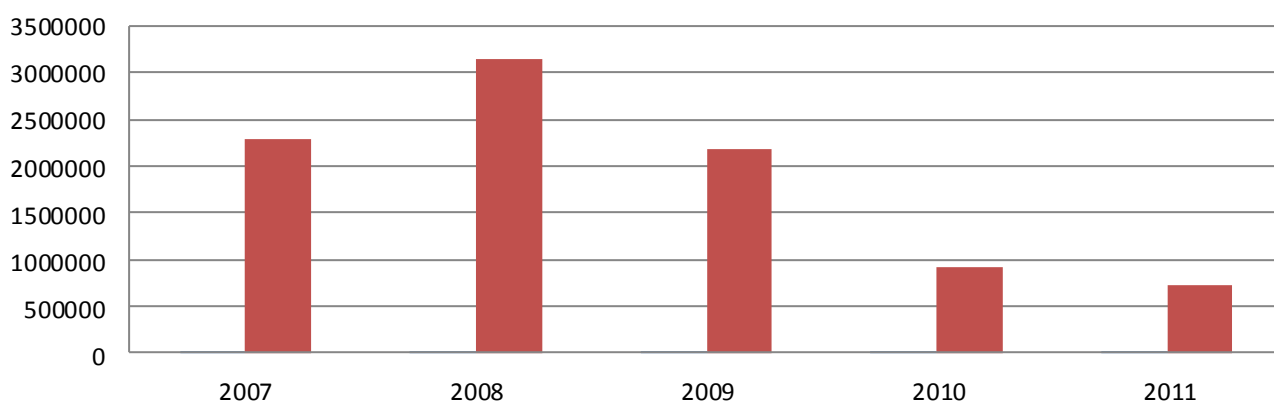
It should be noted that Section 14 of the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Amendment) Act, 2011 amended Section 105(14) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to state that subject to the provisions of this section, the Chairperson of An Bord Pleanála shall hold office on such terms and conditions (including terms relating to allowances for expenses) as the Minister, with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, determines. This Act accordingly broke the link between the salary of the Chairperson and that of a High Court Judge. As and from the 1st January 2012 the rate of pay for the Chairperson of An Bord Pleanála was reduced to €189,474 (personal pension contribution or ppc rate) or €180,000 (non-ppc rate).

### Tuarastail agus costais na gcomhaltaí

Ní ceadmhach do chomhaltaí an Bhoird fostaíocht eile a bheith acu agus íoctar tuarastail leo faoin gcóras ÍMAT. Ní íoctar táillí leis na comhaltaí. Gheofar ráiteas faoi Luach Saothair agus Táillí na gcomhaltaí in Aguisín 8.

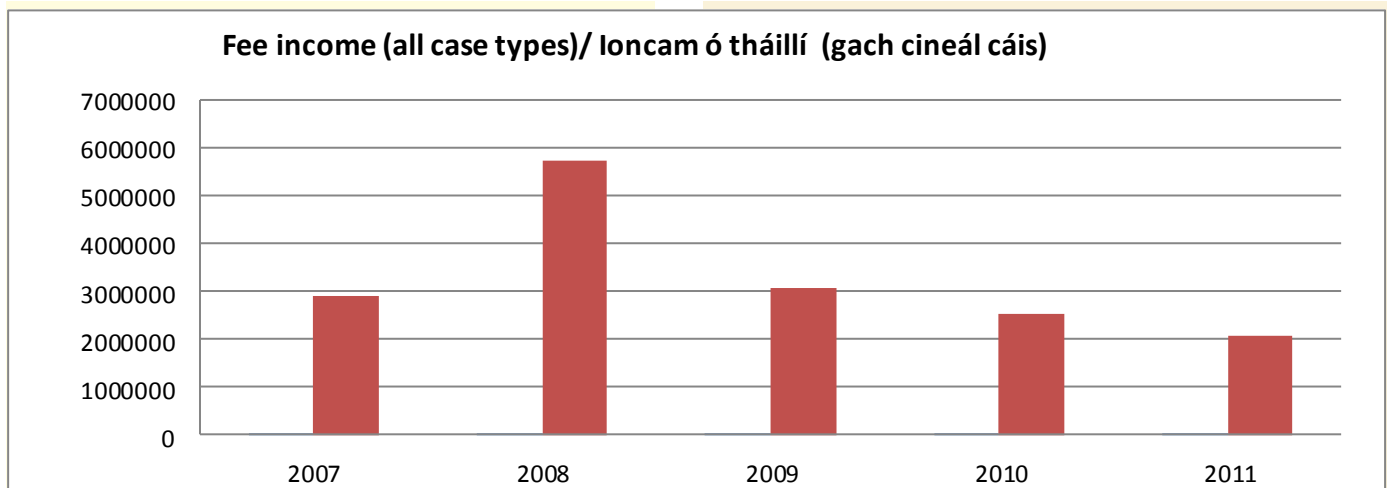
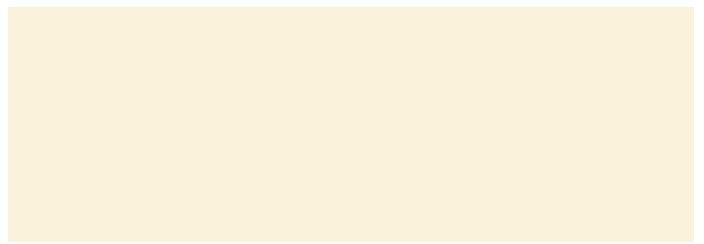
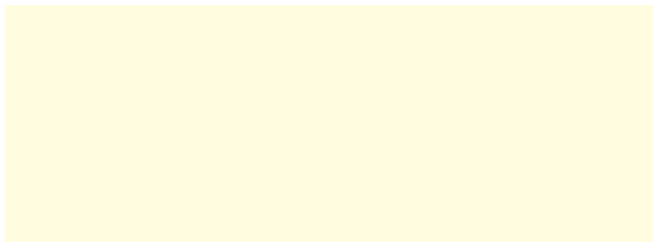
Ba cheart a thabhairt do d'aire gur leasaigh Alt 14 den Acht um Bearta Airgeadais Éigeandála ar mhaithe le Leas an Phobail (Leasú) 2011 Alt 105(14) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 le rá go mbeidh Cathaoirleach an Bhoird Phleanála, faoi réir fhorálacha an ailt sin, i mbun oifige ar na téarmaí agus na coinníollacha (lena n-áirítear téarmaí a bhaineann le liúntais do chostais) a chinneadh an tAire, le cead an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe. Dá réir sin bhris an tAcht sin an nasc idir tuarastal an Chathaoirligh agus tuarastal Bhreitheamh den Ard-Chúirt. Amhail ón 1 Eanáir 2012 laghdaíodh an ráta pá do Chathaoirleach an Bhoird Phleanála go €189,474 (ráta ranníocaíochta pearsanta pinsin nó ráta rpp) nó €180,000 (ráta neamh-rpp).

### Consultant Fees and Services/ Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleacha



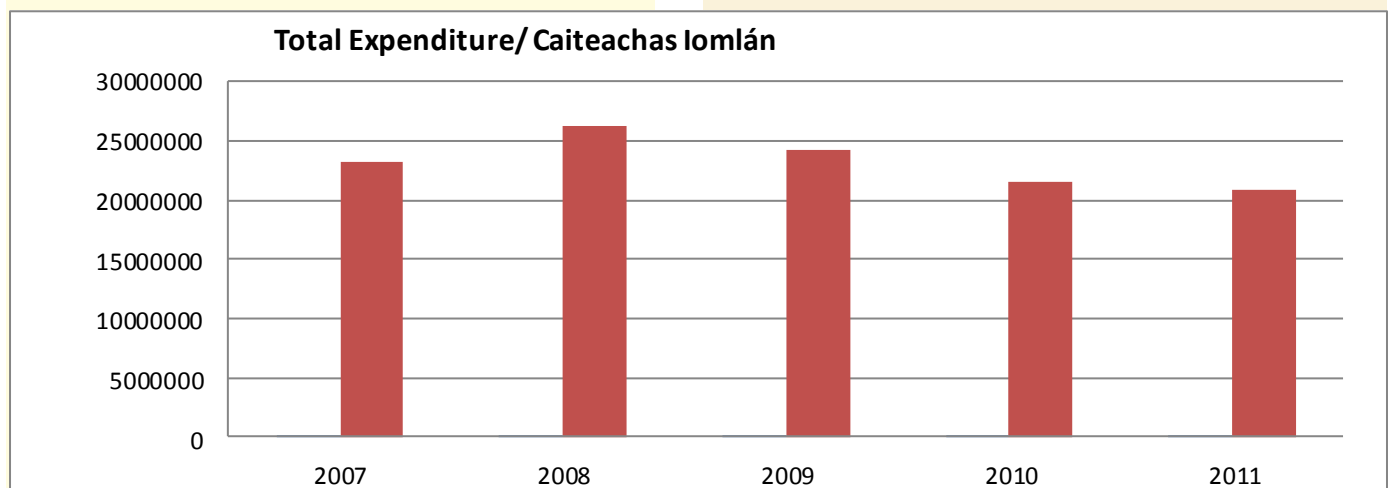
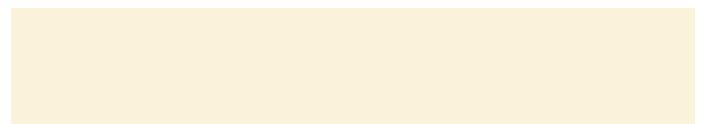
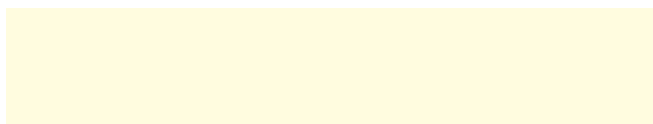
Total expenditure by An Bord Pleanála on Consultant Services has fallen from a high of €3.15m in 2008 to €0.72m in 2011. This represents a reduction in expenditure of 77.06% in this area.

Thit caiteachas iomlán an Bhoird ar Sheirbhísí Comhairleoirí ón bhfigiúr ab airde de €3.15m sa bhliain 2008 go dtí €0.72 sa bhliain 2011. 77.06% de laghdú ar chaiteachas sa réimse seo ab ea é sin.



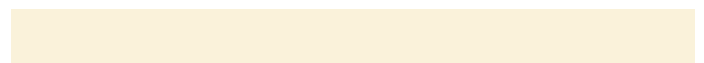
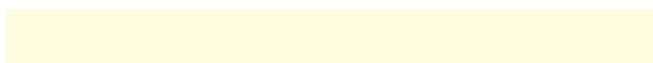
Total fee income received by An Bord Pleanála for case fees (including strategic infrastructure cases) has fallen from a high of €5.73m in 2008 to €2.08m in 2011. This represents a reduction in income of 63.70% in this area.

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 €2.08m sa bhliain 2011. 63.70% de laghdú ar chaiteachas sa réimse seo ab ea é sin.

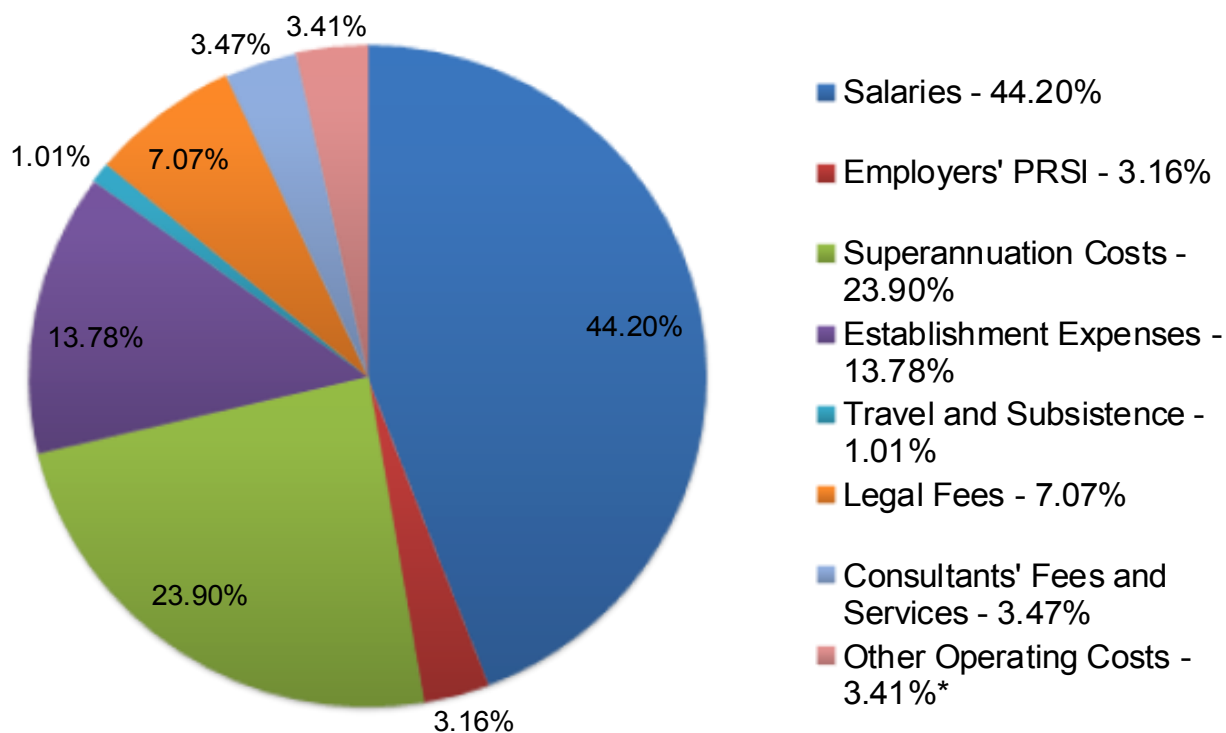


The above total expenditure chart includes: Remuneration, establishment expenses and operating expenses. This shows total expenditure of €20.85m in 2011. This is a reduction of €0.59m on the 2010 expenditure level.

Áirítear ar an gcairt caiteachais iomlán thuas: Luach saothair, costais teaghlachais agus costais oibriúcháin. Taispeánann sé €20.85m de chaiteachas iomlán sa bhliain 2011. €0.59m de laghdú ab ea é sin ar leibhéal caiteachais na bliana 2010.

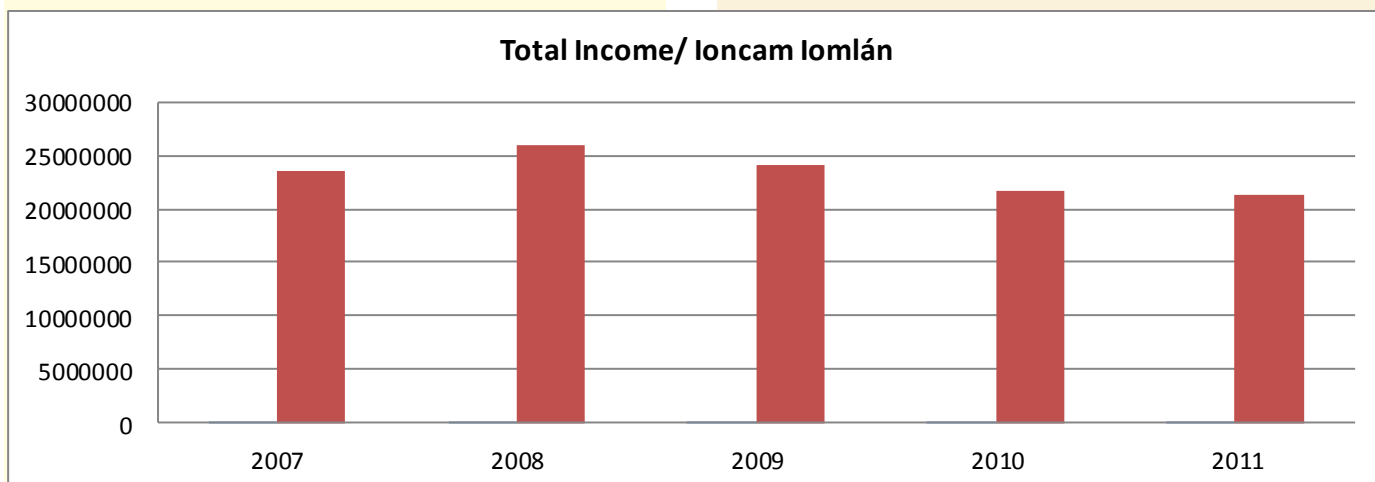


## Total Expenditure 2011



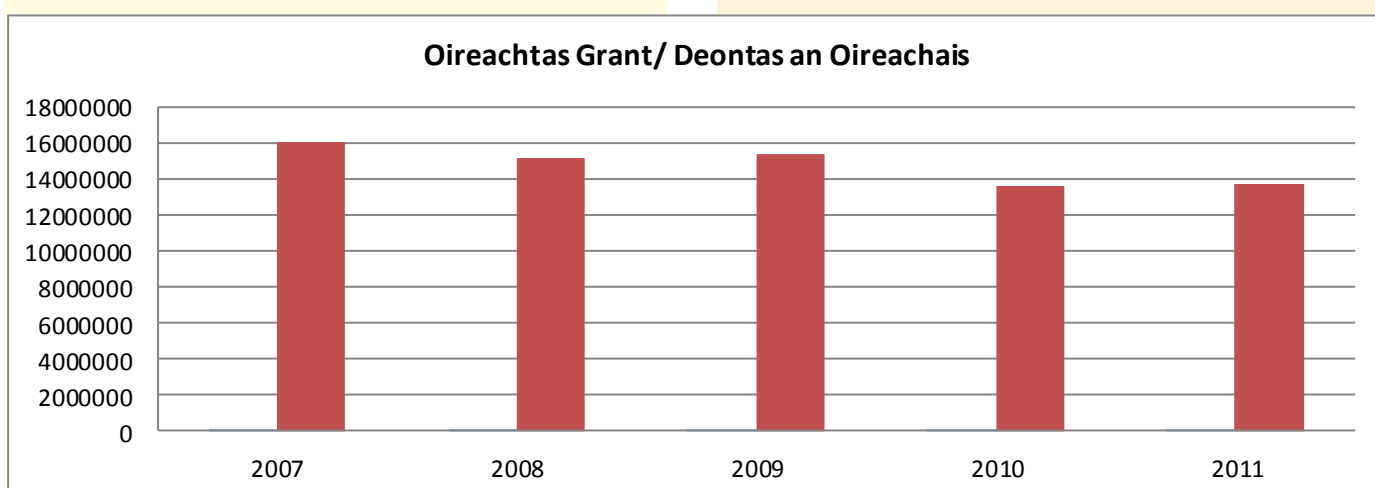
\* Other Operating Costs include: Office Equipment and Stationery, ICT, Printing and Books, Recruitment, Staffing Training and Development and Conferences, Statutory Notices, Telephone and Postage, Audit Fees and Sundries.

\*Áirítear ar Chostais Oibriúcháin eile: Trealamh oifige agus stáiseanóireacht, TFC, priontáil agus leabhair, earcú, oiliúint agus forbairt foirne agus comhdhálacha, fógraí reachtúla, teileafóin agus postas, táillí iniúchóireachta



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 €21.24m in 2011. This is a reduction of €0.42m on 2010 income level.

Áirítear ar an gcairt ioncaim iomlán thuas: Deontas an Oireachais, táillí cásanna agus aisghabháil costas, táillí ilghnéitheacha, brabús ar dhiúscairt sócmhainní seasta agus glanmhaoiniú iarchurtha le haghaidh aoisliúntais. Taispeánann sé sin €21.24m d'ioncam iomlán sa bhliain 2011. €0.42m de laghdú ab ea é sin ar leibhéal ioncaim na bliana 2010.



The Oireachtas grant has decreased from €15,990,000 in 2007 to €13,724,000 in 2011, representing a decrease of 14.1%.

Laghdaigh deontas an Oireachais ó €15,990,000 sa bhliain 2007 go €13,724,000 sa bhliain 2011, Léiríonn sé seo titim 14.1%.

## EVALUATION OF 2011 PERFORMANCE

### Management of Caseload and Statutory Objective Compliance

The Board reached an annualised compliance rate of 81% for 2011 which was a significant further improvement on 2010 (63%) but below its intended target of a 90% compliance rate for the year. Failure to reach the 90% target can be attributed to a larger than usual number of cases requiring further information at Board level and the departure towards the end of the year, without replacement, of four Board members. The average time taken to dispose of cases for the year was 18.5 weeks (19.7 in 2010) which did not reach the intended target of below 18 weeks. This again was a reflection of a greater number of cases than anticipated going over the time objective.

The intake for 2011 was 2,110 cases which was 16% below the original 2,500 estimate.

### Finance

The extent of the reduction in fee income coupled with unanticipated additional significant exposure to legal fees and the necessity to engage additional consultants to deal with particular complex specialist areas in planning cases caused a significant disturbance to the integrity of the original 2011 budget. Following discussions with the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government a supplementary grant payment of €895,000 was received in late 2011 and this facilitated a matching of income and expenditure for the year. The Board's total actual expenditure for the year was in excess of the original budget projection by approximately €834,000 (a 5% overrun).

## MEASTÓIREACHT AR AN FHEIDHMÍOCHT LE LINN 2011

### Bainistiú an Riar Cásanna agus Comhlíonadh an Chuspóra Reachtúil

Bhain an Bord ráta géilliúlachta bliantúlaithe de 81% amach don bhliain 2011. B'ionann sin agus feabhas suntasach ar ráta na bliana 2010 (63%) ach níor shroich sé an spriocráta 90% a ceapadh don bhliain. Is é an fáth nár sroicheadh an ráta 90% an líon cásanna thar an ngnáth inar ghá eolas breise a sholáthar ar leibhéal an Bhoird agus imeacht ceathrar ball den Bhord i dtreo dheireadh na bliana, rud a d'fhág easnamh ceathrar ball ar an mBord. Ba é 18.5 seachtain an t-am meánach a thóg sé cás a dhiúscairt sa bhliain 2011 (19.7 sa bhliain 2010) i gcomparáid leis an sprioc ceaptha de 18 seachtaine. Léiriú ab ea é sin ar an líon mór cásanna a sháraigh an sprioc ama.

Tógadh 2,110 cás nua isteach sa bhliain 2011, nó 16% de chásanna faoi bhun an mheastachán bunaidh de 2,500.

### Airgeadas

Cur isteach mór ar iomláine an bhuiséid bhunaidh don bhliain 2011 ab ea an laghdú ar theacht isteach ó tháillí mar aon leis an nochtadh breise suntasach do tháillí dlí nach raibh coinne leis agus an gá a bhí le comhairleoirí breise a fhostú chun déileáil le réimsí casta speisialtóra ar leith i gcásanna pleanála. Tar éis cainteanna leis an Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil fuarthas €895,000 d'íocaíocht deontais forlíontach go déanach sa bhliain 2011 agus d'éascaigh sé sin comhardú idir an t-ioncam agus an caiteachas don bhliain. Sháraigh caiteachas iomlán iarbhir an Bhoird réamh-mheastachán an bhuiséid bhunaidh de €834,000 nó mar sin (5% de róchaiteachas).

The Board is satisfied that it continued to control expenditure to the greatest possible extent in 2011 and that any budget overruns were on essential requirements, the demand for, and the cost of which, are largely outside of its control.

An Bord Pleanála, like many State Agencies, also carries a structural impediment to reducing its payroll and thus overall expenditure in that it must pay all on-going pension liabilities to former members/staff directly from its current expenditure.

#### **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 2011. 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.

Tá an Bord sásta gur rialaigh sé caiteachas a mhéad ab fhéidir sa bhliain 2011 agus tabhaíodh an róchaiteachas ar riachtanais ar leith nach raibh smacht ag an mBord ar an éileamh orthu ná ar a gcostas.

Bac is ea é don Bhord Pleanála, mar is amhlaidh i gcás Gníomhaireachtaí Stáit eile, agus é ag iarraidh a phárolla a laghdú agus as sin a caiteachas foriomlán, nach mór dó dliteanais leanúnacha phinsin a íoc le hiar-bhaill an Bhoird agus le hiar-bhaill foirne go díreach as a chaiteachas reatha.

#### **Comhaontú na Seirbhíse Poiblí 2010-2014/Plean Gníomhaíochta**

Rinne an Bord dul chun cinn leis na tionscnaimh éagsúla ina Phlean Gníomhaíochta agus tuairiscíodh an dul chun cinn sin go foirmiúil don Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil i gcaitheamh na bliana 2011. Lean an Bord ar aghaidh ag ailíniú a oibríochtaí agus a acmhainní foirne leis an gClár um Athchóiriú na Seirbhíse Poiblí agus leis an riachtanas ginearálta chun líon foirne agus caiteachas a laghdú.

## **Staffing**

The Board met its end 2011 Employment Control Framework ceiling for staffing numbers of 162. At end 2011 it had a total complement of 156.1 staff (whole time equivalents). It should however be noted that at the end of the year the Board had a significantly depleted number of Board members (four out of the statutory 10 members) and that replenishment of the Board will be necessary in early 2012. Another major significant staffing change was that the term of office of the previous Chairperson of the Board Mr. John O'Connor ended in mid- 2011 and the post was subsequently filled by the appointment of Dr. Mary Kelly in late August, 2011. The departures at Board level of four experienced Board members towards the end of 2011 coupled with departures in the staff structure and scheduled departures in early 2012 will in the short to medium term adversely affect the overall capability of the organisation to fulfil its statutory functions in terms of achieving timelines.

## **ICT**

Significant internal developmental work including upgrade of the intranet was completed in 2011. A procurement process to engage external consultants to undertake a Feasibility Study and Needs Analysis in respect of its present and future ICT applications was undertaken in 2011. This study is now scheduled to commence in February 2012 and will be completed by mid-2012.

## **Leibhéil foirne:**

Chomhlíon an Bord a sprioc faoin gCreat Rialaithe Fostaíochta a d'éiligh líon foirne de 162 ag deireadh na bliana 2011. Ba é 156.1 líon na foirne (coibhéisí lánaimseartha) ag deireadh na bliana 2011. Ag deireadh na bliana, áfach, bhí líon ball an Bhoird laghdaithe go mór (ceathar as an deichniúr ball faoi reacht) agus ní mór baill nua a cheapadh ar an mBord go luath sa bhliain 2012. Athrú mór eile ar an bhfoireann ab ea é gur tháinig téarma oifige iar-Chathaoirleach an Bhoird, John O'Connor, Uasal, chun deiridh i lár na bliana 2011. Ba í an Dr. Mary Kelly a ceapadh sa phost sin ag deireadh mhí Lúnasa 2011. D'fhág ceathrar ball cleachtach den Bhord a gcuid post i dtreo dheireadh na bliana 2011. Beidh tionchar dochrach sa ghearrthéarma agus sa mheántéarma aige sin agus ag imeachtaí i measc na mball foirne agus ar imeachtaí eile atá sceidealta do thús na bliana 2012 ar chumas na heagraíochta a fheidhmeanna reachtúla i dtaca le spriocthréimhsí a bhaint amach.

## **TFC:**

Tugadh obair shuntasach fhorbartha lena n-áirítear uasghrádú ar an inlíon chun críche sa bhliain 2011. Sa bhliain 2011 tugadh faoi phróiseas soláthair chun comhairleoirí seachtracha a fhostú chun Staidéar Indéantachta agus Anailís ar Riachtanais a dhéanamh ar a fheidhmchláir reatha TFC agus ar cé na feidhmchláir a bheidh riachtanach sa toadhcháil. Tá an staidéar sceidealta le tosú i bhFeabhra 2012 agus le críochnú i lár na bliana 2012.



## **Corporate Governance**

The Board approved and adopted a Strategy Statement for 2011-2014 in mid-2011 following a thorough internal and external consultation process. However due to the on-going transitional process in relation to the membership of the Board including the appointment of a new Chairperson during the year it is anticipated that this Strategy Statement may be subject to early review when configuration/membership of the Board is finalised during 2012.

A revised code of Conduct for Board members and staff and a revised Irish Language Scheme were adopted in 2011.

## **Environmental Performance**

The Board continued with a range of in-house initiatives aimed at progressing energy efficiency and carbon emission reduction over the coming years. In this regard the Board improved its BER energy rating in 2011 moving from a D2 to a D1 rating.

## **Rialachas Corparáideach:**

D'fhaomhaigh an Bord Ráiteas Straitéise don tréimhse 2011-2014 i lár na bliana 2011 tar éis próiseas críochnúil comhairliúcháin, idir inmheánach agus sheachtrach, agus glacadh an Ráiteas. Ach i ngeall ar an idirthréimhse i dtaca le ballraíocht an Bhoird lena n-áirítear Cathaoirleach nua a bheith ceaptha i gcaitheamh na bliana meastar go mbeidh gá le hathbhreithniú luath a dhéanamh ar an Ráiteas Straitéise sin nuair a bheidh leagan amach/ballraíocht an Bhoird socraithe níos faide amach sa bhliain 2012.

Glacadh Cód Iompair athchóirithe do bhaill agus d'fhoireann an bhoird agus Scéim Ghaeilge athchóirithe sa bhliain 2011.

## **Feidhmíocht Chomhshaoil:**

Lean an Bord le sraith éagsúil tionscnamh inmheánach chun éifeachtúlacht fuinnimh a mhéadú agus astaíochtaí carbóin a laghdú sna blianta romhainn. Mar chuid de sin d'fheabhsaigh an Bord a rátáil fuinnimh BER sa bhliain 2011 ó rátáil D2 go rátáil D1.

## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

During 2011, High Court judicial review proceedings arising from the Board's decisions and procedures in relation to appeals and other matters were instituted in 20 cases. In the course of the year proceedings were discontinued, dismissed or withdrawn against the Board in 5 cases. High Court Judgments were given in 5 substantive cases, 3 of which went in favour of the Board and 2 against. In 2 of the 3 cases won, the High Court refused leave to apply for judicial review but had, in the course of deciding on the application for leave, also heard the substantive case before arriving at this decision. In addition, the Board consented to the quashing of 2 of its orders where procedural defects were identified. In the Supreme Court there was one case involving the Board which went in its favour.

### 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 708 in 2011.

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

## IMEACHTAÍ DLÍ

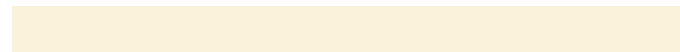
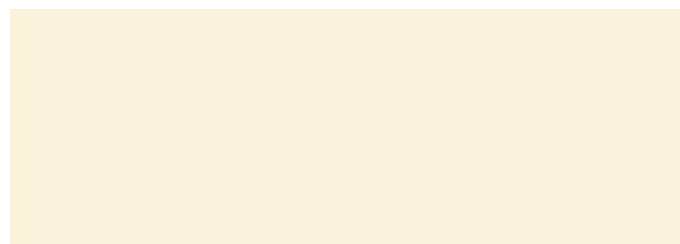
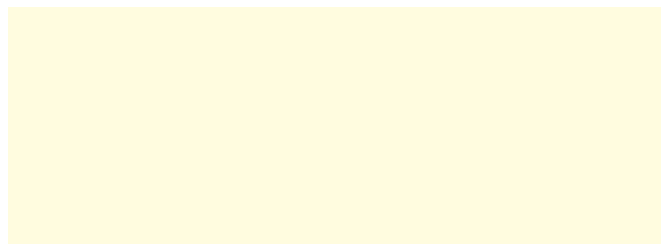
I gcaitheamh na bliana 2011 tionscnaíodh imeachtaí le haghaidh athbhreithniú breithiúnach san Ard-Chúirt i 20 cás ag éirí as cinntí an Bhoird agus as nósanna imeachta i dtaca le hachomhairc agus nithe eile. Rinneadh imeachtaí in aghaidh an Bhoird a scor, a dhíbh nó a aistarraingt i gcúig chás i gcúrsa na bliana. Tugadh Breithiúnais Ard-Chúirte i gcúig chás shubstaintiúla. Breithiúnais i bhfabhar an Bhoird ab ea trí cinn díobh, agus breithiúnais in aghaidh an Bhoird ab ea an dá cheann eile. In dhá cheann de na trí chás a buadh, dhiúltaigh an Ard-Chúirt cead chun iarratas a dhéanamh ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach ach bhí an cás substaintiúil éiste ag an gcúirt le linn don iarratas ar chead a bheith á chinneadh sula ndearnadh an cinneadh sin. Lena chois sin, thoiligh an Bord dhá cheann dá orduithe a bheith curtha ar neamhní i gcásanna inar aithníodh lochtanna gnásúla. Éisteadh cás amháin sa Chúirt Uachtarach a raibh baint aige leis an mBord agus cinneadh é i bhfabhar 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.

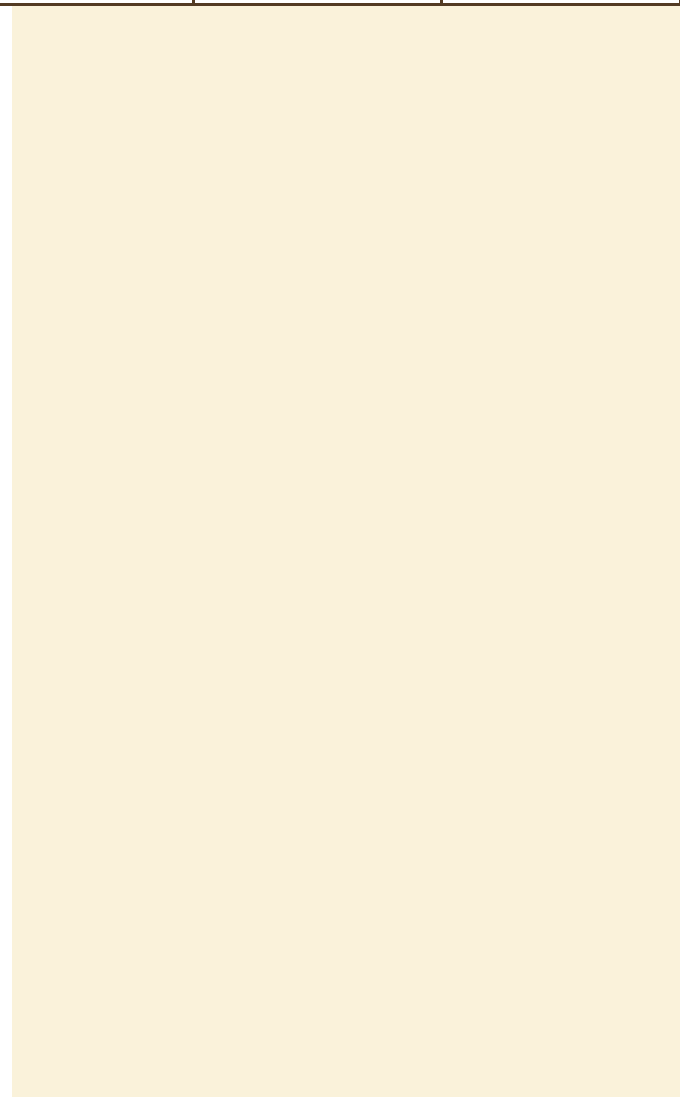
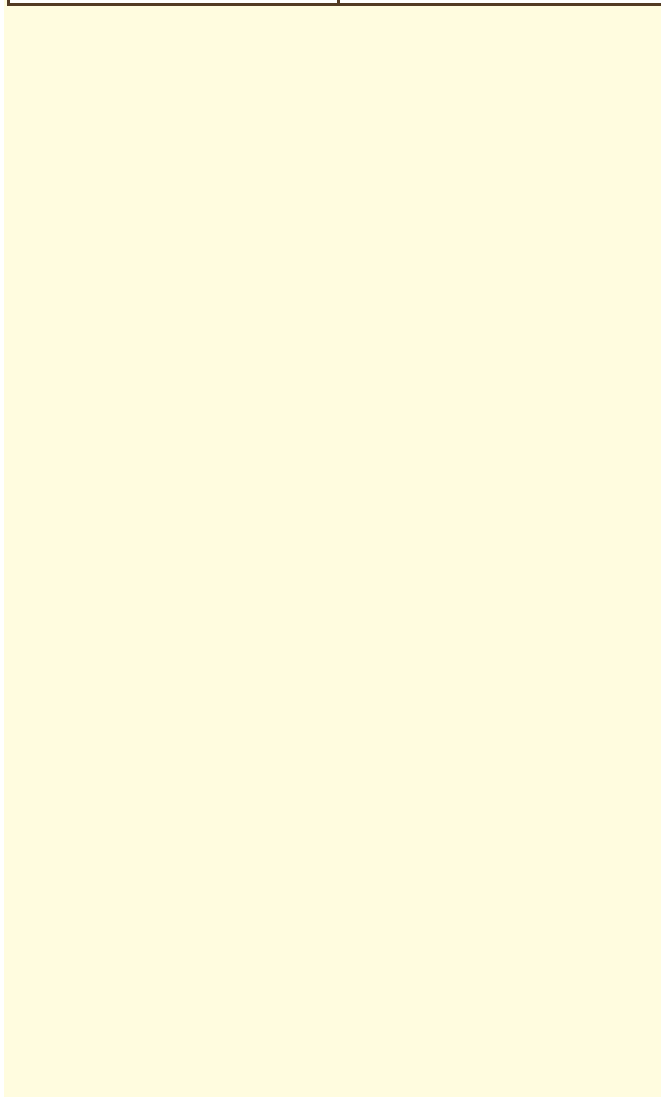
Cuirtear comhaid chásoibre ar fáil lena n-íniúchadh saor in aisce ar an tríú lá oibre tar éis an cás a bheith cinnte agus is féidir cóipeanna de na doiciméid a cheannach. Bíonn ordú agus treoir chinneadh an Bhoird agus tuarascáil an Chigire ar fáil chomh maith ar shuíomh Gréasáin an Bhoird. Ba é 708 líon na n-iarratas ar theacht phoiblí ar chomhaid chásoibre sa bhliain 2011.

Gheofar faisnéis bhreise ar na nithe thuasluaite ón mBord agus ar a shuíomh Gréasáin. Gheofar miondealú i bhFíor 15 de na hiarratais a rinneadh faoin Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise.



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| <b>Figure 15 Freedom of Information<br/>- Breakdown of Requests</b> | <b>Figiúir 15 Saoráil Faisnéise<br/>- Miondealú ar Iarratais</b> |
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|                                     |                                                | 2011 | 2010 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------|------|
| On hands at start of year           | Ar láimh ag tosach na bliana                   | 1    | 0    |
| Requests received                   | Iarratais faighte                              | 9    | 9    |
| Granted/Partially granted           | Tugtha/Tugtha i bpáirt                         | 6    | 5    |
| Withdrawn or dealt with outside FOI | Aistarraingthe nó déileáilte le lasmuigh de SF | 0    | 0    |
| Refused                             | Diúltaithe                                     | 4    | 3    |
| On hands at end of year             | Ar láimh ag deireadh na bliana                 | 1    | 1    |



## CUSTOMER SERVICES & COMPLAINTS

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

In 2011, the Board received 225 letters in relation to decided cases and replied to 222. The total number of response letters issued on decided cases in 2011 was 238. This figure includes responses to letters received in 2010 and other miscellaneous correspondence relating to decided cases. The nature of the correspondence was varied. The following breakdown is based on the main reason for a contact. It is designed to illustrate the main reasons for correspondence, but it is often the case that the correspondence contains elements of several types of contact, for example, queries where interpretation and enforcement are involved.

|                                                |         |
|------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Number of cases disputing decision             | 31      |
| Number of cases requiring interpretation       | 48      |
| Number of cases regarding enforcement issues   | 53*     |
| Number of cases regarding miscellaneous issues | 106     |
| <br>Total Number of responses:                 | <br>238 |

\*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.

## SEIRBHISI/GEARAIN CUSTAIMEARA

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. Ní córas é an córas s'againne a dearadh chun achomharc eile a sholáthar in aghaidh chinneadh an Bhoird ar an achomharc pleanála.

Sa bhliain 2011 fuair an Bord 225 litir maidir le cásanna a bhí cinnte agus tugadh freagra ar 222 díobh. Ba é 238 an líon iomlán de litreacha freagartha a eisíodh sa bhliain 2011 ar chásanna a bhí cinnte. San áireamh sa líon sin bhí freagraí ar litreacha a fuarthas sa bhliain 2010 agus comhfhreagras ilchineálach eile maidir le cásanna a bhí cinnte. B'éagsúil an cineál comhfhreagrais a fuarthas. Tá an miondealú seo a leanas bunaithe ar an bpríomhchúis teagmhála. Dearadh é leis na príomhchúiseanna leis an gcomhfhreagras a léiriú, ach is minic a bhíonn míreanna de chineálacha éagsúla teagmhála i gceist i gcomhfhreagras. Samplaí díobh sin is ea ceisteanna a chlúdaíonn idir léirmhíniú agus fhorfheidhmiú.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| An líon cásanna ina n-agóidtear in aghaidh cinnidh             | 31      |
| An líon cásanna ina mbíonn léirmhíniú de dhíth                 | 48      |
| An líon cásanna ina luaitear saincheisteanna forfheidhmiúcháin | 53*     |
| An líon cásanna ina luaitear saincheisteanna ilghnéitheacha    | 106     |
| <br>Líon Iomlán na freagraí                                    | <br>238 |

\*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.

## 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.

The Board continued its ongoing practice of maintaining contact with public authorities and other representative organisations whose functions impact on the planning process. During 2011, the Board met with the Irish Planning Institute and Irish Wind Energy Association.

## COMHAIRLE LE COMHLACHTAÍ EILE

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

Lean an Bord dá chleachtas leanúnach de theagmháil a bheith aige le húdaráis áitiúla agus le heagraíochtaí ionadacha eile a bhfuil tionchar ag a bhfeidhmeanna ar an bpróiseas pleanála. Le linn 2011, bhí cruinnithe ag an mBord leis na comhlachtaí seo a leanas: Institiúid Pleanála na hÉireann agus Cumann Fuinneamh Gaoithe na hÉireann.

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

## ÉIFEACHTÚLACHT FUINNIMH

### Overview of Energy Usage in 2011

Electricity provides for all the onsite energy requirements in An Bord Pleanála. The main services include lighting, air conditioning and general office power, canteen power and hot and cold water services.

In 2011 the Board consumed 498,072 kWh of energy consisting totally of electricity. This is a 16% saving on 2010.

### Actions Undertaken in 2011

In 2011 the Board continued to improve the energy performance, including:

1. Installation of LED type lamps in the lobbies replacing fluorescent fittings when needed.
2. Occupancy control of individual offices in respect of air conditioning and lighting.
3. Managing air conditioning timers/temperatures throughout the building in conjunction with climate changes.
4. Adjusting the ICT Server room temperatures in line with data centre best practice.

### Actions Planned for 2012

It is intended to further improve our energy performance as follows:

1. Install time clocks for water heaters in all washrooms.
2. Install spray nozzles in wash hand basins to reduce hot water use.

### Foramharc ar Ídiú Fuinnimh sa bhliain 2011

Is é an leictreachas a úsáidtear chun gach riachtanais fuinnimh a sholáthar ar láthair an Bhoird Phleanála. Ar na príomhsheirbhísí tá soilsiú, aerchóiriú agus gnáthchumhacht oifige, cumhacht sa cheaintín agus seirbhísí uisce fuar agus te.

D'ídligh an Bord 498,072 kWh fuinnimh sa bhliain 2011 agus leictreachas ab ea é sin ar fad. Is coigilteas 16% é sin ar fhigiúr na bliana 2010.

### Gníomhaíochtaí sa Bhliain 2011

Lean an Bord sa bhliain 2011 de bheith ag cur feabhais ar fheidhmíocht fuinnimh, lena áiríodh:

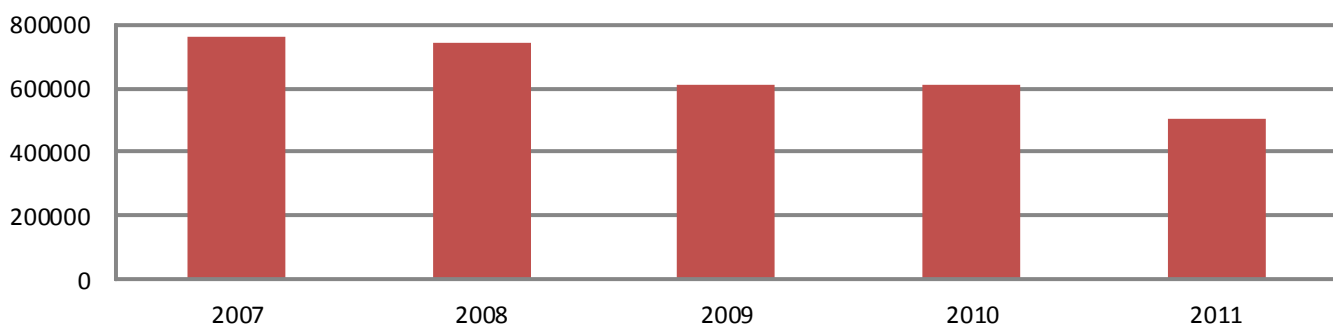
1. Lampaí de chineál LED a shuiteáil sna forhallaí in áit na bhfeisteas fluaraiseach nuair is gá.
2. Rialú ar oifigí aonair i dtaca le haerchóiriú agus le soilsiú.
3. Amadóirí/teochta aerchóirithe a bhainistiú ar fud an fhoirgnimh i gcomhar le hathruithe ar an aeráid.
4. An teocht i seomra an Fhreastalaí TFC a shocrú ar aon dul le dea-chleachtas in ionaid sonraí.

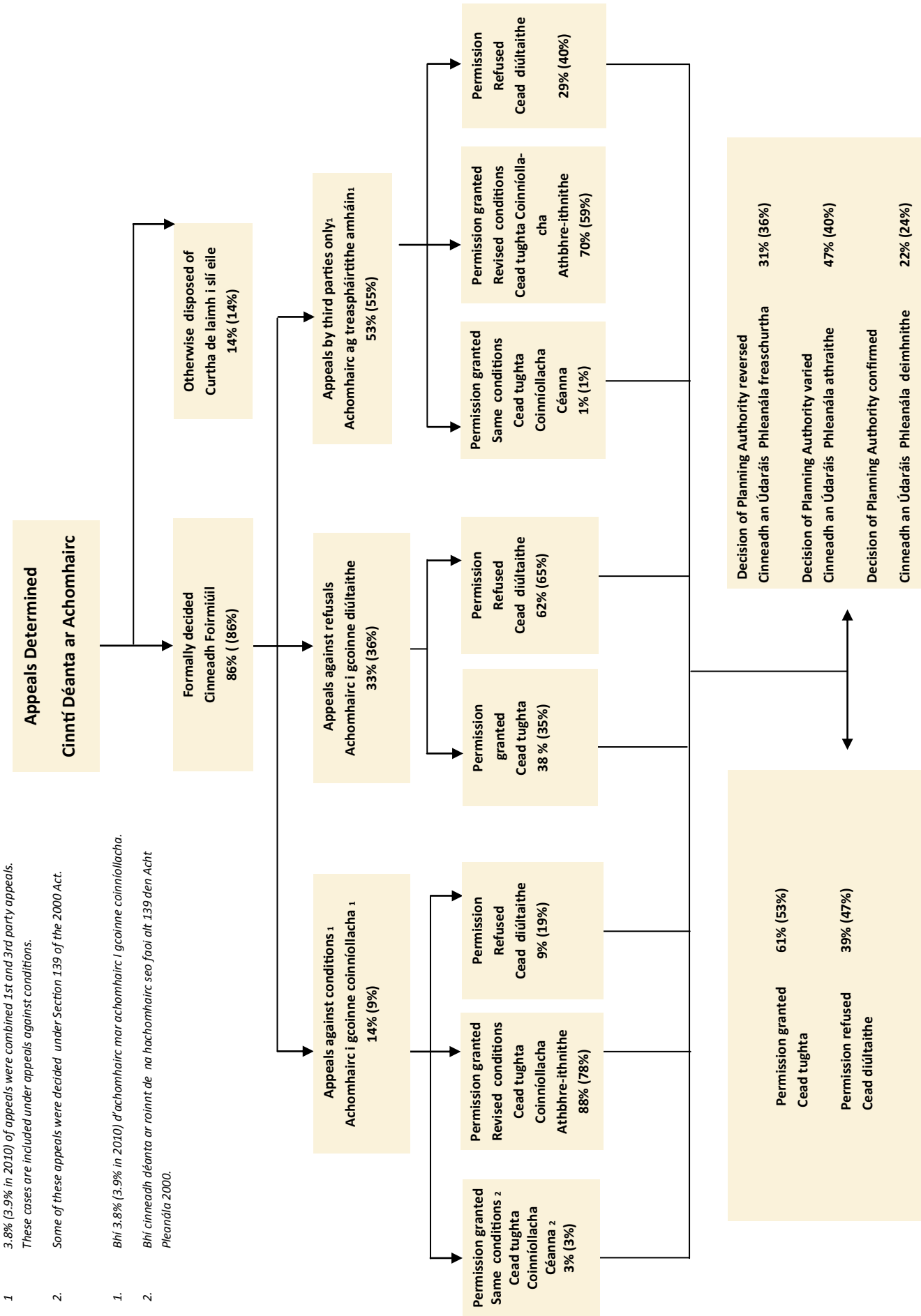
### Gníomhaíochtaí atá Beartaithe don Bhliain 2012

Tá súil againn ár bhfeidhmíocht fuinnimh a fheabhsú tuilleadh trí:

1. Cloig ama a shuiteáil ar na téitheoirí uisce sna leithris ar fad.
2. Soic spré a shuiteáil sna doirtíl chun an méid

Kilowatt Usage/ Úsáid cileavata





1. 3.8% (3.9% in 2010) of appeals were combined 1st and 3rd party appeals. These cases are included under appeals against conditions.

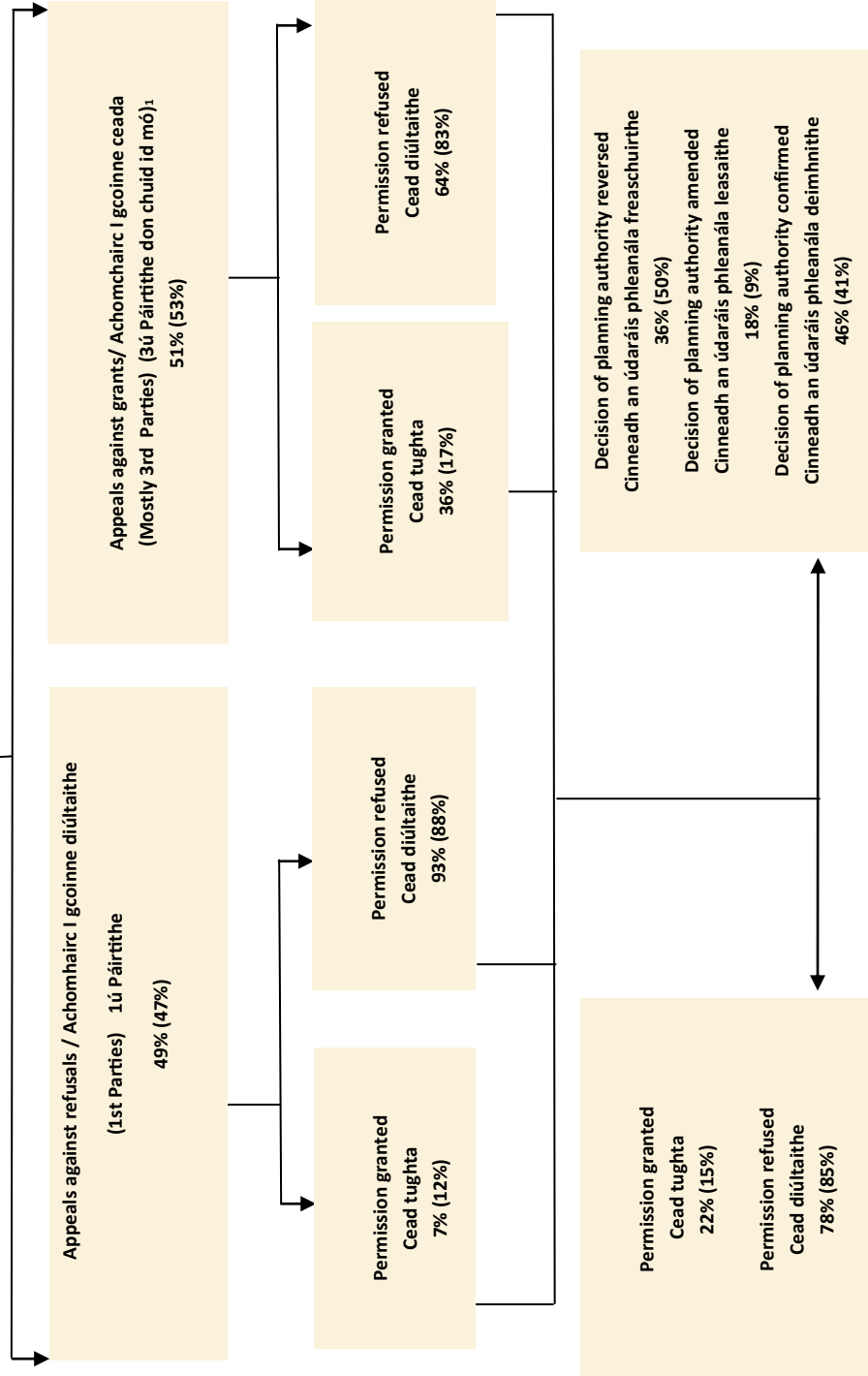
2. Some of these appeals were decided under Section 139 of the 2000 Act.

1. Bhí 3.8% (3.9% in 2010) d'achomhairc mar achomhairc i gcoinne coinníollacha.

2. Bhí cinneadh déanta ar roinnt de na hachomhairc seo faoi alt 139 den Acht Pleanála 2000.

Appeals formally decided/ Achomhairc le cinneadh foirmiúil

55 (274)



| Area Types (% of cases in each)             | Saghas Ceantair (% de chásanna i ngach ceann) |     |     |  |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|--|
| Strong Urban Influence (Area 1)             | Tionchar Uirbeach Láidir (Ceantar 1)          | 67% | 59% |  |
| Stronger Rural Areas (Area 2)               | Ceantair Tuaithe Níos Láidre (Ceantar 2)      | 6%  | 16% |  |
| Weak rural Areas (Area 3)                   | Ceantair Tuaithe Laga (Ceantar 3)             | 20% | 12% |  |
| Predominantly Dispersed Settlement (Area 4) | Lonnaíocht Scaipthe go príomha (Ceantar 4)    | 7%  | 13% |  |



## APPENDIX 3

Normal Planning Appeals received and decided by area in 2011

## AGUISÍN 3

Gnáth achomhairc phleanála faighte agus cinneadh déanta ortha de réir cheantair i 2011

|                           |                            | No. of decisions made by planning authority <sup>2</sup> | 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 phleanála <sup>2</sup>      | Méid cinntí achomharc don Bhord    | % de chinntí faoi achomharc      | Cinntí achomhartha mar% de gach achomharc don Bhord | % de chinntí an údaráis phleanála deimhnithe ag an mBord | % de chinntí an údaráis phleanála athraithe ag an mBord | % de chinntí an údaráis phleanála freaschuirthe ag an mBord |
| <b>County Area Contae</b> |                            |                                                          |                                    |                                  |                                                     |                                                          |                                                         |                                                             |
| Carlow                    | Ceatharlach                | 252                                                      | 14                                 | 5.6%                             | 0.8%                                                | 7.1%                                                     | 57.1%                                                   | 35.7%                                                       |
| Cavan                     | An Cabhán                  | 354                                                      | 14                                 | 4.0%                             | 0.8%                                                | 5.3%                                                     | 52.6%                                                   | 42.1%                                                       |
| Clare                     | An Clár                    | 713                                                      | 59                                 | 8.3%                             | 3.3%                                                | 20.8%                                                    | 43.4%                                                   | 35.8%                                                       |
| Cork                      | Corcaigh                   | 2,336                                                    | 151                                | 6.5%                             | 8.5%                                                | 21.6%                                                    | 44.8%                                                   | 33.6%                                                       |
| Donegal                   | Dún na nGall               | 1,291                                                    | 46                                 | 3.6%                             | 2.6%                                                | 14.3%                                                    | 42.9%                                                   | 42.9%                                                       |
| Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown    | Dún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin | 972                                                      | 142                                | 14.6%                            | 8.0%                                                | 25.0%                                                    | 50.0%                                                   | 25.0%                                                       |
| Fingal                    | Fine Gall                  | 842                                                      | 91                                 | 10.8%                            | 5.1%                                                | 19.0%                                                    | 47.6%                                                   | 33.3%                                                       |
| Galway                    | Gaillimh                   | 1,288                                                    | 58                                 | 4.5%                             | 3.3%                                                | 17.9%                                                    | 46.4%                                                   | 35.7%                                                       |
| Kerry                     | Ciarraí                    | 1,088                                                    | 88                                 | 8.1%                             | 4.9%                                                | 40.3%                                                    | 28.6%                                                   | 31.2%                                                       |
| Kildare                   | Cill Dara                  | 1,019                                                    | 82                                 | 8.0%                             | 4.6%                                                | 33.9%                                                    | 45.2%                                                   | 21.0%                                                       |
| Kilkenny                  | Cill Chainnigh             | 549                                                      | 32                                 | 5.8%                             | 1.8%                                                | 18.2%                                                    | 45.5%                                                   | 36.4%                                                       |
| Laois                     | Laois                      | 397                                                      | 27                                 | 6.8%                             | 1.5%                                                | 17.4%                                                    | 39.1%                                                   | 43.5%                                                       |
| Leitrim                   | Liatroim                   | 178                                                      | 6                                  | 3.4%                             | 0.3%                                                | 0.0%                                                     | 25.0%                                                   | 75.0%                                                       |
| Limerick                  | Luimneach                  | 795                                                      | 61                                 | 7.7%                             | 3.4%                                                | 23.8%                                                    | 42.9%                                                   | 33.3%                                                       |
| Longford                  | An Longfort                | 149                                                      | 9                                  | 6.0%                             | 0.5%                                                | 37.5%                                                    | 37.5%                                                   | 25.0%                                                       |
| Louth                     | Lú                         | 486                                                      | 41                                 | 8.4%                             | 2.3%                                                | 21.9%                                                    | 59.4%                                                   | 18.8%                                                       |
| Mayo                      | Maigh Eo                   | 879                                                      | 56                                 | 6.4%                             | 3.1%                                                | 10.3%                                                    | 56.4%                                                   | 33.3%                                                       |
| Meath                     | An Mhí                     | 966                                                      | 74                                 | 7.7%                             | 4.2%                                                | 22.0%                                                    | 48.0%                                                   | 30.0%                                                       |
| Monaghan                  | Muineachán                 | 444                                                      | 15                                 | 3.4%                             | 0.8%                                                | 23.5%                                                    | 52.9%                                                   | 23.5%                                                       |
| North Tipperary           | Tiobraid Árann Thuaith     | 422                                                      | 27                                 | 6.4%                             | 1.5%                                                | 20.0%                                                    | 52.0%                                                   | 28.0%                                                       |
| Offaly                    | Uíbh Fhailí                | 363                                                      | 28                                 | 7.7%                             | 1.6%                                                | 18.8%                                                    | 62.5%                                                   | 18.8%                                                       |
| Roscommon                 | Ros Comáin                 | 412                                                      | 25                                 | 6.1%                             | 1.4%                                                | 12.9%                                                    | 54.8%                                                   | 32.3%                                                       |
| Sligo                     | Sligeach                   | 392                                                      | 27                                 | 6.9%                             | 1.5%                                                | 36.8%                                                    | 52.6%                                                   | 10.5%                                                       |
| South Dublin              | Áth CliathTheas            | 680                                                      | 76                                 | 11.2%                            | 4.3%                                                | 29.3%                                                    | 34.7%                                                   | 36.0%                                                       |
| South Tipperary           | Tiobraid Árann Theas       | 526                                                      | 24                                 | 4.6%                             | 1.3%                                                | 33.3%                                                    | 45.8%                                                   | 20.8%                                                       |
| Waterford                 | Port Láirge                | 432                                                      | 30                                 | 6.9%                             | 1.7%                                                | 32.3%                                                    | 35.5%                                                   | 32.3%                                                       |
| Westmeath                 | An Iarmhí                  | 408                                                      | 31                                 | 7.6%                             | 1.7%                                                | 21.7%                                                    | 39.1%                                                   | 39.1%                                                       |
| Wexford                   | Loch Garman                | 1,169                                                    | 40                                 | 3.4%                             | 2.2%                                                | 8.5%                                                     | 42.6%                                                   | 48.9%                                                       |
| Wicklow                   | Cill Mhantáin              | 603                                                      | 74                                 | 12.3%                            | 4.2%                                                | 39.4%                                                    | 36.4%                                                   | 24.2%                                                       |
| <b>City Cathair</b>       |                            |                                                          |                                    |                                  |                                                     |                                                          |                                                         |                                                             |
| Cork                      | Corcaigh                   | 371                                                      | 46                                 | 12.40%                           | 2.6%                                                | 16.7%                                                    | 47.6%                                                   | 35.7%                                                       |
| Dublin                    | Baile Átha Cliath          | 1,604                                                    | 240                                | 14.96%                           | 13.5%                                               | 15.1%                                                    | 59.6%                                                   | 25.3%                                                       |
| Galway                    | Gaillimh                   | 294                                                      | 23                                 | 7.82%                            | 1.3%                                                | 30.4%                                                    | 39.1%                                                   | 30.4%                                                       |
| Limerick                  | Luimneach                  | 179                                                      | 17                                 | 9.50%                            | 1.0%                                                | 33.3%                                                    | 55.6%                                                   | 11.1%                                                       |
| Waterford                 | Port Láirge                | 154                                                      | 5                                  | 3.25%                            | 0.3%                                                | 12.5%                                                    | 62.5%                                                   | 25.0%                                                       |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>Iomlán</b>              | <b>23,007</b>                                            | <b>1,779</b>                       | <b>7.7%</b>                      | <b>100.0%</b>                                       | <b>22.4%</b>                                             | <b>47.1%</b>                                            | <b>30.5%</b>                                                |

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

## APPENDIX 4

NORMAL PLANNING APPEALS RECEIVED BY  
DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY/AREA

## AGUISÍN 4

GNÁTH ACHOMHAIRC PHLEANÁLA FAIGHTE DE RÉIR  
CATAGÓIRE/CEANTAIR FORBARTHA

| County                     | Contae                         | Agri-<br>cultur<br>e | Comm<br>Fac | Educa-<br>tion | Indus-<br>try | Leis/<br>Sport | Residen-<br>tial | Transport | Utili-<br>ties | Whole-<br>sale | Mixed     | Signs     | Oth-<br>er | Re-<br>tail | Misc      | Total       |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Carlow                     | Ceatharlach                    | 1                    | 0           | 0              | 2             | 0              | 8                | 1         | 1              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0          | 1           | 0         | 14          |
| Cavan                      | An Cabhán                      | 0                    | 0           | 0              | 1             | 0              | 9                | 0         | 3              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0          | 1           | 0         | 14          |
| Clare                      | An Clár                        | 2                    | 4           | 1              | 3             | 1              | 26               | 0         | 14             | 0              | 4         | 0         | 0          | 1           | 3         | 59          |
| Cork                       | Corcaigh                       | 11                   | 5           | 6              | 4             | 4              | 93               | 0         | 10             | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0          | 12          | 6         | 151         |
| Donegal                    | Dún na nGall                   | 2                    | 3           | 1              | 1             | 3              | 26               | 0         | 0              | 0              | 2         | 0         | 0          | 6           | 2         | 46          |
| Dun Laoghaire/<br>Rathdown | Dún Laoghaire/<br>Ráth an Dúin | 2                    | 7           | 3              | 1             | 4              | 100              | 4         | 1              | 0              | 7         | 3         | 1          | 9           | 0         | 142         |
| Fingal                     | Fine Gall                      | 3                    | 5           | 3              | 1             | 5              | 52               | 0         | 2              | 0              | 2         | 0         | 2          | 14          | 2         | 91          |
| Galway                     | Gaillimh                       | 5                    | 1           | 4              | 4             | 1              | 23               | 2         | 12             | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0          | 4           | 2         | 58          |
| Kerry                      | Ciarraí                        | 3                    | 3           | 1              | 1             | 2              | 45               | 0         | 15             | 0              | 1         | 3         | 0          | 12          | 2         | 88          |
| Kildare                    | Cill Dara                      | 1                    | 2           | 5              | 2             | 2              | 36               | 3         | 2              | 1              | 1         | 2         | 3          | 21          | 1         | 82          |
| Kilkenny                   | Cill Chainnigh                 | 3                    | 1           | 0              | 1             | 0              | 18               | 0         | 3              | 0              | 1         | 0         | 0          | 5           | 0         | 32          |
| Laois                      | Laois                          | 0                    | 2           | 0              | 5             | 0              | 11               | 0         | 2              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0          | 5           | 2         | 27          |
| Leitrim                    | Liatroim                       | 0                    | 0           | 0              | 0             | 0              | 3                | 0         | 1              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0          | 2           | 0         | 6           |
| Limerick                   | Luimneach                      | 5                    | 3           | 3              | 2             | 1              | 31               | 2         | 7              | 0              | 0         | 1         | 0          | 6           | 0         | 61          |
| Longford                   | An Longfort                    | 0                    | 0           | 1              | 1             | 1              | 5                | 0         | 0              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0          | 1           | 0         | 9           |
| Louth                      | Lú                             | 3                    | 2           | 0              | 0             | 2              | 17               | 1         | 5              | 0              | 3         | 0         | 0          | 7           | 1         | 41          |
| Mayo                       | Maigh Eo                       | 7                    | 1           | 1              | 4             | 0              | 29               | 2         | 9              | 0              | 2         | 0         | 0          | 1           | 0         | 56          |
| Meath                      | An Mhí                         | 4                    | 2           | 1              | 2             | 2              | 42               | 6         | 5              | 0              | 1         | 1         | 1          | 5           | 2         | 74          |
| Monaghan                   | Muineachán                     | 0                    | 1           | 1              | 1             | 0              | 5                | 0         | 3              | 0              | 1         | 0         | 0          | 3           | 0         | 15          |
| North Tipp                 | Tiobraid Árann<br>Thuaidh      | 2                    | 0           | 2              | 2             | 0              | 8                | 0         | 3              | 1              | 0         | 0         | 0          | 7           | 2         | 27          |
| Offaly                     | Uíbh Fhailí                    | 5                    | 0           | 0              | 1             | 2              | 13               | 0         | 5              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0          | 2           | 0         | 28          |
| Roscommon                  | Ros Comáin                     | 2                    | 1           | 0              | 1             | 2              | 10               | 1         | 7              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0           | 1         | 25          |
| Sligo                      | Sligeach                       | 2                    | 2           | 0              | 3             | 1              | 14               | 0         | 1              | 1              | 1         | 0         | 0          | 2           | 0         | 27          |
| South Dublin               | Áth CliathThe-<br>as           | 2                    | 6           | 2              | 0             | 1              | 47               | 3         | 2              | 0              | 3         | 0         | 0          | 8           | 2         | 76          |
| South Tipp                 | Tiobraid Árann<br>Theas        | 1                    | 0           | 0              | 1             | 1              | 8                | 0         | 6              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0          | 6           | 1         | 24          |
| Waterford                  | Port Láirge                    | 0                    | 2           | 0              | 0             | 1              | 21               | 0         | 3              | 0              | 0         | 1         | 0          | 2           | 0         | 30          |
| Westmeath                  | An Iarmhí                      | 0                    | 3           | 0              | 3             | 2              | 19               | 0         | 1              | 0              | 1         | 0         | 0          | 2           | 0         | 31          |
| Wexford                    | Loch Garman                    | 3                    | 0           | 0              | 2             | 4              | 24               | 1         | 3              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0          | 3           | 0         | 40          |
| Wicklow                    | Cill Mhantáin                  | 0                    | 0           | 0              | 0             | 4              | 54               | 0         | 3              | 0              | 1         | 2         | 0          | 9           | 1         | 74          |
| <b>City</b>                |                                | <b>Cathair</b>       |             |                |               |                |                  |           |                |                |           |           |            |             |           |             |
| Cork                       | Corcaigh                       | 0                    | 1           | 7              | 0             | 6              | 13               | 0         | 2              | 0              | 6         | 1         | 1          | 8           | 1         | 46          |
| Dublin                     | Baile Átha<br>Cliath           | 0                    | 4           | 3              | 0             | 9              | 151              | 2         | 0              | 0              | 14        | 3         | 4          | 44          | 6         | 240         |
| Galway                     | Gaillimh                       | 0                    | 1           | 1              | 0             | 0              | 13               | 0         | 5              | 0              | 0         | 1         | 0          | 2           | 0         | 23          |
| Limerick                   | Luimneach                      | 0                    | 1           | 2              | 1             | 1              | 4                | 2         | 3              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0          | 2           | 1         | 17          |
| Waterford                  | Port Láirge                    | 0                    | 0           | 0              | 1             | 0              | 2                | 0         | 1              | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0          | 1           | 0         | 5           |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>Iomlán</b>                  | <b>69</b>            | <b>63</b>   | <b>48</b>      | <b>51</b>     | <b>62</b>      | <b>980</b>       | <b>30</b> | <b>140</b>     | <b>3</b>       | <b>51</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>12</b>  | <b>214</b>  | <b>38</b> | <b>1779</b> |

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'.

## APPENDIX 5

SUMMARY OF ALL CASES DISPOSED OF BY  
REFERENCE TO STATUTORY OBJECTIVE PERIOD

## AGUISÍN 5

ACHOIMRE DO GACH CÁIS 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 Bonna-gair 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 |
| 2002                       | 1,957 | 3,637 | 35%                                         | -                                                 | -  | -                                           | 91              | 66  | 58%                                         | 2,068              | 3,736 | 36%                                         |
| 2003                       | 3,278 | 1,167 | 74%                                         | -                                                 | -  | -                                           | 219             | 59  | 79%                                         | 3,526              | 1,256 | 74%                                         |
| 2004                       | 3,995 | 670   | 86%                                         | -                                                 | -  | -                                           | 271             | 50  | 84%                                         | 4,357              | 754   | 85%                                         |
| 2005                       | 3,879 | 1,085 | 78%                                         | -                                                 | -  | -                                           | 233             | 58  | 80%                                         | 4,210              | 1,177 | 78%                                         |
| 2006                       | 2,660 | 2,543 | 51%                                         | -                                                 | -  | -                                           | 194             | 118 | 62%                                         | 2,934              | 2,694 | 52%                                         |
| 2007                       | 2,647 | 2,997 | 47%                                         | 56                                                | 39 | 40%                                         | 255             | 135 | 65%                                         | 2,980              | 3,183 | 48%                                         |
| 2008                       | 1,056 | 4,133 | 20%                                         | 11                                                | 18 | 38%                                         | 167             | 285 | 37%                                         | 1,306              | 4,495 | 23%                                         |
| 2009                       | 1,113 | 3,526 | 24%                                         | 5                                                 | 26 | 16%                                         | 155             | 184 | 46%                                         | 1,312              | 3,778 | 26%                                         |
| 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%                                         |

### Notes:

A Number disposed of within statutory objective periods.

B Number not disposed of within statutory objective periods.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> 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 gcás achomhairc agus cásanna eile faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála 1963 go 1999, faoin Acht um Rialú Foirgníochta agus faoi na hAchtanna um Thruailliú Uisce. Ní bhaineann sprioc thréimhse reachtúil le cásanna áirithe. Baineann an figiúr seo leis na hiarratais Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéiseach uile a cinneadh go foirmeálta.

## APPENDIX 6

### PROMPT PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS ACT 1997

The Board comes within the scope of the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997, as amended by the European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations 2002. The payment practices of the Board are reported on below for the year ended 31 December 2011 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 2011, the Board did not set or agree payment periods outside the terms of the Act.
2. The system of internal control incorporates such controls and procedures as are considered necessary to ensure compliance with the Act. This system includes accounting and computer controls designed to ensure the identification of invoices and contracts for payment within the payment periods required by the Act. Reports are produced that identify unpaid outstanding invoices and these reports are reviewed regularly at a senior level.
3. The procedures referred to at 1 and 2 above are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material non-compliance with the Act. The Board is satisfied that its procedures have operated adequately in the main and that no remedial action is required.

## AGUISÍN 6

### AN TACHT UM ÍOC PRAS CUNTAS 1997

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 2011 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 chu masaíonn 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 2010 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 don Acht. Táirgtear tuarascálacha a shai naithníonn 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 neamhghéilliúlacht 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 2 days. Under Article 3(2)(b) of the above regulations when the interest is less than €5.00 the regulations do not apply.

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

- Total number of late payments in excess of €320 1
- Total value of late payments in excess of €320 €2,907.00
- Total value of all late payments (A) €2,926.99
- Total value of all payments (B) €5,990,068.00
- (A) as a % of (B) 0.05%
- Total amount of interest paid on late payments €7.04

Since 1 January 2012 there have been no material developments insofar as the Board's compliance with the Act is concerned.

4. Ba é dhá 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.

Seo a leanas a nochtann athbhreithniú mionsonraithe ar thaifid na bliana:

- Líon iomlán na mallíocaíochtaí os cionn €320 1
- Luach iomlán na mallíocaíochtaí os cionn €320 €2,907.00
- Luach iomlán na mallíocaíochtaí ar fad (A) €2,926.99
- Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí ar fad (B) €5,990,068.00
- (A) mar a % of (B) 0.05%
- An t-ús iomlán a íocadh ar mhallíocaíochtaí €7.04

Ón 1 Eanáir 2012 níor tharla aon fhorbairtí ábhartha maidir le géilliúlacht an Bhoird don Acht.

## APPENDIX 7

### STATEMENT ON SYSTEM OF INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROL

#### Responsibility for System of Internal Financial Control

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

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

#### Key Control Procedures

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

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

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

- identifying the nature, extent and financial implications of risks facing the body including the extent and categories which it regards as acceptable;
- assessing the likelihood of identified risks occurring;
- assessing the body's ability to manage and mitigate the risks that do occur.

## AGUISIN 7

### RAITEAS FAOI RIALU INMHEANACH CONTROL AIRGEADAIS

#### Freagracht as an gCóras Rialaithe Airgeadais Inmheánaigh

Thar ceann Bord Stiúrthóirí an Bhoird Phleanála admhaím an fhreagracht atá orainn a chinntiú go gcoimeádtar agus go gcuirtear córas éifeachtach de rialú inmheánach chun feidhme.

Ní bhíonn ar chumas aon chórais ach dearbhú réasúnta agus ní dearbhú amach is amach a thabhairt go bhfuil sócmhainní á gcosaint, idirbhearta á n-údarú go cuí, agus earráidí nó mírialtachtaí ábhartha á gcosc nó á leigheas go tráthúil.

#### Eochair-Nósanna Imeachta Rialaithe

Ghlac an Bord na céimeanna seo a leanas chun timpeallacht chuí rialaithe a chinntiú trí:

- fhreagrachtaí bainistíochta a shainiú go soiléir;
- nósanna imeacht foirmiúla a bhunú chun teipeanna suntasacha rialaithe a thuairisciú agus beart cuí ceartaitheach a chinntiú.

Tá na próisis seo a leanas bunaithe ag an mBord chun priacail ghnó a shainaithint agus a mheas trí:

- nádúr, méid agus impleachtaí airgeadais na ri oscaí don chomhlacht a shainaithint lena n-áirítear méid an riosca agus na catagóirí riosca a mheasann sé atá inghlactha;
- an dealraitheacht go dtarlóidh rioscaí sainaitheanta a mheas;
- measúnú a dhéanamh ar chumas an chomhlachta na rioscaí a tharlaíonn iarbhrí a bhainistiú agus a mhaolú.

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

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

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 risk to which the body is exposed, and the annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. The analysis of risk and internal audit plans are endorsed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board. At least annually, the Internal Auditor provides the Audit Committee with a report of internal audit activity. The report includes the Internal Auditor's opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the system of internal financial control.

Tá an córas de rialú inmheánach airgeadais bunaithe ar chreat d'eolas rialta bainistíochta, agus ar nósanna imeachta riaracháin lena n-áirítear leithscaradh dualgas agus córas tarmiligthe agus cuntasachta. Go sonrach, áirítear air:

- córas cuimsitheach buiséadaigh agus buiséad bliantúil a athbhreithníonn agus a aontaíonn comhaltaí an Bhoird;
- athbhreithnithe tráthrialta ag an gcoiste bainistíochta ar thuarascálacha airgeadais tréimhsiúla agus bliantúla a léiríonn feidhmíocht airgeadais i gcomparáid le réamhaisnéisí;
- athbhreithniú ag comhaltaí an Bhoird ar na meastacháin bhliantúla airgeadais agus ar na tuarascálacha airgeadais
- spriocanna a shocrú chun feidhmíocht airgeadais agus feidhmíocht eile a thomhas;
- treoirlinnte rialaithe d'infheistiú caipitil, treoirlinnte a bheidh sainithe go soiléir;

Tá feidhm iniúchta inmheánaigh ag an mBord, a oibríonn de réir Chód Chreata Dea-Chleachtais mar atá leagtha amach sa Chód Cleachtais um Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit. Bunaítear obair an iniúchta inmheánaigh ar anailís ar an riosca dá nochtar an comhlacht, agus bunaítear na pleananna iniúchta inmheánaigh bliantúla ar an anailís sin. Formhuiníonn an Coiste Iniúcháireachta na pleananna um anailís ar riosca agus iniúchta inmheánaigh agus ceadaíonn an Bord iad. Uair amháin sa bhliain ar a laghad, soláthraíonn an tIniúcháir Inmheánach tuarascáil don Choiste Iniúcháireachta ar ghníomhaíochtaí iniúchta inmheánaigh. Áirítear ar an tuarascáil tuairim an Iniúcháir Inmheánaigh ar leordhóthanacht agus éifeachtacht an chórais rialaithe inmheánach airgeadais.

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

#### **Annual Review of Controls**

I confirm that in the year ending 31st December 2011, the Board has conducted a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial controls.

Mary Kelly

**Dr Mary Kelly**  
**Chairperson**  
**25th April 2012**

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 2011 ar a éifeachtaí atá an córas rialaithe inmheánach airgeadais.

Mary Kelly

**An Dr. Máire Ní Cheallaigh**  
**Cathaoirleach**  
**25 Aibreán 2012**



## APPENDIX 8

### STATEMENT ON REMUNERATION AND MEMBERS' FEES

#### General

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

#### Members' Fees and Expenses

In 2011, the salary for the post of Chairperson remained at the same level as that paid to a judge of the High Court as was provided for in section 105(14)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 but subject to the full pay reduction required by the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (No. 2) Act 2009. This equated to a salary of €206,616. The salary for the post of Deputy Chairperson was reduced in 2011 to €133,387 ppc rate (€126,718 non-ppc rate) which was aligned to the second point on the salary scale for the Assistant Secretary grade in the Civil Service 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 2011 was €127,588 ppc rate (€121,406 non ppc rate) which was the 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 2009. This salary scale was reduced to €116,935 ppc rate (€111,088 non ppc rate) in late 2011 for new Board appointments.

## AGUISIN 8

### RAITEAS FAOI LUACH SAOTHAIR AGUS TAILLI NA GCOMHALTAI

#### Nithe Ginearálta

Géilleann an Bord do na treoirlínte 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, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil. Ní imíonn sé ó bheartas pá an Rialtais in aon slí.

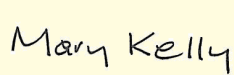
#### Táillí agus Costais na mBall

D'fhan tuarastal phost an Chathaoirligh ag an leibhéal céanna sa bhliain 2011 agus tuarastal bhreitheamh den Ard-Chúirt faoi mar a fhoráiltear in alt 105(14)(a) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 ach faoi réir an laghdaithe iomláin phá a ceanglaíodh faoin Acht um Bearta Airgeadais Éigeandála ar mhaithe le Leas an Phobail (Uimh. 2) 2009. B'ionann sin agus tuarastal de €206,616. Sa bhliain 2011 laghdaíodh an tuarastal a ghabh le post an Leas-Chathaoirligh go €133,387 ag ráta ranníocaíochta pearsanta pinsin nó ráta rpp (nó €126,718 ag ráta neamh-rpp) a ailíníodh leis an dara pointe ar scála tuarastail ghrád an Leas-Rúnaí sa Státseirbhís ach faoi réir an laghdaithe iomláin phá a ceanglaíodh faoin Acht um Bearta Airgeadais Éigeandála ar mhaithe le Leas an Phobail (Uimh. 2) 2009.

Ba é tuarastal bhaill an Bhoird sa bhliain 2011 €127,588 ag ráta rpp (€121,406 ag ráta neamh-rpp) a bhí comhionann leis an gcéad phointe de scála an Rúnaí Chúnta sa Státseirbhís ach faoi réir an laghdaithe iomláin phá a ceanglaíodh faoin Acht um Bearta Airgeadais Éigeandála ar mhaithe le Leas an Phobail (Uimh. 2) 2009. Laghdaíodh an scála tuarastail seo go €116,935 ag ráta rpp (€111,088 ag ráta neamh-rpp) go déanach sa bhliain 2011 i gcás ceapachán nua ar an mBord.

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

There are no fees paid to Board Members.



Dr Mary Kelly  
Chairperson

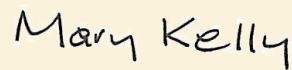


Mr Conall Boland  
Deputy Chairperson

25th April 2012

Cháiligh ball amháin le haghaidh costas speisialta. Clúdaíonn an tsuim sin, a cheadaigh an tAire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil le cead an Aire Airgeadais, na costais a ghabhann le taisteal ón mbaile go dtí Baile Átha Cliath agus cóiríocht sa phríomhchathair.

Ní íoctar aon táille le baill an Bhoird.



An Dr. Máire Ní Cheallaigh  
Cathaoirleach



Mr. Conall Boland  
Leaschathaoirleach

25 Aibreán 2012

## APPENDIX 9

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Statement of Board's Responsibilities

Section 117(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requires the Board to prepare financial statements in such form as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment, 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 the Board's headquarters at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

Mary Kelly      Conall Boland

Dr Mary Kelly  
Chairperson

Mr Conall Boland  
Deputy Chairperson

25th April 2012

## AGUISIN 9

### RAITIS AIRGEADAIS

#### Ráiteas ar Fhreagrachtaí an Bhoird

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 cuntasáochta a roghnú agus iad a chur i bhfeidhm go comhsheasmhach.
- breithiúnais agus meastacháin a dhéanamh atá réasúnta agus stuama;
- na ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú ar bhonn ghnóthais leantaigh, agus
- a rá cibé acu ar cloíodh le caighdeáin i nfeidhmithe chun tásaíochta, faoi réir aon athrú ábhartha arna nochtadh agus arna mí niú 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 choimir-ciú 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 ag 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1.

Mary Kelly      Conall Boland

An Dr. Máire Ní Cheallaigh  
Cathaoirleach

Mr. Conall Boland  
Leaschathaoirleach

25 Aibreán 2012

## Statement of Accounting Policies

### 1. General:

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

Under the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 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 are accounted for on a cash receipt basis.

## Ráiteas na mBeartas Cuntasaíochta

### 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:

Mínítear deontais Oireachtais ar bhonn fáltas airgid.

#### 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 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.

#### 5. Local Authority Development/ Strategic Infrastructural Development:

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

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

#### 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 iarbhair, socraítear iad faoi rialachán an Aire nó cinneann an Bord iad le ceadú an Aire 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.

#### 5. Forbairt Údaráis Áitiúil / Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh:

Tá táillí maidir le hiarratais chun forbairt bonneagair straitéisigh a dhéanamh socraithe ag an mBord de réir alt 144 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, arna leasú, agus aithnítear iad dá réir ar iad a fháil.

Is gnách táillí mar iad a réamhíoc agus féadfaidh siad na costais a thabhaítear ar na tionscadail ábhartha a sháru. In imthosca mar sin, is é beartas reatha an Bhoird aon bharrachas a ghintear ar an tslí seo a aisíoc le hiarrthóirí.

## 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.

## 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 ioncain gan amúchadh a úsáideadh chun sócmhainní seasta a cheannach.

## 8. Aoisliúntas:

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

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

The payment of superannuation benefits to and in respect of employees and members of the Board is provided for in these defined benefit superannuation schemes approved by the Minister for the Environment, 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 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 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 Environment, Community and Local Government.

Rinneadh soláthar sna scéimeanna aoisliúntais sin le sochair shainithe arna bhfaomhadh ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus le toiliú an Aire 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 státchiste 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 cailteanais achtúire a éiríonn as dliteanais scéime sa Ráiteas faoi na Gnóthachain agus na Cailteanais Iomlána Aitheanta agus aithnítear coigeartú comhfhreagrach sa mhéid is in-aisghabhála ón Státchiste arna sholáthar ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

Léiríonn na dliteanais aoisliúntais luath 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 Státchiste 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). Income from such awards is accounted for on a cash receipt basis and the amount recovered is netted to legal expenditure fees in the current year.

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

## 10. Lease Costs:

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

## 9. Costais Dlí:

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.

Déanann an Bord iarracht, nuair is praiticiúil, na costais dlí a éiríonn as caingne dlí a aisghabháil, má dhámhann na Cúirteanna na costais sin (féach Nóta 13). Cuirtear ioncam óna leithéid de dhámhachtain san áireamh ar bhonn fáltais airgid, agus bíonn an méid aisghafa glan ar tháillí caiteachais dhlíthiúla, sa bhliain reatha.

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 nua ag 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1 a dhíscríobh thar thréimhse 10 mbliana.



# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

|                                                                                          | 2011           | 2010             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                                                                                          | €              | €                |
| <b>Income:</b>                                                                           |                |                  |
| Oireachtas Grant                                                                         | 13,724,000     | 13,565,000       |
| Fees (Note 1)                                                                            | 1,107,938      | 1,619,829        |
| Strategic Infrastructure Fees & Cost Recoupment (Note 2)                                 | 2,333,294      | 1,677,845        |
| Miscellaneous                                                                            | 4,223          | 9,101            |
| Net Deferred Funding for Superannuation (Note 5(c))                                      | 3,347,000      | 4,138,000        |
| Profit on Disposal of Fixed Assets                                                       | 657            | 0                |
|                                                                                          | 20,517,112     | 21,009,775       |
| Transfer from Capital Account (Note 11)                                                  | 722,867        | 652,437          |
|                                                                                          | 21,239,979     | 21,662,212       |
| <b>Expenditure:</b>                                                                      |                |                  |
| Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation (Note 3)                                         | 14,855,725     | 15,027,098       |
| Establishment Expenses (Note 6)                                                          | 2,871,651      | 3,017,583        |
| Operating Expenses (Note 7)                                                              | 3,118,417      | 3,395,171        |
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>                                                                 | 20,845,793     | 21,439,852       |
| <b>Surplus for year</b>                                                                  | 394,186        | 222,360          |
| (Deficit) brought forward                                                                | (102,406)      | (324,766)        |
| <b>Cumulative Surplus/(Deficit) at 31 December</b>                                       | <u>291,780</u> | <u>(102,406)</u> |
| <b>Statement of Total Recognised Gains &amp; Losses</b>                                  |                |                  |
| Experience Gains on superannuation scheme Liabilities (Note 5(d))                        | 758,000        | 3,352,000        |
| Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of superannuation scheme liabilities | (5,425,000)    | (4,219,000)      |
| Actuarial (loss) on Superannuation Liabilities (Note 5(b))                               | (4,667,000)    | (867,000)        |
| Adjustment to Deferred Superannuation Funding                                            | 4,667,000      | 867,000          |
| Surplus for year                                                                         | <u>394,186</u> | <u>222,360</u>   |
| <b>Total Recognised Gain for year</b>                                                    | <u>394,186</u> | <u>222,360</u>   |

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

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25th April 2012

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011

|                                                                    | 2011               | 2010               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                                                    | €                  | €                  |
| <b>Fixed Assets (Note 8)</b>                                       | 426,301            | 1,149,168          |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                                              |                    |                    |
| Debtors and Prepayments (Note 9)                                   | 261,037            | 321,102            |
| Cash in bank and on hand                                           | <u>2,163,055</u>   | <u>1,882,710</u>   |
|                                                                    | 2,424,092          | 2,203,812          |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                                         |                    |                    |
| Sundry Creditors and Accrued Expenses (Note 10)                    | <u>(2,132,312)</u> | <u>(2,306,218)</u> |
| Net Current (Liabilities)/Assets                                   | 291,780            | (102,406)          |
| <b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities before superannuation</b> | <u>718,081</u>     | <u>1,046,762</u>   |
| Deferred Superannuation Funding                                    | 77,943,000         | 69,929,000         |
| Superannuation Liabilities (Note 5(b))                             | (77,943,000)       | (69,929,000)       |
| <b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>                       | <u>718,081</u>     | <u>1,046,762</u>   |
| <b>Represented by</b>                                              |                    |                    |
| Capital Account (Note 11)                                          | 426,301            | 1,149,168          |
| Income and Expenditure Account                                     | 291,780            | (102,406)          |
|                                                                    | <u>718,081</u>     | <u>1,046,762</u>   |

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# CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

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

|                                    | 2011           | 2010             |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                                    | €              | €                |
| Surplus for year                   | 394,186        | 222,360          |
| Movement on Capital Account        | (722,867)      | (652,437)        |
| Depreciation                       | 823,504        | 847,986          |
| Profit on Disposal of Fixed Assets | (657)          | 0                |
| Decrease in debtors                | 60,065         | 360,591          |
| (Decrease) in creditors            | (173,906)      | (879,016)        |
| <b>Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow)</b>   | <u>380,325</u> | <u>(100,516)</u> |

## Cash Flow Statement

|                                                     |                |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities | 380,325        | (100,516)        |
| Capital Expenditure                                 | (100,637)      | (195,549)        |
| Proceeds on disposal of fixed assets                | 657            | 0                |
| <b>Increase/(Decrease) in cash</b>                  | <u>280,345</u> | <u>(296,065)</u> |

## Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds

|                                     |                  |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Increase/(Decrease) in cash in year | 280,345          | (296,065)        |
| Net Funds at 1 January              | <u>1,882,710</u> | <u>2,178,775</u> |
| Net Funds at 31 December            | <u>2,163,055</u> | <u>1,882,710</u> |

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

|                                                   | 2011             | 2010             |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                   | €                | €                |
| <b><u>NOTE 1: Fee Income</u></b>                  |                  |                  |
| Fees received in respect of appeals and referrals | 1,285,334        | 1,841,579        |
| Refunds in respect of Appeals                     | (177,396)        | (221,750)        |
|                                                   | <u>1,107,938</u> | <u>1,619,829</u> |

## **NOTE 2: Strategic Infrastructure Fees and Cost Recoupment**

|                                                                                    | 2011             | 2010             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                                                    | €                | €                |
| Fees received in respect of strategic infrastructure development                   | 1,770,000        | 2,000,000        |
| Cost Recoupment from applicants in respect of strategic infrastructure development | 1,356,630        | 740,874          |
| Refunds paid to applicants in respect of strategic infrastructure                  | (138,336)        | (109,029)        |
| Refund Liability in respect of strategic infrastructure                            | <u>(655,000)</u> | <u>(954,000)</u> |
|                                                                                    | <u>2,333,294</u> | <u>1,677,845</u> |

## **NOTE 3: Salaries and Allowances**

At 31 December 2011, the Board consisted of a chairperson and 5 ordinary members, (seven members at the end of 2010) in accordance with section 104 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Membership of the Board is wholetime.

At 31 December 2011, there were 152.1 whole time equivalent employees in the Board of which 14.7 were management, 51.1 were professional and 86.3 were administrative. The average number of wholetime equivalent employees during the year was 152.9 (164.2 in 2010). During 2011, there was a decrease in the intake of cases by 26%. The volume of cases disposed of decreased by 28%. Staffing levels are approved by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government with the consent of the Minister for Finance.

|                         | 2011              | 2010              |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                         | €                 | €                 |
| Salaries and Allowances | 9,214,347         | 9,340,065         |
| Superannuation Costs    | 4,982,173         | 5,029,755         |
| Employers' PRSI         | <u>659,205</u>    | <u>657,278</u>    |
|                         | <u>14,855,725</u> | <u>15,027,098</u> |

An amount of €624,603 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 2011 comprised:

|                                                        |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Former Chairperson -Retired 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2011 | €            |
| Salary                                                 | 125,713      |
| Allowances                                             | <u>1,634</u> |
| Total                                                  | 127,347      |

|                                                         |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| New Chairperson -Commenced 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2011 | €        |
| Salary                                                  | 66,523   |
| Allowances                                              | <u>0</u> |
| Total                                                   | 66,523   |

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

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

|                                        | <b>2011<br/>(€'000)</b> | <b>2010<br/>(€'000)</b> |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Current service costs                  | 1,657                   | 1,696                   |
| Interest on Pension Scheme Liabilities | 3,830                   | 3,790                   |
| Employee Contributions                 | <u>(505)</u>            | <u>(456)</u>            |
|                                        | 4,982                   | 5,030                   |

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

|                                      | <b>2011<br/>(€'000)</b> | <b>2010<br/>(€'000)</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Net Pension Liability at 1 January   | (69,929)                | (64,924)                |
| Current Service Cost                 | (1,657)                 | (1,696)                 |
| Interest Costs                       | (3,830)                 | (3,790)                 |
| Actuarial (loss)                     | (4,667)                 | (867)                   |
| Pensions Paid in the year            | <u>2,140</u>            | <u>1,348</u>            |
| Net Pension Liability at 31 December | <u>(77,943)</u>         | <u>(69,929)</u>         |

*(c) Deferred Funding for Pensions*

The Board recognises these amounts as an asset corresponding to the unfunded deferred liability for pensions on the basis of the set of assumptions described above and a number of past events. These events include the statutory basis for the establishment of the pension scheme, and the policy and practice currently in place in relation to funding public service pensions including contributions by employees and the annual estimates process. While there is no formal agreement regarding these specific amounts with the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, the Board has no evidence that this funding policy will not continue to meet such sums in accordance with current practice.

*(c) Deferred Funding for Pensions continued*

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

|                                                                   | <b>2011</b><br><b>(€'000)</b> | <b>2010</b><br><b>(€'000)</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Funding recoverable in respect of the current year pensions costs | 5,487                         | 5,486                         |
| State Grant applied to pay pensioners                             | <u>(2,140)</u>                | <u>(1,348)</u>                |
|                                                                   | 3,347                         | 4,138                         |

The deferred funding asset for pensions at 31st December 2011 amounts to €77.9 million (2010: €69.9 million).

*(d) History of defined benefit obligations*

|                                                      | <b>2011</b><br><b>(€'000)</b> | <b>2010</b><br><b>(€'000)</b> | <b>2009</b><br><b>(€'000)</b> | <b>2008</b><br><b>(€'000)</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Defined benefit obligations                          | 77,943                        | 69,929                        | 64,924                        | 61,617                        |
| Experience losses/(gains) on scheme liability amount | (758)                         | (3,352)                       | (528)                         | 4,636                         |
| Percentage of Scheme Liabilities                     | 1%                            | 5%                            | 1%                            | 8%                            |

*(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 65<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 by a qualified independent actuary taking account of the requirements of the FRS in order to assess the scheme liabilities at 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2011.

The principal actuarial assumptions were as follows:

|                                         | <b>2011</b> | <b>2010</b> |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Rate of increase in salaries            | 3.50%       | 3.50%       |
| Rate of increase in pensions in payment | 3.50%       | 3.50%       |
| Discount Rate                           | 5.00%       | 5.40%       |
| 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**

|                                            | <b>2011</b>             | <b>2010</b>             |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                            | <b>€</b>                | <b>€</b>                |
| Rent and Service Charge ( <i>Note 15</i> ) | 1,913,045               | 1,986,455               |
| Repairs and Maintenance                    | 20,023                  | 60,902                  |
| Insurance                                  | 32,541                  | 34,780                  |
| Light and Heat                             | 82,538                  | 87,460                  |
| Depreciation                               | <u>823,504</u>          | <u>847,986</u>          |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b><u>2,871,651</u></b> | <b><u>3,017,583</u></b> |

**NOTE 7: Operating Expenses**

|                                                                | <b>2011</b>             | <b>2010</b>             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                                                | <b>€</b>                | <b>€</b>                |
| Travel and Subsistence                                         | 211,155                 | 268,522                 |
| Legal Fees ( <i>Note 13</i> )                                  | 1,474,285               | 1,210,977               |
| Office Equipment and Stationery                                | 188,122                 | 182,064                 |
| Information and Communications Technology                      | 200,162                 | 343,427                 |
| Printing and Books                                             | 5,434                   | 25,256                  |
| Statutory Notices                                              | 85,086                  | 106,808                 |
| Recruitment, Staff Training<br>and Development and Conferences | 119,374                 | 134,231                 |
| Telephone and Postage                                          | 91,444                  | 141,217                 |
| Consultants' Fees and Services ( <i>Note 14</i> )              | 722,479                 | 962,906                 |
| Audit Fees                                                     | 17,390                  | 17,390                  |
| Sundries                                                       | 3,486                   | 2,373                   |
| <b>Total</b>                                                   | <b><u>3,118,417</u></b> | <b><u>3,395,171</u></b> |

**NOTE 8: Fixed Assets**

|                       | Leasehold<br>Premises<br>€ | Furniture<br>& Fittings<br>€ | IT & Office<br>Equipment<br>€ | Total<br>€       |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>           |                            |                              |                               |                  |
| Balance at 01/01/11   | 6,683,425                  | 150,415                      | 1,661,964                     | 8,495,804        |
| Additions             | 0                          | 0                            | 100,637                       | 100,637          |
| Disposals             | <u>0</u>                   | <u>0</u>                     | <u>(60,309)</u>               | <u>(60,309)</u>  |
| Balance at 31/12/11   | <u>6,683,425</u>           | <u>150,415</u>               | <u>1,702,292</u>              | <u>8,536,132</u> |
| <b>Depreciation</b>   |                            |                              |                               |                  |
| Balance at 01/01/11   | 5,857,394                  | 98,366                       | 1,390,876                     | 7,346,636        |
| Charge for the year   | 668,342                    | 14,050                       | 141,112                       | 823,504          |
| Disposals             | <u>0</u>                   | <u>0</u>                     | <u>(60,309)</u>               | <u>(60,309)</u>  |
| Balance at 31/12/11   | <u>6,525,736</u>           | <u>112,416</u>               | <u>1,471,679</u>              | <u>8,109,831</u> |
| <b>Net Book Value</b> |                            |                              |                               |                  |
| 31 December 2011      | <u>157,689</u>             | <u>37,999</u>                | <u>230,613</u>                | <u>426,301</u>   |
| 31 December 2010      | <u>826,031</u>             | <u>52,049</u>                | <u>271,088</u>                | <u>1,149,168</u> |

**Note 9: Debtors**

|             | 2011           | 2010           |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|
|             | €              | €              |
| Debtors     | 0              | 0              |
| Prepayments | <u>261,037</u> | <u>321,102</u> |
|             | <u>261,037</u> | <u>321,102</u> |

**Note 10: Creditors due within one year**

|                        | 2011             | 2010             |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                        | €                | €                |
| Creditors <sup>1</sup> | (35,168)         | 22,367           |
| Accruals               | <u>2,167,480</u> | <u>2,283,851</u> |
|                        | <u>2,132,312</u> | <u>2,306,218</u> |

1. The creditors balance is a negative figure, due to three(3) supplier credit notes, totalling €47,802 on hand as at 31st December 2011.



**NOTE 11: Capital Account**

|                                                                      | <b>2011</b><br>€ | <b>2010</b><br>€ |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Balance at 1 January                                                 | 1,149,168        | 1,801,605        |
| -Income allocated for capital purposes<br>(gross of asset disposals) | 100,637          | 195,549          |
| -Amount released on disposal<br>of fixed assets                      | 0                | 0                |
| -Amortisation in line with asset<br>depreciation                     | (823,504)        | (847,986)        |
| Transfer from/(to) Income<br>and Expenditure Account                 | (722,867)        | (652,437)        |
| Balance at 31 December                                               | <u>426,301</u>   | <u>1,149,168</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 2011 regarding these recoverable costs was as follows:-

| <b>Recoverable Legal Costs:</b>              | <b>2011</b><br>€ | <b>2010</b><br>€ |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Outstanding at 1 January                     | 2,201,874        | 2,682,947        |
| Recovered during year <sup>1</sup>           | (517,776)        | (270,923)        |
| Recoverable costs arising during year        | 468,710          | 491,727          |
| Costs written off during year                | (71,756)         | (667,472)        |
| Costs re-designated during year <sup>2</sup> | 0                | (34,405)         |
| Outstanding at 31 December                   | <u>2,081,052</u> | <u>2,201,874</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**

| <b>Legal Fees:</b>                    | <b>2011</b>      | <b>2010</b>      |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                       | <b>€</b>         | <b>€</b>         |
| Recoverable costs arising during year | 468,710          | 491,727          |
| Recovered during year                 | <u>(517,776)</u> | <u>(270,923)</u> |
| Net recoverable costs                 | (49,066)         | 220,804          |
| Non-recoverable costs                 | 999,493          | 474,285          |
| Non-recoverable applicant costs       | 523,858          | 515,888          |
|                                       | <u>1,474,285</u> | <u>1,210,977</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 advisors, as it is necessary for the performance of its functions. In 2011, about 1.74% of all inspectors' reports came from consultant inspectors and their fees, along with associated costs relating to recording of oral hearings, accounted for nearly 96% (2010:97%) 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 2011 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 2011, all members made statements in accordance with the Acts.

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

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

Section 148 of the 2000 Act relates to disclosures regarding a pecuniary or other beneficial interest in, or which is material to, any appeal or other matter to be determined by the Board. In 2011, members made zero (0) disclosures, 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 2011, zero (0) members made disclosures, three (3) 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 25th April 2012

# CUNTAS IONCAIM AGUS CAITEACHAIS

DON BHLIAIN DAR CRÍOCH 31 NOLLAIG 2011

|                                                                                  | 2011<br>€      | 2010<br>€        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <b>Ioncam:</b>                                                                   |                |                  |
| Deontas Oireachtais                                                              | 13,724,000     | 13,565,000       |
| Táillí (Nóta 1)                                                                  | 1,107,938      | 1,619,829        |
| Táillí Bonneagair Straitéisigh & Aisghabháil Costas (Nóta 2)                     | 2,333,294      | 1,677,845        |
| Ilghnéitheach                                                                    | 4,223          | 9,101            |
| Glanchistiú larchurtha le haghaidh Aoisliúntais (Nóta 5(c))                      | 3,347,000      | 4,138,000        |
| Brabús ar Dhiúscairt Sócmhainní Seasta                                           | 657            | 0                |
|                                                                                  | 20,517,112     | 21,009,775       |
| Aistriú ón gCuntas Caipitil (Nóta 11)                                            | 722,867        | 652,437          |
|                                                                                  | 21,239,979     | 21,662,212       |
| <b>Caiteachas:</b>                                                               |                |                  |
| Tuarastail, Liúntais agus Aoisliúntas (Nóta 3)                                   | 14,855,725     | 15,027,098       |
| Costais Teaghlachais (Nóta 6)                                                    | 2,871,651      | 3,017,583        |
| Costais Oibriúcháin (Nóta 7)                                                     | 3,118,417      | 3,395,171        |
| <b>Caiteachas Iomlán</b>                                                         | 20,845,793     | 21,439,852       |
| <b>Barrachas don bhliain</b>                                                     | 394,186        | 222,360          |
| (Easnamh) tugtha ar aghaidh                                                      | (102,406)      | (324,766)        |
| <b>Barrachas Carnach (Easnamh) ar 31 Nollaig</b>                                 | <u>291,780</u> | <u>(102,406)</u> |
| <b>Ráiteas ar Ghnóthachain &amp; Caillteanais Aitheanta Iomlána</b>              |                |                  |
| Gnóthachain de réir Taithí ar dhliteanais na scéime aoisliúntais (Nóta 5(d))     | 758,000        | 3,352,000        |
| Athruithe ar thiomhdí atá mar bhunús le luach dhliteanais na scéime aoisliúntais | (5,425,000)    | (4,219,000)      |
| (Caillteanas) achtúireach ar Dhliteanais Aoisliúntais (Nóta 5(b))                | (4,667,000)    | (867,000)        |
| Coigeartú ar Chistiú Aoisliúntais larchurtha                                     | 4,667,000      | 867,000          |
| Barrachas don bhliain                                                            | 394,186        | 222,360          |
| <b>Gnóthachan Aitheanta Iomlán don bhliain</b>                                   | <u>394,186</u> | <u>222,360</u>   |

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

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# CLAR COMHARDAITHE

MAR ATÁ AR AN 31 NOLLAIG 2011

|                                                                            | 2011             | 2010             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                                            | €                | €                |
| <b>Sócmhainní Seasta (Nóta 8)</b>                                          | 426,301          | 1,149,168        |
| <b>Sócmhainní Reatha</b>                                                   |                  |                  |
| Féichiúnaithe agus Réamhíocaíochtaí (Nóta 9)                               | 261,037          | 321,102          |
| Airgead sa bhanc agus ar láimh                                             | <u>2,163,055</u> | <u>1,882,710</u> |
|                                                                            | 2,424,092        | 2,203,812        |
| <b>Dliteanais Reatha</b>                                                   |                  |                  |
| Creidiúnaithe Ilghnéitheacha agus Costais Fabhraithe (2,132,312) (Nóta 10) |                  | (2,306,218)      |
| Glansócmhainní / (Dliteanais) Reatha                                       | 291,780          | (102,406)        |
| <b>Sócmhainní Iomlána Lúide Dliteanais Reatha roimh aoisliúntas</b>        | <u>718,081</u>   | <u>1,046,762</u> |
| Cistiú Aoisliúntais Iarchurtha                                             | 77,943,000       | 69,929,000       |
| Dliteanais Aoisliúntais (Nóta 5(b))                                        | (77,943,000)     | (64,929,000)     |
| <b>Sócmhainní Iomlána Lúide Dliteanais Reatha</b>                          | <u>718,081</u>   | <u>1,046,762</u> |
| <b>Arna n-ionannú ag</b>                                                   |                  |                  |
| Cuntas Caipitil (Nóta 11)                                                  | 426,301          | 1,149,168        |
| Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais                                            | 291,780          | (102,406)        |
|                                                                            | <u>718,081</u>   | <u>1,046,762</u> |

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

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## RAITEAS FAOI SHREABHADH AIRGID

DON BHLIAIN DAR CRÍOCH 31 NOLLAIG 2011

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

|                                             | 2011                  | 2010                    |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|                                             | €                     | €                       |
| Barrachas don bhliain                       | 394,186               | 222,360                 |
| Gluaiseacht ar an gCuntas Caipitil          | (722,867)             | (652,437)               |
| Dímheas                                     | 823,504               | 847,986                 |
| Brabús ar Dhiúscairt Sócmhainní Seast       | (657)                 | 0                       |
| Laghdú ar fhéichiúnaithe                    | 60,065                | 360,591                 |
| (Laghdú) ar chreidiúnaithe                  | (173,906)             | (879,016)               |
| <b>Glansreabhadh Airgid Isteach/(Amach)</b> | <b><u>380,325</u></b> | <b><u>(100,516)</u></b> |

### Ráiteas faoi Shreabhadh an Airgid

|                                                                    |                       |                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Glansreabhadh airgid isteach/(amach) ó ghníomhaíochtaí oibriúcháin | 380,325               | (100,516)               |
| Caiteachas Caipitil                                                | (100,637)             | (195,549)               |
| Brabús ar dhiúscairt sócmhainní seasta                             | 657                   | 0                       |
| <b>Méadú/(Laghdú) ar airgead</b>                                   | <b><u>280,345</u></b> | <b><u>(296,065)</u></b> |

### Imréiteach glansreabhadh an airgid leis an ngluaiseacht i nglanchistí

|                                      |                  |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Méadú/(Laghdú) ar airgead sa bhliain | 280,345          | (296,065)        |
| Glanchistí ar 1 Eanáir               | <u>1,882,710</u> | <u>2,178,775</u> |
| Glanchistí ar 31 Nollaig             | <u>2,163,055</u> | <u>1,882,710</u> |

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

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| <b><u>NÓTA 1: Teacht Isteach ó Tháillí</u></b>                                                      | <b>2011</b>            | <b>2010</b>            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                                                                                                     | €                      | €                      |
| Táillí a fuarthas i dtaca le hachomhairc agus le hatreoruithe Aisíocaíochtaí i dtaca le hAchomhairc | 1,285,334<br>(177,396) | 1,841,579<br>(221,750) |
|                                                                                                     | <u>1,107,938</u>       | <u>1,619,829</u>       |

| <b><u>NÓTA 2: Táillí Bonneagair Straitéisigh agus Aisíoc Costas</u></b>  | <b>2011</b>                          | <b>2010</b>                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                                                          | €                                    | €                                    |
| Táillí a fuarthas i dtaca le forbairt bonneagair straitéisigh            | 1,770,000                            | 2,000,000                            |
| Aisíoc Costas ó iarratasóirí i dtaca le forbairt bonneagair straitéisigh | 1,356,630                            | 740,874                              |
| Aisíocaíochtaí le hiarratasóirí i dtaca le bonneagar straitéiseach       | (138,336)                            | (109,029)                            |
| Dliteanas Aisíocaíochta i dtaca le bonneagar straitéiseach               | <u>(655,000)</u><br><u>2,333,294</u> | <u>(954,000)</u><br><u>1,677,845</u> |

### **NÓTA 3: Tuarastail agus Liúntais**

Ar an 31 Nollaig 2011, ba iad baill an Bhoird an cathaoirleach agus cúigear gnáthbhall, seacht mball ag deireadh na bliana 2010) de réir alt 104 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, arna leasú. Baill lánaimseartha is ea baill an Bhoird.

Ar an 31 Nollaig 2011, bhí 152.1 fostaí coibhéiseach lánaimseartha sa Bhord, a raibh 14.7 sa lucht bainistíochta, 51.1 ina ngairmithe agus 86.3 sa lucht riaracháin. Bá é 152.9 líon meánach na bhfostaithe coibhéiseacha lánaimseartha i gcaitheamh na bliana (164.2 sa bhliain 2010). Laghdaigh líon na gcásanna nua a tháinig isteach sa bhliain 2011 de 26%. Laghdaigh líon na gcásanna a cuireadh de láimh de 28%. D'fhaomhaigh an tAire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil na leibhéil foirne le cead an Aire Airgeadais.

|                          | 2011<br>€         | 2010<br>€         |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Tuarastail agus Liúntais | 9,214,347         | 9,340,065         |
| Costais Aoisliúntais     | 4,982,173         | 5,029,755         |
| ÁSPC an Fhostóra         | <u>659,205</u>    | <u>657,278</u>    |
|                          | <u>14,855,725</u> | <u>15,027,098</u> |

Íocadh €624,603 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 2011 comhdhéanta de:

|                                                   |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Iar-Chathaoirleach - Ar scor ón 12 Meitheamh 2011 | €               |
| Tuarastal                                         | 125,713.48      |
| Liúntais                                          | <u>1,634.38</u> |
| Iomlán                                            | 127,347.86      |

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|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
|           | €         |
| Tuarastal | 66,522.71 |
| Liúntais  | <u>0</u>  |
| Iomlán    | 66,522.71 |

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

#### **NÓTA 5: Costais Pinsin**

(a) *Anailís ar iomlán na gcostas pinsin a cuireadh de mhuipear ar an Státchiste*

|                                     | 2011<br>(€'000) | 2010<br>(€'000) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Costais reatha seirbhíse            | 1,657           | 1,696           |
| Ús ar Dhliteantais na Scéime Pinsin | 3,830           | 3,790           |
| Ranníocaíochtaí na bhFostaithe      | <u>(505)</u>    | <u>(456)</u>    |
|                                     | 4,982           | 5,030           |

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

|                                       | 2011<br>(€'000) | 2010<br>(€'000) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Glandliteanas Pinsin ar 1 Eanáir      | (69,929)        | (64,924)        |
| Costais Reatha Seirbhíse              | (1,657)         | (1,696)         |
| Costais Úis                           | (3,830)         | (3,790)         |
| (Caillteanas) achtúireach             | (4,667)         | (867)           |
| Pinsin a íocadh sa bhliain            | 2,140           | 1,348           |
| Glandliteanas Pinsin ar an 31 Nollaig | (77,943)        | (69,929)        |



(c) *Cistiú Iarchurtha le haghaidh Pinsean*

Aithníonn an Bord na méideanna seo mar shócmhainn a chomhfhreagraíonn don dliteanas neamhmaoinithe 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. Cé nach bhfuil aon chomhaontú foirmiúil ann maidir leis na méideanna sonracha seo leis an Roinn Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, ní 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 Iarchurtha le haghaidh Pinsean a aithnítear sna Cuntais Ioncaim agus Caiteachais:

|                                                                 | <b>2011<br/>(€'000)</b> | <b>2010<br/>(€'000)</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cistiú inghnóthaithe i dtaca le costais pinsin na bliana reatha | 5,487                   | 5,486                   |
| Deontas Stait a úsáideadh chun pinsinéirí a íoc                 | <u>(2,140)</u>          | <u>(1,348)</u>          |
|                                                                 | 3,347                   | 4,138                   |

Ba ionann an tsócmhainn chistithe iarchurtha le haghaidh pinsean ar an 31 Nollaig 2011 agus €77.9 milliún (2010: €69.9 milliún).

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

|                                                                     | <b>2011<br/>(€'000)</b> | <b>2010<br/>(€'000)</b> | <b>2009<br/>(€'000)</b> | <b>2008<br/>(€'000)</b> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Oibleagáidí i leith sochar sainithe                                 | 77,943                  | 69,929                  | 64,924                  | 61,617                  |
| Caillteanais/(gnóthachain) ó thaithí ar mhéid dhliteanais na scéime | (758)                   | (3,352)                 | (528)                   | 4,636                   |
| Céatadán de Dhliteanais na Scéime                                   | 1%                      | 5%                      | 1%                      | 8%                      |

(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 boillsíú ginearálta ar thuarastail san earnáil phoiblí.

Bunaíodh an luacháil a úsáideadh le haghaidh nochtuithe FRS17 (Athchóirithe) ar luacháil iomlán achtúireach a rinne achtúire cáilithe neamhspleách an 6 Feabhra 2012 ag cur riachtanais an FRS san áireamh chun dliteanais na scéime amháil ag an 31 Nollaig 2011 a mheas.

Seo a leanas na príomhthoimhdí achtúireacha:

|                                          | 2011  | 2010  |
|------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| An ráta méadaithe ar thuarastail         | 3.50% | 3.50% |
| An ráta méadaithe ar phinsin atá á n-íoc | 3.50% | 3.50% |
| Ráta Lascaine                            | 5.00% | 5.40% |
| 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**

|                                       | 2011<br>€               | 2010<br>€               |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cíos agus Muirear Seirbhíse (Nóta 15) | 1,913,045               | 1,986,455               |
| Deisiúchán agus Cothabháil            | 20,023                  | 60,902                  |
| Árachas                               | 32,541                  | 34,780                  |
| Solas agus Teas                       | 82,538                  | 87,460                  |
| Dímheas                               | 823,504                 | 847,986                 |
| <b>Iomlán</b>                         | <b><u>2,871,651</u></b> | <b><u>3,017,583</u></b> |

#### **NÓTA 7: Costais Oibriúcháin**

|                                                | 2011<br>€               | 2010<br>€               |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Taisteal agus Cothabháil                       | 211,155                 | 268,522                 |
| Táillí Dí (Nóta 13)                            | 1,474,285               | 1,210,977               |
| Trealamh agus Stáiseanáireacht Oifige          | 188,122                 | 182,064                 |
| Teicneolaíocht na Faisnéise agus na Cumarsáide | 200,162                 | 343,427                 |
| Priontáil agus Leabhair                        | 5,434                   | 25,256                  |
| Fógraí Reachtúla                               | 85,086                  | 106,808                 |
| Earcú, Oiliúint agus Forbairt                  |                         |                         |
| Foirne agus Comhdhálacha                       | 119,374                 | 134,231                 |
| Teileafón agus Postas                          | 91,444                  | 141,217                 |
| Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleoirí (Nóta 14)  | 722,479                 | 962,906                 |
| Táillí Iniúcháireachta                         | 17,390                  | 17,390                  |
| Ilnithe                                        | 3,486                   | 2,373                   |
| <b>Iomlán</b>                                  | <b><u>3,118,417</u></b> | <b><u>3,395,171</u></b> |

**NÓTA 8: Sócmhainní Seasta**

|                             | Léasacht<br>Áitreabh<br>€ | Trealamh<br>& Feisteas<br>€ | TF & Oifig<br>Trealamh<br>€ | Iomlán<br>€      |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Costas</b>               |                           |                             |                             |                  |
| Iarmhéid ar 01/01/11        | 6,683,425                 | 150,415                     | 1,661,964                   | 8,495,804        |
| Breiseanna                  | 0                         | 0                           | 100,637                     | 100,637          |
| Diúscairtí                  | <u>0</u>                  | <u>0</u>                    | <u>(60,309)</u>             | <u>(60,309)</u>  |
| Iarmhéid ar 31/12/11        | <u>6,683,425</u>          | <u>150,415</u>              | <u>1,702,292</u>            | <u>8,536,132</u> |
| <b>Dímheas</b>              |                           |                             |                             |                  |
| Iarmhéid ar 01/01/11        | 5,857,394                 | 98,366                      | 1,390,876                   | 7,346,636        |
| Muirear don bhliain         | 668,342                   | 14,050                      | 141,112                     | 823,504          |
| Diúscairtí                  | <u>0</u>                  | <u>0</u>                    | <u>(60,309)</u>             | <u>(60,309)</u>  |
| Iarmhéid ar 31/12/11        | <u>6,525,736</u>          | <u>112,416</u>              | <u>1,471,679</u>            | <u>8,109,831</u> |
| <b>Glanluach na Leabhar</b> |                           |                             |                             |                  |
| 31 Nollaig 2011             | <u>157,689</u>            | <u>37,999</u>               | <u>230,613</u>              | <u>426,301</u>   |
| 31 Nollaig 2010             | <u>826,031</u>            | <u>52,049</u>               | <u>271,088</u>              | <u>1,149,168</u> |

**NÓTA 9: Féichiúnaithe**

|                  | 2011<br>€      | 2010<br>€      |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Féichiúnaithe    | 0              | 0              |
| Réamhíocaíochtaí | <u>261,037</u> | <u>321,102</u> |
|                  | <u>261,037</u> | <u>321,102</u> |

**NÓTA 10: Creidiúnaithe a bheidh dlite laistigh de bhliain**

|                            | 2011<br>€        | 2010<br>€        |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Creidiúnaithe <sup>1</sup> | (35,168)         | 22,367           |
| Fabhruithe                 | <u>2,167,480</u> | <u>2,283,851</u> |
|                            | <u>2,132,312</u> | <u>2,306,218</u> |

1. Figiúr diúltach atá ann maidir le comhardú na gcreidiúnaithe toisc go bhfuil trí nóta chreidmheasa san iomlán €47,802 , fós ar lámh ón 31 Mí na Nollag, 2011.

**NÓTA 11: Cuntas Caipitil**

|                                                                                    | <b>2011</b>    | <b>2010</b>      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                                                                                    | <b>€</b>       | <b>€</b>         |
| Iarmhéid ar 1 Eanáir                                                               | 1,149,168      | 1,801,605        |
| -Ioncam a leithdháileadh chun críocha caipitil<br>(glan ar dhiúscairtí sócmhainní) | 100,637        | 195,549          |
| -An méid a scaoileadh ó shócmhainní seasta<br>a bheith diúscartha                  | 0              | 0                |
| -Amúchadh ar aon dul le dímheas<br>acmhainní                                       | (823,504)      | (847,986)        |
| Aistriú ó/(chuig) Cuntas Ioncaim<br>agus Caiteachais                               | (722,867)      | (652,437)        |
| Iarmhéid ar 31 Nollaig                                                             | <u>426,301</u> | <u>1,149,168</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 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 2011:

| <b>Costais Dlí Inghnóthaithe:</b>                    | <b>2011</b>      | <b>2010</b>      |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                      | <b>€</b>         | <b>€</b>         |
| Amuigh ar 1 Eanáir                                   | 2,201,874        | 2,682,947        |
| Gnóthaithe i gcaitheamh na bliana 1                  | (517,776)        | (270,923)        |
| Costais inghnóthaithe a tháinig chun cinn sa bhliain | 468,710          | 491,727          |
| Costais a díscríobhadh i gcaitheamh na bliana        | (71,756)         | (667,472)        |
| Costais a athainmníodh i gcaitheamh na bliana2       | 0                | (34,405)         |
| Amuigh ar 31 Nollaig                                 | <u>2,081,052</u> | <u>2,201,874</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.

| <b>Táillí Dlí:</b>                                   | <b>2011</b> | <b>2010</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                                      | <b>€</b>    | <b>€</b>    |
| Costais inghnóthaithe a tháinig chun cinn sa bhliain | 468,710     | 491,727     |
| Inghnóthaithe i gcaitheamh na bliana                 | (517,776)   | (270,923)   |
| Glanchoistais inghnóthaithe                          | (49,066)    | 220,804     |

### **NÓTA 15: Áitreabh**

Tá an Bord suite in áitreabh ag 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath, 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 gnáthchostais 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 gealltanas airgeadais ar an léasa thuas an cíós bliantúil ab ionann agus €1,250,000 é sa bhliain 2011.

### **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 treoirínte 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 2011 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 níor nocht ball rud ar bith (0), nocht ball foirne rud amháin (1) agus níor nocht comhairleoir rud 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 2011, ní dhearna ball ar bith (0) nochtadh, rinne triúr (3) bhall foirne nochtadh agus ní dhearna comhairleoir (0) ar bith nochtadh faoi gCód.

### **NÓTA 17: Faomhadh na Ráiteas Airgeadais**

D'fhaomhaigh an Bord na ráitis airgeadais an 25 Aibreán 2012

## APPENDIX 10

### REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL

#### Report for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

I have audited the financial statements of An Bord Pleanála for the year ended 31 December 2011 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 reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and 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 of Auditing (UK and Ireland) and in compliance with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

## AGUISÍN 10

### TUARASCÁIL AN ARD-REACHTAIRE CUNTAS AGUS CISTE

#### An tArd-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste Tuarascáil le cur faoi bhráid Thithe an Oireachtais

Tá ráitis airgeadais an Bhoird Phleanála don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2011 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. Is é an creat tuairiscithe airgeadais a cuireadh i bhfeidhm agus iad á n-ullmhú ná an dlí is infheidhme agus an Cleachtas 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 fíorchear ar ghnóthaí an Bhoird Phleanála agus ar ioncam agus ar chaiteachas an Bhoird, agus rialtacht na n-idirbheart a chinntiú.

#### Freagrachtaí an Ard-Reachtair Cuntas 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 reir 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 all the financial and non-financial information in the 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 2011 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended. In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by An Bord Pleanála. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

### 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 gach faisnéis airgeadais agus neamhairgeadais sa 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 2011 agus dá ioncam agus dá chaiteachas don bhliain dar críoch an lá sin. Is í mo thuairim gur choinnigh an Bord Pleanála leabhair chuí chuntais. Tá na ráitis airgeadais ar aon dul leis na leabhair chuntais.

### 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 moneys have 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 for the year for which the financial statements are prepared is not consistent with the 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 report is by exception.

Andrew Harkness

For and on behalf of the  
Comptroller and Auditor General  
8th May, 2011.

### Nithe ar a dtuairiscím de réir Eisceachta

Tuairiscím de réir eisceachta más amhlaidh

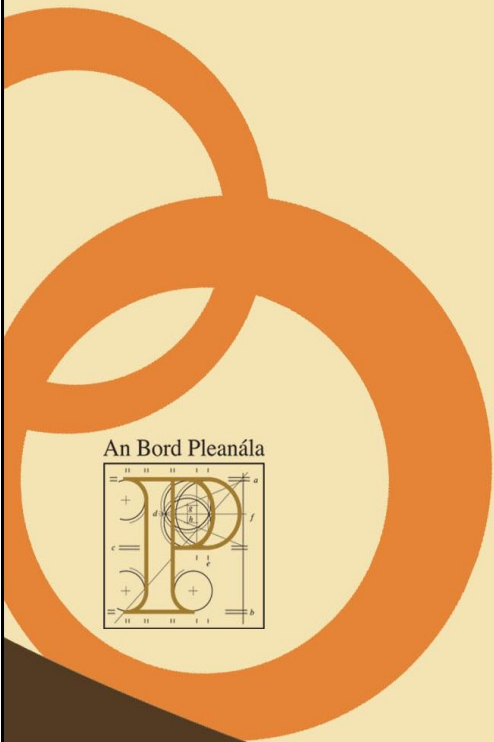
- nach bhfuair mé gach faisnéis agus míniú a bhí ag teastáil uaim chun m'iniúchadh a dhéanamh, nó
- gur thug m'iniúchadh chun solais aon chás ábhartha nuair nár caitheadh airgead ar na críocha a bhí ceaptha dó nó inar theip ar idirbheart géilleadh do na húdaráis arna rialú, nó
- nach bhfuil an fhaisnéis a tugadh i dTuarascáil Bhliantúil an Bhoird Phleanála don bhliain dár ullmhaíodh na ráitis airgeada is ar aon dul leis na ráitis airgeadais, nó
- nach léiríonn an Ráiteas ar Rialú Inmheánach Airgeadais g éilliúlacht 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 a dtuairiscím orthu de réir eisceachta.

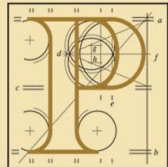
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Ar son agus thar ceann  
an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste  
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