

An
Bord
Pleanála

Tuarascáil agus Cuntais Bhliantúla 2016
Annual Report and Accounts 2016



Ráiteas Misin

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

Mission Statement

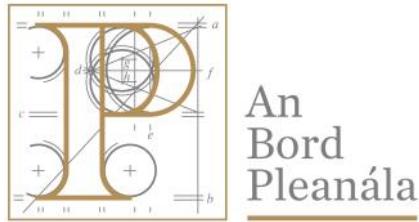
To play our part as an independent national body in an impartial, efficient and open manner, to ensure that physical development and major infrastructure projects in Ireland respect the principles of sustainable development, including the protection of the environment.

Sainordú

Bunaíodh An Bord Pleanála sa bhliain 1977 faoin Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Pleanáil agus Forbairt), 1976. Is iad príomhchúramí an bhoird achomhairc phleanála agus nithe áirithe eile a chinneadh faoi na hAchtanna um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 go 2016 agus iarratais ar Fhorbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh a chinneadh, lena n-áirítéar mórchásanna bóthair agus iarnróid. Tá cúram air chomh maith déileáil le tograí ó údarás áitiúla agus grúpaí eile maidir le talamh a cheannach go héigeantach faoi achtacháin éagsúla. Feidhmeanna eile dá chuid is ea achomhairc a chinneadh faoi na hAchtanna um Thruailliú Uisce agus faoi na hAchtanna um Rialú Foirgníochta.

Mandate

An Bord Pleanála was established in 1977 under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976 and is responsible for the determination of appeals and certain other matters under the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2016 and determination of applications for Strategic Infrastructure Development including major road and railway cases. It is also responsible for dealing with proposals for the compulsory acquisition of land by local authorities and others under various enactments. An Bord Pleanála also has functions to determine appeals under Water Pollution Acts and the Building Control Acts



Tuarascáil agus Cuntas Bhliantúla 2016

Chuig an tAire Tithíochta, Pleanála agus
Rialtais Áitiúil

De réir na nAchtanna Pleanála agus
Forbartha (leasaithe), cuireann an Bord
Pleanála a Thuarascáil Bhliantúil agus na
Cuntas don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig
2016 i láthair.

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To the Minister for Housing, Planning and
Local Government

In accordance with the Planning and
Development Acts (as amended), An Bord
Pleanála herewith presents its Annual
Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st
December, 2016.

Mary Kelly

An Dr. Mary Kelly
Cathaoirleach

Dr. Mary Kelly
Chairperson

30 Meitheamh 2017

Loretta Lambkin

Loretta Lambkin
Príomhoifigeach

30th June 2017

Loretta Lambkin
Chief Officer





Achoimre 2016

Summary 2016

				2016	2015
Oibríochtaí		Operations			
Cásanna Pleanála a Fuarthas		Planning Cases Received		2,163	1,979
Cásanna Pleanála a Cuireadh de Láimh		Planning Cases Disposed		2,078	1,966
		2016		2015	
Oibríochtaí		Faughte	Curtha de láimh	Faughte	Curtha de láimh
Operations		Received	Disposed	Received	Disposed
Gnáth-Achomhairc Phleanála	Normal Planning Appeals	1,827	1,646	1,646	1,637
Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh (Aonán Phríobháideacha / Gealltóirí Reachtúla)	Strategic Infrastructure Development (Private Entities / Statutory Undertakers)	48	44	46	46
Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh (Údarás Áitiúil)	Strategic Infrastructure Development (Local Authority)	10	7	8	7
Tionscadail eile Údarás Áitiúil ¹	Other Local Authority Projects ¹	55	56	50	43
Toiliú Ionaid agus Cásanna Gaolmhara	Substitute Consent and Related Cases	24	36	19	49
Cineálacha cásanna eile	Other Case Types	199	190	210	184

¹ Measúnú Cuí san áireamh

¹ Includes Appropriate Assessment

Airgeadas		Finance	2016	2015
			€	€
Ioncam	Income			
Deontas an Oireachtais	Oireachtas Grant	14,405,385	14,886,290	
Táillí / Aisíocaócht	Fees / Recoupment	2,983,880	2,571,381	
Eile ²	Other ²	3,627,256	3,611,907	
Ioncam lomlán	Total Income	21,016,521	21,069,578	
Caiteachas	Expenditure			
Caiteachas	Expenditure	22,009,848	20,244,076	
Barrachas / (Easnamh) don bhliain roimh leithreasaí	Surplus / (Deficit) for year before appropriations	(993,327)	825,502	
Aistriú ó / (go) dtí an Cuntas Caipitil	Transfer from / (to) the Capital Account	(163,381)	(197,576)	
Barrachas / (Easnamh) don bhliain tar éis leithreasaí	Surplus / (Deficit) for year after appropriations	(1,156,708)	627,926	

² Áirítear air Glanmhaoiniú larchurtha Pinsin, Ús ar Thaiscí agus Ioncam Ilgħnéitheach.

² Includes Net Deferred Pension Funding, Deposit Interest and Miscellaneous Income.



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Comhaltaí an Bhoird

Members of the Board



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| 1 Dr. Mary Kelly* | 2 Conall Boland* | 3 Fionna O'Regan* | 6 Dr. Gabriel Dennison* |
| Cathaoirleach | Leascathaoirleach | 4 Michael Leahy | 7 Nicholas Mulcahy* |
| Chairperson | Deputy Chairperson | 5 Paddy Keogh | 8 Philip Jones |
| | | | 9 Paul Hyde |

* Fochoiste Roinn Bonneagair Straitéisigh
Sub-Committee Strategic Infrastructure Division

Ráiteas an Chathaoirligh



Chairperson's Statement

Dr. Mary Kelly
Cathaoirleach
Chairperson

Is áthas liom Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Cuntais an Bhoird Phleanála don bhliain 2016 a chur i láthair, a thugann cuntas mionsonraithe ar obair an Bhoird agus na ráitis airgeadais don bhliain.

Ualach Oibre agus Feidhmiúlacht

Mhéadaigh líon na gcásanna isteach de bheagán (9%) i 2016, anuas ar laghdú roimhe sin. Lean an treocht sin isteach sa chéad leath de 2017 nuair a mhéadaigh cásanna nua de 11% i gcomparáid leis an tréimhse chéanna anuraidh.

Is áthas liom a thuairisciú gur fheidhmigh an Bord Pleanála go láidir i 2016 ó thaobh tréimhsí reachtúla cuspóra a chomhlíonadh maidir le cásanna a chinneadh agus an chálí atá orainn as ionláine, cothroime agus cinnteoireacht mhaith a choimeád.

Cinneadh 79% de chásanna pleanála sa bhliain sa spriocthréimhse reachtúil. Thit líon na seachtainí a thóg sé gach cás pleanála a

I am pleased to present An Bord Pleanála's Annual Report and Accounts for the year 2016 which provides a detailed account of our work and financial statements for the year.

Workload and Performance

The year 2016 saw a small but continued increase in case intake by 9%. That trend has continued into the first part of 2017 with case intake up 11% for the first five months of the year.

I am pleased to report that, in 2016, An Bord Pleanála maintained a strong performance in terms of achieving compliance with statutory objective periods for determination of cases and in the maintenance of our reputation for integrity, fairness and good decision making.

Over the course of the year, 79% of all planning cases were decided within the relevant target period. Furthermore, the





Cathaoirleach an Bhoird Phleanála, an Dr Mary Kelly, leis an iar-Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, Siomón Ó Cómhanaigh TD, Feabhra 2017.

Chairperson of An Bord Pleanála, Dr Mary Kelly, with former Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Simon Coveney TD, February 2017.

chinneadh ó 20 seachtain i 2014 go 17 seachtain i 2016. I gcás na n-achomharc pleanála, cuireadh 82% de chásanna de láimh laistigh de 18 seachtaine i 2016 agus ba é 16 seachtain an meántréimhse do chinntí.

Bhí an fheidhmiúlacht láidir amach go dtí deireadh Bealtaine 2017 agus cuireadh 79% de na cásanna pleanála uile de láimh sa spriothréimhse.

Forbairtí Tithíochta / Cónaithe

Céadán suntasach d'obair an Bhoird Phleanála i 2016 ab ea forbairtí cónaithe, agus b'ionann iad agus 62% de na cásanna uile a fuarthas.

Le blianta beaga anuas, ba thithe aonair formhór na gcásanna achomhairc, agus ba bheag forbairt il-aonad a bhí i gceist. I bhfianaise an túis áite atá á thabhairt ag an

average number of weeks it took to decide all planning cases in 2016 was 17 weeks, down from 20 in 2014. Looking at planning appeals only, 82% of cases were disposed of within 18 weeks in 2016 with an average time for decisions reported at 16 weeks.

To the end of May 2017, performance remains strong with compliance levels at 79% of all planning cases disposed of on target.

Housing / Residential Developments

Residential developments represented a significant percentage of An Bord Pleanála's work at 62% of cases received in 2016.

In recent years, the majority of appeal cases classified as residential comprised householder and single houses with few significant multi-unit developments. In light of

Rialtas do sholáthar tithíochta, tá túis áite tugtha ag an mBord Pleanála le blianta beaga anuas d'fhorbairtí cónaithe de bhrefis is 30 aonad a bhíonn le cinneadh.

Le bliain anuas, taispeánann an tuarascáil seo go bhfuil méadú ag teacht ar líon na bhforbairtí il-aonad. Níor bhain ach 19 n-achomharc le forbairtí os cionn 30 aonad i 2013, ach i 2016, bhain 91 cás acomhairc le forbairtí os cionn 30+ agus 38 díobh sin le forbairtí os cionn 100+ aonad. Leanfaidh an Bord Pleanála de thús áite a thabhairt do thithíocht mar iarratais dhíreach faoin reachtaíocht nua nó do chásanna ar acomharc faoin reachtaíocht reatha.

Forbairtí Straitéiseacha Tithíochta – Feidhmeanna Nua

In lúil 2016 foilsíodh mórbheartas rialtais, 'Atógáil Éireann', chun síriú ar an ngéarchéim i dtithíocht agus in easpa dídine in Éirinn. I measc na dtionscnamh eile, gheofar sa doiciméad beartais forálacha chun an próiseas pleanála a athchóiriú chun éifeachta agus dlús a chur leis faoi chatagóir nua de 'Forbairt Straitéiseach Tithíochta'.

Sa chomhthéacs sin, foráiltear san Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Tithíochta) agus um Thionontachtaí Cónaithe 2016 chun iarratas a dhéanamh go díreach ar an mBord Pleanála i gcás forbairtí tithíochta de os cionn 100 aonad agus cóiríocht do mhic léinn de 200 spás leapa nó os a chionn. Tá an córas nua mórán ar an dul céanna leis an gcóras iarratais thíreach i gcás Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh atá i bhfeidhm ó 2007 i leith agus meastar go mbeidh sé i bhfeidhm go ceann trí bliana ar a laghad, agus go ceann cúig bliana, b'fhéidir.

I gcás Forbairtí Straitéiseacha Tithíochta, ceanglaítear ar iarratasóirí ionchasacha comhairliúchán tosaigh a dhéanamh leis an údarás pleanála agus ina dhiaidh sin a bheith páirteach i gcomhairliúchán trí thaobhach idir

the government priority to address housing supply issues, An Bord Pleanála has prioritised residential developments of over 30 units for decision over the past number of years.

During the past year, this report shows the number of multi-unit developments beginning to increase. In 2016, there were 91 appeal cases received for proposed developments of 30 plus housing units, an increase from only 19 cases that were received in 2013. Of these 91 cases received in 2016, 38 were for proposed developments of more than 100 housing units. An Bord Pleanála will continue to prioritise housing whether as direct applications under new legislation or cases on appeal under the existing legislation.

Strategic Housing Developments – New Functions

July 2016 saw the publication of a major government policy, 'Rebuilding Ireland', to address the crisis in housing and homelessness in Ireland. Amongst other initiatives, the policy document contains provisions for streamlining and fast-tracking the planning process for a new category of 'Strategic Housing Development'.

In that context, the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 provides for direct application to An Bord Pleanála for housing developments of over 100 units and 200 bed space student accommodation. The new system is somewhat analogous to the direct application system for Strategic Infrastructure Development already in place since 2007 and is envisaged to be in place for a period of three years with a possible extension to five years.

For Strategic Housing Developments, prospective applicants are required to conduct an initial consultation with planning authorities followed by a new tripartite consultation stage with An Bord Pleanála,

an Bord Pleanála, an t-iarratasóir ionchasach agus an t-údarás pleanála.

Tar éis iarratas a fháil, bíonn 16 seachtaine de thréimhse reachtúil ag an mBord Pleanála chun cinneadh a dhéanamh agus é a fhoilsiú. Beidh fineálacha airgid iníochta, den chéad uair, mura gcomhlíontar an sprioc ama.

Tá sé tábhachtach a rá nach gceadaítear aon chinneadh pleanála a eisíonn an Bord Pleanála faoin reachtaíocht nua seo a achomharc, ach is féidir athbhreithniú breithiúnach a thionscnamh ina leith. Éascófar comhairliúchán poiblí trí aighneachtaí agus tuairimí a chur isteach go dtí an Bord Pleanála, rud a iarrfar i bhfógraí a fhoilseoidh an t-iarratasóir faoi mar atá leagtha síos agus tabharfar aird ar aighneachtaí agus tuairimí ag gach céim den phróiseas.

Dearadh an próiseas chun cinnteacht a thabhairt ar thréimhsí ama d'iarratasóirí i gcás forbairtí a cháilíonn mar Fhorbairt Straitéiseach Tithíochta agus cinntítear tríd an gcomhairliúchán réamhiarratais gaolmhar go bhfaighfear iarratais iomlána ar ardchaighdeán. Níl aon soláthar ann chun eolas breise a iarraidh agus ní thionólfar éisteachtaí ó bhéal ach amháin i gcásanna eisceachtúla.

Geallann an Bord Pleanála measúnú dian agus cothrom a dhéanamh ar gach iarratas ar mhaithe, ar deireadh, le timpeallacht thógtha ardchaighdeán agus inbhuanaithe a chur ar fáil ina mbeidh fonn ar phobail dul i mbun cónaithe, oibre agus súgartha.

Bunaíodh aonad Forbairtí Straitéiseach Tithíochta sa rannóg Oibríochtaí Pleanála den Bhord Pleanála chun déileáil leis an bhfeidhm nua agus bunófar roinn den Bhord chun iarratais nua a chinneadh. Tá roinnt post nua ceadaithe cheana féin agus earcaíodh oifigigh chun an córas nua a oibriú agus meastar go n-earcófar comhaltaí breise den Bhord.

the prospective applicant and the planning authority.

Once an application has been submitted, a mandatory timeframe of 16 weeks is allowed for a decision to be made and published by An Bord Pleanála. For the first time, a financial penalty is payable if the timeline is not achieved.

It is important to point out that there is no appeal of the planning decision issued by An Bord Pleanála allowed under this new legislation, however, the decisions remain open to judicial review. Public consultation will be facilitated through submissions and observations to An Bord Pleanála invited in notices published by the applicant in the prescribed manner and which will be given due attention at every stage in the process.

The system is designed to provide certainty on timelines to applicants for development which qualifies under Strategic Housing Development and the related pre-application consultation ensures that complete and high quality applications are received. There is no provision for seeking further information and oral hearings will only be held in exceptional circumstances.

An Bord Pleanála remains committed to rigorous and fair assessment of all applications with the ultimate objective of providing a high quality and sustainable built environment in which communities will want to live, work and play.

A Strategic Housing Development unit has been set up within the Planning Operations section of An Bord Pleanála to deal with the new function and a Division of the Board will be established to decide new applications. A number of new posts have been sanctioned and recruited to operate the new system and a number of additional Board members are expected to be appointed.



Tá grúpa oibre inmheánach tar éis nósanna imeachta a chur i dtoll a chéile don chineál nua iarratais seo agus táim lánchinnt go gcinnfidh an Bord Pleanála na cásanna seo go héifeachtach agus go pras. Ba mhaith liom moladh a thabhairt don ghrúpa oibre seo as an obair dhian agus as an méid atá bainte amach acu faoi cheannaireacht an Stiúrthóra Pleanála agus táim ag tnúth le torthaí a fheiceáil i bhfoirm cinntí i gceann trí go cúig bliana.

Tiocfaidh na rialacháin i bhfeidhm an 3 Iúil 2017 agus tá an Bord Pleanála ag súil le comhairliúchán maidir le hiarratais dhíreach faoin reachtaíocht nua a thosóidh go luath ina diaidh sin.

An Bonneagar Fuinnimh

Tá spéis ag an bpobal i gcónaí i mbonneagar fuinnimh a sholáthar. I 2016, cuireadh roinnt tograí suntasacha bonneagair fuinnimh faoi bhráid an Bhoird lena n-áirítear an t-Idirnascaire Thuaidh-Theas, fo-stáisiún leictreachais chun freastal ar láriónad sonraí i mBaile Átha an Rí agus roinnt tograí móra fuinnimh ghaoithe. Fuair an Bord Pleanála achomhairc, leis, i 2016, maidir le tionscadail fuinnimh ghaoithe.

An internal working group has developed procedures for this new application type and I am confident that An Bord Pleanála will decide these cases in an efficient and timely manner. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and achievements of this working group under the leadership of the Director of Planning and look forward to seeing the outputs in terms of decisions over the coming three to five years.

Regulations come into effect on 3rd July, 2017 and An Bord Pleanála expects consultations for direct applications under the new legislation to commence shortly after.

Energy Infrastructure

The provision of energy infrastructure continues to attract public interest. In 2016, a number of significant energy infrastructure proposals came before the Board including the North-South Interconnector, an electricity substation to serve a datacentre in Athenry and a number of large wind-energy proposals. 2016 also saw the receipt of appeals regarding solar energy projects to An Bord Pleanála.



Déanann an cigire tuairiscithe agus an Bord gach ceann de na tionscnaimh seo a scrúdú go dian agus déantar measúnú mionsonraithe orthu faoi threoracha éagsúla comhshaoil AE. Is gnách líon mór aighneachtaí agus agóidí ó thríú páirtithe a fháil i gcás bonneagar a bhaineann le fuinneamh agus is minic a thionóltar éisteachtaí ó bhéal ina leith. Is minic a chuirtear dúshlán faoi chinntí ar thograí den sórt seo le hathbhreithniú breithiúnach.

Gnótháí Dlí

I 2016, cuireadh 48 dúshlán nua faoi chinntí de chuid an Bhoird faoi bhráid na gCúirteanna, an líon ba mhó le roinnt bliana agus ba chinntí maidir le feirmeacha ghaoithe agus cairéil iad formhór na gcásanna sin. Caitear mórchuid airgid ar chostais dlí i gcónaí, i ngeall ar líon na gcásanna dlí idir lámha, arbh ionann é agus €3.78 milliún i 2016, i gcomparáid le €2.3 mhilliún i 2015, €2.2 mhilliún i 2014 agus €1.4 mhilliún i 2013.

Is díol suntais é gur chuir na Cúirteanna Uachtaracha roinnt ceisteanna faoi bhráid Chúirt Bhreithiúnais an Aontais Eorpaigh i gcásanna dlí áirithe, ag iarraidh léirmhíniú ar cheisteanna casta i ndlí AE.

Teicneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide (TFC)

Rinneadh dul chun cinn suntasach ar an tionscadal bunathraithe chun feabhas TFC (Plean-IT) atá idir lámha le roinnt blianta anois. Aistreoidh an Bord Pleanála, i 2017, ó chóras iarratais agus measúnaithe a bhí bunaithe ar pháipéar den chuid is mó go córas TFC-chumasaithe trína mbeidh iarratasóirí agus tríú páirtithe in ann achomhairc, iarratais, aighneachtaí agus focaíochtaí a dhéanamh ar líne.

Tá tástáil á déanamh faoi láthair ar chórais nua bainistíochta cásanna agus faisnéise geografaí chun tacú le próiseáil agus mapáil

All of these projects are examined rigorously both by the reporting inspector and by the Board and are subject to detailed assessment under various EU environmental directives. Energy related infrastructure tends to attract high numbers of objections and submissions from third parties and are often the subject of oral hearings. Decisions on these proposals are often the subject of challenge by judicial review.

Legal Affairs

In 2016, 48 new legal challenges to decisions of the Board were brought before the Courts, the highest number in recent years with windfarm decisions and quarry related decisions accounting for a significant percentage of cases. Expenditure on legal costs remains very significant given the number of legal cases on hands totalling €3.78 million in 2016, compared to €2.3 million in 2015, €2.2 million in 2014 and €1.4 million in 2013.

Significantly, a number of legal cases have resulted in questions being put by the Superior Courts to the European Courts of Justice for interpretation of complex issues of EU law.

Information Communication Technology (ICT)

The year 2016 marked significant progress on the transformational ICT project (Plean-IT) which has been under way for a number of years. In 2017, An Bord Pleanála will move from a largely paper-based application and assessment system to an ICT enabled system with the ability for applicants and third parties to make appeals, applications, submissions and payments on line.

New case management and geographic information systems to support the processing and mapping of case files are



comhad cáis. Beidh comhéadan agus feidhmiúlacht úsáideora ar fáil ar an suíomh gréasáin chun cásanna a chur isteach ar line ach beidh athruithe ar an reachtaíocht de dhíth le húsáid a bhaint as.

Ba mhaith liom mo bhúiochas a ghabháil leis an bhfoireann inmheánach tionscadail sa Bhord Pleanála a threoraidh an tionscadal seo, i dteannta a gcomhghleacaithe TFC agus le hionchur ó bhaill foirne éagsúla ar fud na heagraíochta, as a leanfaidh athruithe bunúsacha ar an tstí ina ndéantar obair na heagraíochta.

Le tacaíocht ó shainchomhairleoír seachtracha, d'éirigh lenár bhfoireann féin na scileanna agus na cumais riachtanacha a fhorbairt chun an tionscadal tábhachtach seo a threorú. D'oibrigh an Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, údarás áitiúla, an Bord Ríomhphleanála agus an Ghníomhaireacht Bainistíochta Rialtais Áitiúil i gcomhar leis an mBord Pleanála agus chuir cúnamh ar fáil chun an tionscadal Plean-IT a fhorbairt. Ba chóir buntáistí an tionscadail don eagraíocht agus don chóras pleanála i gcoitinne a bheith le feiceáil i dtreo dheireadh 2017.

currently in test phase. The website which will provide the user interface and functionality to allow submission of cases online is also being developed but will require some changes in legislation to allow it to be utilised.

I would like to acknowledge the internal project team in An Bord Pleanála who, along with their ICT colleagues and input from many staff across the organisation, have led this project which will require changes right across the organisation in the way work is carried out.

With support from external consultants, our own staff have been able to develop skills and capabilities to lead this important project. The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, local authorities, the ePlanning Board and the Local Government Management Agency have also worked with An Bord Pleanála and provided assistance in the development of the Plean-IT project. The benefits of the project to the organisation and the wider planning system should begin to be seen towards the end of 2017.



Athbhreithniú ar an mBord Pleanála

Foilsíodh athbhreithniú seachtrach ar an mBord Pleanála i Márta 2016 agus leagadh amach ann sraith moltaí chun feidhmíocht na heagraíochta a fheabhsú. I 2016, chuathas i gcomhar leis an Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, chun pleán feidhmithe do na príomh-mholtaí a chur i dtoll a chéile agus a fhoilsiú. Tá mórchuid den obair seo ar bun cheana féin, le béim ar leith ar chumarsáid agus úsáid TFC a fheabhsú.

Tá túis curtha ag an mBord Pleanála le Pleán Straitéiseach cúig bliana a chur i dtoll a chéile, agus moltaí an athbhreithnithe a chur san áireamh ann. Tá an Pleán á chur i dtoll a chéile ag an bhfoireann, lucht bainistíochta agus Comhaltaí an Bhoird i bpróiseas an-chomhoibritheach agus rachfar i gcomhairle leis an bpobal ina thaobh.

Tá sé ceaptha an Pleán Straitéiseach nua a fhoilsiú níos déanaí i 2017, ina mbeidh na tosaíochtaí agus na príomhghnáomhartha is gá le cinntí go mbaineann an Bord Pleanála amach a spriocanna straitéisearcha.

Feidhmíocht Airgeadais

Thuairiscigh an Bord Pleanála €0.884 mhilliún d'easnamh ag túis na bliana agus ba é €2,041 mhilliún an t-easnamh carnach ag deireadh na bliana. Baineann an t-easnamh carnach leis an méadú i gcostais dlí i 2016 go príomha. Eascaíonn na costais seo as cásanna dlí a tógadh faoi fhórálacha reachtúla trínar féidir cinntí pleanála an Bhoird Phleanála a chur faoi bhráid na hArd-Chúirte ar mhaith le hathbhreithniú breithiúnach.

Bhí an t-athrú ar bheartais chuntasaíochta maidir le costais dlí, a tháinig i bhfeidhm i 2016, an fáth le mórchuid den mhéadú ar chostais dlí i gcomparáid le 2015. Rinneadh an t-athrú seo chun costais leanúnacha dlíodóirí a tabhaíodh i 2016 ar obair a

Review of An Bord Pleanála

An external review of An Bord Pleanála was published in March 2016 and set out a series of recommendations to further improve the performance of the organisation. During 2016, work got under way in collaboration with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government to develop and publish an implementation plan for key recommendations. Much of this work is already in train with particular emphasis on improving communications and better use of ICT.

Taking into account the findings of the review, An Bord Pleanála has commenced preparation of a new five year Strategic Plan. The Plan is being developed by staff, management and Board members in a highly collaborative process and will be the subject of a public consultation.

It is intended to publish the new Strategic Plan later in 2017 setting out the priorities and key actions required to ensure that An Bord Pleanála achieves its strategic goals.

Financial Performance

An Bord Pleanála reported an incoming deficit in 2016 of €0.884 million and its end of year cumulative deficit was €2.041 million. The cumulative deficit is primarily related to an increase in legal cost expenditure in 2016. These costs arise from legal cases taken under statutory provisions which allow An Bord Pleanála's planning decisions to be subject of applications to the High Court for judicial review.

A significant element of the increase in legal costs in 2016 over 2015 was as a result of a change in accounting policies for legal costs which became operable in 2016. This change was to include on-going solicitor costs incurred in 2016 for work done on legal





An tAire Síomón Ó Cómhaigh TD leis an gCathaoirleach, an Leaschathaoirleach agus na comhaltaí de Bhord an Bhoird Phleanála a bhí i láthair, Feabhra 2017.

Minister Simon Coveney TD pictured with Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and members of the Board of An Bord Pleanála present, February 2017.

rinneadh ar chásanna dlí nár tugadh chun críche go fóill a chur san áireamh sa bliaín airgeadais lena mbaineann. Áiríodh ar an iomlán seo costais ar eisíodh sonrasc ina leith, costais a bhí focta agus soláthar do chostais a bhí measta ach nár eisíodh sonrasc ina leith go fóill.

Comhalaíocht an Bhoird

I 2016, bhí Cathaoirleach, Leaschathaoirleach agus seachtar gnáthchomhalta ar Bhord an Bhoird Phleanála. Ag teacht isteach i 2017, bhí cúigear comhalaíocht ag druidim chun deiridh théarmaí a gconarthaí agus chríochnaigh siad a dtéarmaí oifige leis an mBord Pleanála in Aibreán / Bealtaine 2017. Ina fhianaise sin, ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leis na comhaltaí sin den Bhord a d'imir ar scor: Fionna O'Regan, Michael Leahy, Gabriel Dennison, Paddy Keogh, agus Nicholas Mulcahy, as a thiomanta agus a éifeachtaí a bhí siad agus feidhmeanna cinteoiríreachta agus rialachais an Bhoird á gcur i gcríoch acu.

cases not yet substantively concluded in the relevant financial year. This total included costs that were invoiced, costs that were paid and a provision for costs estimated but not yet invoiced.

Board Membership

During 2016, the Board of An Bord Pleanála operated with a complement of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and seven ordinary Board members. Coming into 2017, five Board members were approaching the end of their contracts and completed their terms of office with An Bord Pleanála in April / May 2017. In that context, I would like to acknowledge and thank those retiring Board members, Fionna O'Regan, Michael Leahy, Gabriel Dennison, Paddy Keogh, and Nicholas Mulcahy, for their commitment and performance in carrying out the decision making and corporate governance functions of the Board.

Ceapadh cúigear comhaltaí nua ar an mBord cé nach mbeidh naonúr air go dtí níos déanaí sa bhliain, rud a mbeidh tionchar aige ar an gcumas cinnteoireachta sa ghearrthéarma. Déanann comhaltaí eile an Bhoird, le cúnamh ó fhoireann na heagraíochta, a ndícheall chun cinntí a dhéanamh ar chásanna tosaíochta, forbairtí tithíochta san áireamh, go tráthúil.

An Fhoireann agus na Struchtúir

Tháinig 14 bhall nua fairne isteach sa Bhord Pleanála i 2016. Earcaíodh na baill seo tar éis an dianchosc ar earcaíocht agus fuarthas ceadú ón Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil chun na poist sin a líonadh. Ba é 131.4 meánlín na mball fairne a bhí fostaithe sa Bhord sa bhliain 2016.

Ba mhaith liom mo bhúiochas a ghabháil le Dermot Kelly, An Cigire Sinsearach Pleanála agus Eddie Brennan, Oifigeach Feidhmiúcháin, a chuaigh ar scor i 2016 as na blianta fada seirbhísí a thug siad don eagraíocht.

Gabhairim buíochas, leis, le baill an Choiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca, Paul Hyde agus Michael Leahy, agus leis na baill sheachtracha Martin Higgins (Cathaoirleach) agus Jim Hurley, as obair an Choiste a threorú i 2016.

Focail Scoir

Braitheann an Bord Pleanála ar thacaíocht ónár Roinn tuismitheora agus ba mhaith liom mo bhúiochas a ghabháil leis an iar-Aire Siomón Ó Cómhanaigh, TD, agus le hoifighí na Roinne Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil as a gcuid tacaíocht agus comhairle mhórluachmhar i gcaitheamh na bliana.

Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú chun fáilte a chur roimh an Aire Eoghan Ó Murchú, TD isteach ina ról sa roinn thábhachtach seo. Táim ag tnúth le dul i mbun oibre leis chun

Five new Board members have been appointed, although the complement of nine will not be restored until later in the year with a consequent impact on decision making capacity in the short term. The remaining Board members, assisted by staff in the organisation, will make every effort to deliver decisions on priority cases including housing developments, in a timely manner.

Staffing and Structures

During 2016, 14 new staff joined An Bord Pleanála. This followed the relaxation of the embargo on recruitment and sanction by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government to fill posts required. The average number of staff employed by An Bord Pleanála in 2016 was 131.4.

I would like to thank Dermot Kelly, Senior Planning Inspector and Eddie Brennan, Executive Officer who retired in 2016 for their many years of service to the organisation.

Thanks also to our Audit and Risk Committee members, Paul Hyde and Michael Leahy; and external members, Martin Higgins (Chair) and Jim Hurley, for guiding the work of the Committee during 2016.

Concluding Remarks

An Bord Pleanála relies on the support of our parent Department and I would like to extend my thanks to former Minister Simon Coveney, TD as well as the officials from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government for their support and valuable advice during the year.

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome Minister Eoghan Murphy, TD to his role in this important department. I look forward to working with him in tackling

dul i ngleic leis na saincheisteanna dúshlánacha agus spriocanna uaillmhianacha a chomhlíonadh, go háirithe i dtaca le cur chun feidhme na reachtaíochta Tithíochta, sna chéad chúpla bliain eile.

Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú chun buíochas a ghabháil le foireann ionlán an Bhoird Phleanála, le mo chomhghleacaithe ar an mBord, leis an bhfoireann agus leis na soláthraithe seachtracha seirbhíse, a chuidigh an oiread sin chun na torthai atá leagtha amach sa Tuarascáil Bhliantúil seo a bhaint amach i 2016. Bhí mórchuid athruithe á mbainistiú againn, mar eagraíocht, i 2016, ach níor tháinig aon mheath ar fheidhmíocht ná ar dhea-thorthaí na heagraíochta.

Thar aon ní eile, ba mhaith liom aitheantas a thabhairt do thiomantas fhoireann an Bhoird Phleanála do phríomhluachanna na heagraíochta, mar atá neamhspleáchas, ionláine, gairmiúlachas agus cothroime. Is mór an pláisiúr dom a bheith ag obair libh ar fad agus táim ag tnúth leis an eagraíocht a threorú trí na dúshlán atá romhainn.

Mary Kelly

An Dr. Mary Kelly
Cathaoirleach

27 Meitheamh, 2017

challenging issues and meeting ambitious targets, particularly in relation to the implementation of the new Housing legislation, in the next number of years.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the entire An Bord Pleanála team, my fellow Board members, staff and external service providers, who were instrumental in achieving the results set out in this Annual Report for 2016. As an organisation we have been managing a great deal of change while also maintaining good performance in delivering results.

Above all, I would like to acknowledge the real commitment of all staff in An Bord Pleanála to our core values of independence, integrity, professionalism and fairness. It is a great pleasure to work with all of you and I look forward to leading the organisation through the challenges that lie ahead.

Mary Kelly

Dr. Mary Kelly
Chairperson

27th June, 2017



Cásobair Phleanála

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1 Na Cásanna Pleanála Uile

Mhéadaigh líon na gcásanna a fuarthas agus a cuireadh de láimh uair amháin eile i 2016.

Glacadh 2,163 cás pleanála i 2016 i gcomparáid le 1,979 i 2015 (rud ab ionann agus méadú de 9%), i bhfad fós ón mbuaic de 1,810 chás i 2014 (Fígiúr 1).

Ag túis 2016, bhí 677 cás idir lámha agus bhí sé sin laghdaithe go 762 faoi dheireadh na bliana (Fígiúr 2). Cuireadh 2,078 cás de láimh sa bhliain, suas ó 1,966 i 2015.

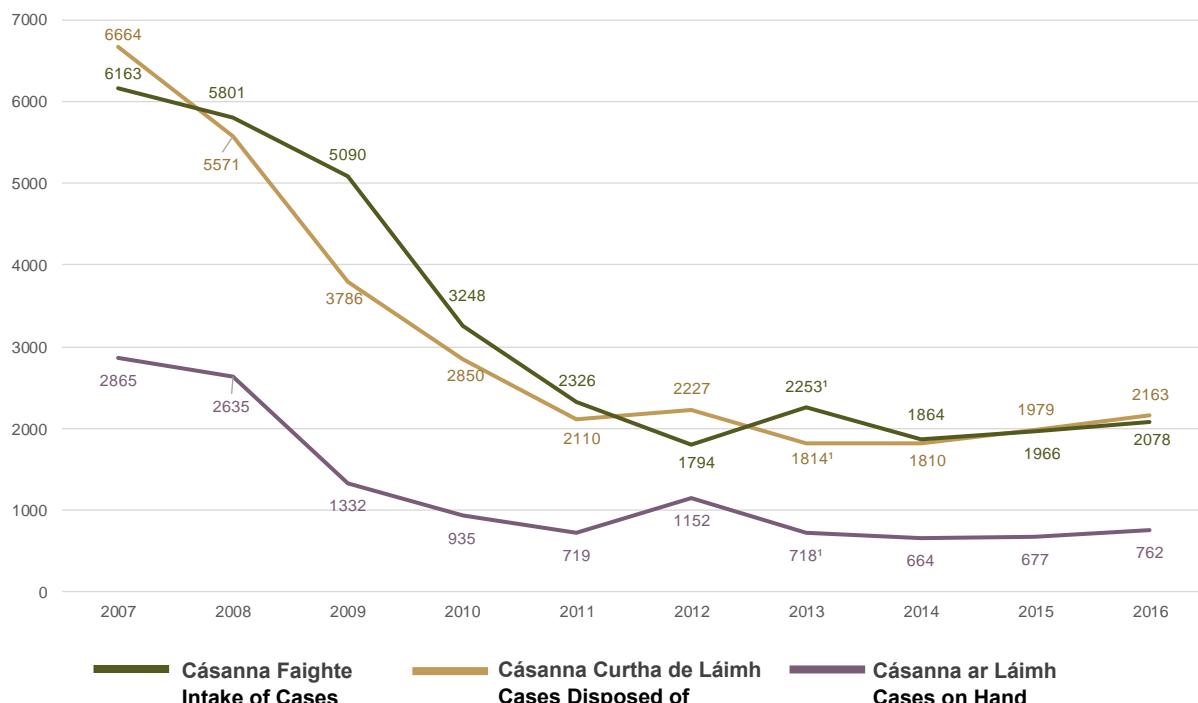
All Planning Cases

During 2016, there was an increase in the number of all planning cases received and disposed of.

Total case intake was up just over 9% to 2,163 in 2016 compared to 1,979 in 2015 up from a historic low of 1,810 in 2014 (Figure 1).

At the start of 2016, there were 677 cases on hands and by year end, this stood at 762 (Figure 2). 2,078 cases were disposed of during the year, up from 1,966 in 2015.

Fígiúr 1
Faichte, Curtha de Láimh agus
Cásanna ar Láimh (Gach cás)



¹ Ní áirítear ar an bhfigíúr cásanna Fógra Cairéil

¹ Figures exclude Quarry Notice cases.

Figiúr 2
Achoimre Gach Cás Pleanála

Figure 2
Summary of all Planning Cases

		2016	2015	Méadú / (laghdú) % Increase / (decrease) %
Idir lámha ag an túis	On hands at start	677	664	2%
Faighe	Received	2,163	1,979	9%
Curtha de láimh	Disposed of	2,078	1,966	6%
Idir lámha ag an deireadh	On hands at end	762	677	13%
Curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil ¹	Disposed of within statutory objective period ¹	79% ¹	80% ¹	-
Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí) ¹	Average time taken (weeks) ¹	17 ¹	17 ¹	-

¹ Ní áirítear ar an bhfigír sin cásanna comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais

¹ This figure excludes pre-application consultation cases.

Cuspóirí Reachtúla Ama chun Cásanna a Chinneadh

Leagtar síos i bhforálacha na nAchtanna Pleanála, Rialú Tógála agus Truailithe Uisce, agus sna Rialacháin a rinneadh faoi na hAchtanna seo, gur cuspóir é de chuid an Bhoird Phleanála a chinntí go gcinntear achomhairc agus gnóthaí eile laistigh de thréimhsí sonraithe ama. I bhformhór na gcásanna sin, is é 18 seachtaine an tréimhse; is é 4 mhí an tréimhse i gcásanna áirithe, agus i gcásanna eile fós níl aon chuspóir reachtúil ama.

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 An Bord Pleanála 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

Socraíonn an Bord Pleanála cuspóirí bliantúla chun cásanna pleanála a thagann faoina bhráid a chinneadh laistigh de ocht seachtain dhéag / ceithre mhí beag beann ar cibé an bhfuil cuspóir reachtúil ama i bhfeidhm nó nach bhfuil.

An Bord Pleanála sets annual objectives to determine planning cases which come before it within eighteen weeks / four months regardless of whether or not a statutory objective period applies.



Tréimhse an Chuspóra Reachtúil

Bhí an fheidhmíocht cobhsaí i gcónaí de bhrí gur cinneadh 80% de chásanna pleanála laistigh de thréimhse an chuspóra reachtúil faoi mar ab amhlaidh i 2015 (Fíghír 3). Mhéadaigh líon na gcásanna a cuireadh de láimh de 6% ó 1,966 i 2015 go 2,078 i 2016.

Statutory Objective Period

Performance remained steady with 80% of all planning cases decided upon within the statutory objective period as was the case in 2015 (Figure 3). The number of cases disposed was up 6% from 1,966 in 2015 to 2,078 in 2016.

Fíghír 3

Cásanna a chinntíodh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil

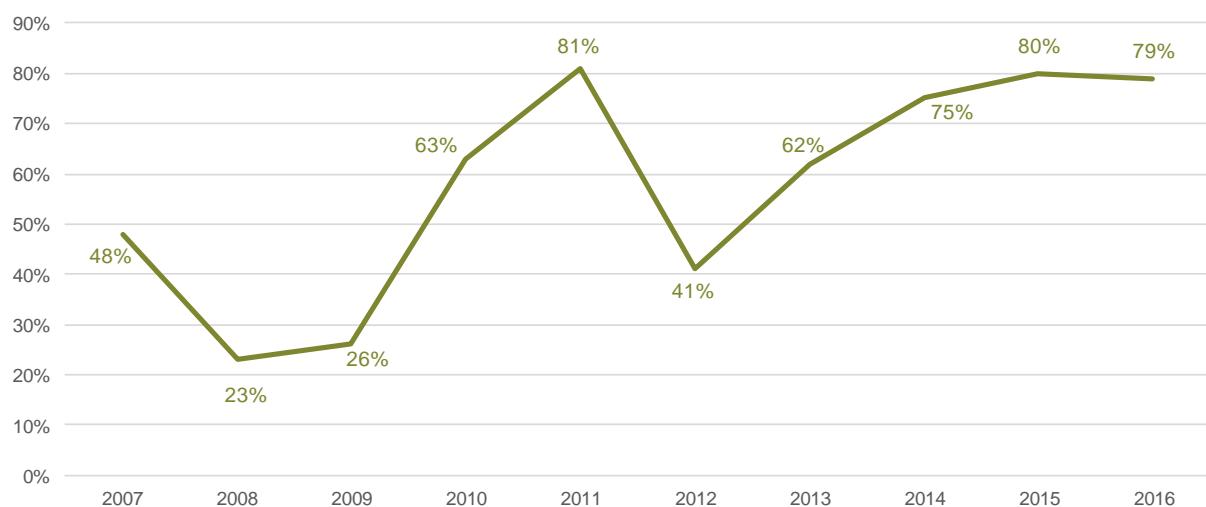


Figure 3

Cases determined within statutory objective period

Cásanna a Chur de Láimh i Seachtainí

Thóg sé 17 seachtain ar an meán chun gach cás pleanála i 2016 a chinneadh, mar ab amhlaidh i 2015 (Figiúr 4).

Disposal of Cases in Weeks

Similar to 2015, the average time taken to decide all planning cases in 2016 was 17 weeks (Figure 4).

Figiúr 4

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

Figure 4

Average time taken to dispose of cases (weeks)

Bláin	Gnáth-Achomhairc Phleanála	Forbairtí Bonneagair Straitéisigh	Gach cás eile ^{1,2}	lomlán
Year	Normal planning appeals	Strategic Infrastructure Cases	All other cases ^{1,2}	All
2007	20	16	13	19
2008	24	30	27	24
2009	23	35	25	23
2010	19	46	23	20
2011	17	51 ¹	18	18 ¹
2012	23	51 ¹	16	23 ¹
2013	19	37 ¹	33	23 ¹
2014	16	24 ¹	37	20 ¹
2015	15	27 ¹	30	17 ¹
2016	16	50 ¹	26	17 ¹

¹ Ní áirítear ar an bhfigúr sin cásanna comhairliúcháin reamhiarratais

² Eisiann sé gnáthachomhairc phleanála agus cásanna bonneagair straitéisigh

¹ This figure excludes pre-application consultation cases

² Excludes normal planning appeals and strategic infrastructure cases



2 Gnáthachomhairc Pleanála

B'ionann gnáthachomhairc phleanála, is é sin, achomhairc faoi alt 37 den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha, 2000 agus 86.5% (1,827) de na cásanna a glacadh i 2016. Tagann achomhairc mar sin chun cinn as ciintí a dhéanann údarás phleanála ar iarratais ar chead chun talamh a fhorbairt; féadfaidh siad a bheith ina n-achomhairc chéad pháirtí, tríú páirtí nó ina n-achomhairc chéad agus tríú páirtí in éineacht.

Mhéadaigh líon na ngnáthachomharc pleanála a fuarthas de 11% ó 1,646 i 2015 (i gcomparáid leis an mbuaic de 5,891 i 2007).

Normal Planning Appeals

Normal planning appeals under section 37 of the 2000 Planning Act accounted for 86.5% (1,827 cases) of intake in 2016. Such appeals arise from decisions by planning authorities on applications for permission for the development of land and can be first party, third party or first and third party.

The number of normal planning appeals received was up 11% from 1,646 in 2015 (versus 5,891 peak in 2007).

Figiúr 5
Gnáthachomhairc phleanála a fuarthas, a cuireadh de láimh agus atá idir lámha

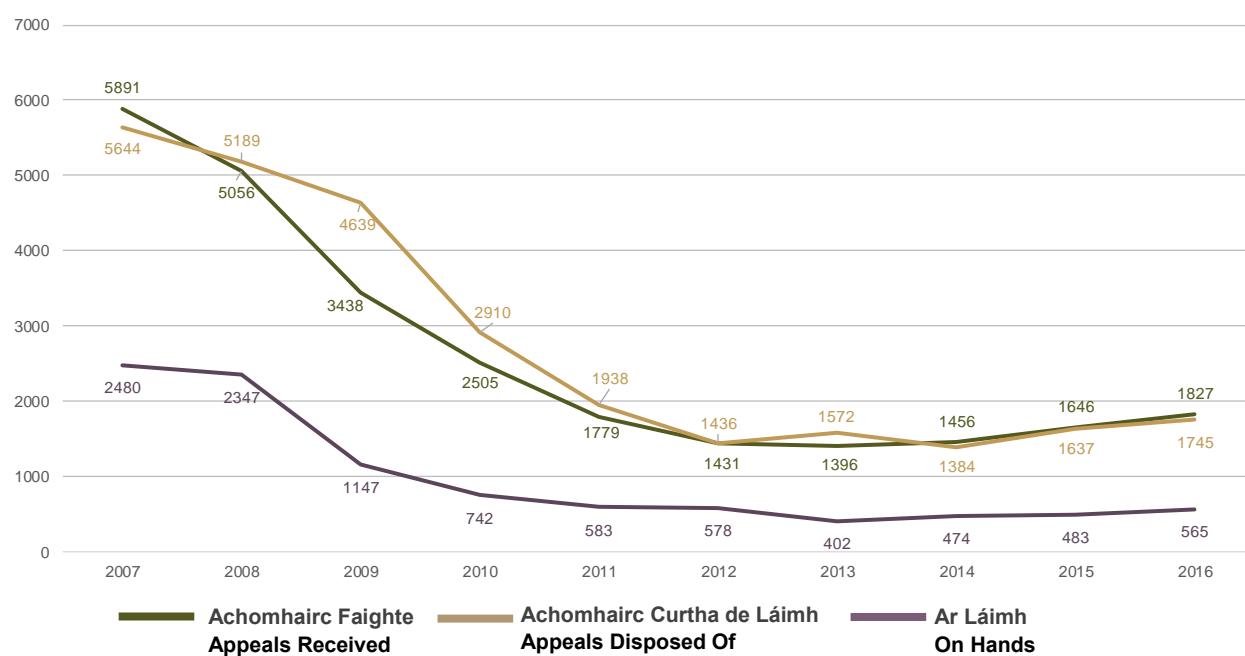


Figure 5
Normal Planning Appeals received, disposed of and on hands



Figiúr 6

Gnáth-achomhairc Phleanála -
Faighte, Curtha de Láimh agus Ar Láimh

Figure 6

Normal Planning Appeals -
Received, Disposed of and On Hands

		2016	2015	Méadú / (laghdú) % Increase / (decrease) %
Idir lámha ag an túis	On hands at start	483	474	2%
Faighte	Received	1,827	1,646	11%
Curtha de láimh (iomlán)	Disposed of (Total)	1,745	1,637	7%
Curtha de Láimh go foirmeálta	Disposed of Formally	1,468	1,382	6%
Curtha de Láimh ar bhealaí eile	Disposed of Otherwise	277	255	8%
Idir lámha ag deireadh	On hands at end	565	483	17%
Curtha de láimh laistigh de sprioc thréimhse reachtúil	Disposed of within statutory objective period	82%	83%	-
Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí)	Average time taken (weeks)	16	15	3%

I 2016, shocraigh an Bord Pleanála é mar chuspóir 75 - 85% d'achomhairc phleanála a chur de láimh laistigh de thréimhse an chuspóra reachtúil. Cuireadh 82% de chásanna de láimh laistigh den tréimhse agus ba é 16 seachtaíne an meántréimhse.

Ba ionann agus 9% de na hacomhairc uile achomhairc neamhbhailí (a cuireadh de láimh nó ar shlí éigin eile) i 2016, mar ab amhlaidh i 2015. Is achomhairc iad seo a dearbhaíodh mar achomhairc neamhbhailí de bhrí nár comhlíonadh critéir áirithe, mar shampla, achomhairc dhéanacha, táillí míchearta srl.

Cuirtear analís eile ar ghnáthachomhairc phleanála ar fáil in Aguisín 1.

In 2016, An Bord Pleanála set an objective to dispose of 75 - 85% of normal planning appeals within the statutory objective period. 82% of cases were disposed of within the period with an average time taken of just under 16 weeks.

Invalid appeals (disposed of otherwise) accounted for 9% of all appeals in 2016 as was the case in 2015. These are appeals which have been declared invalid where compliance with certain statutory criteria has not been achieved for example, late appeals, incorrect fees, etc.

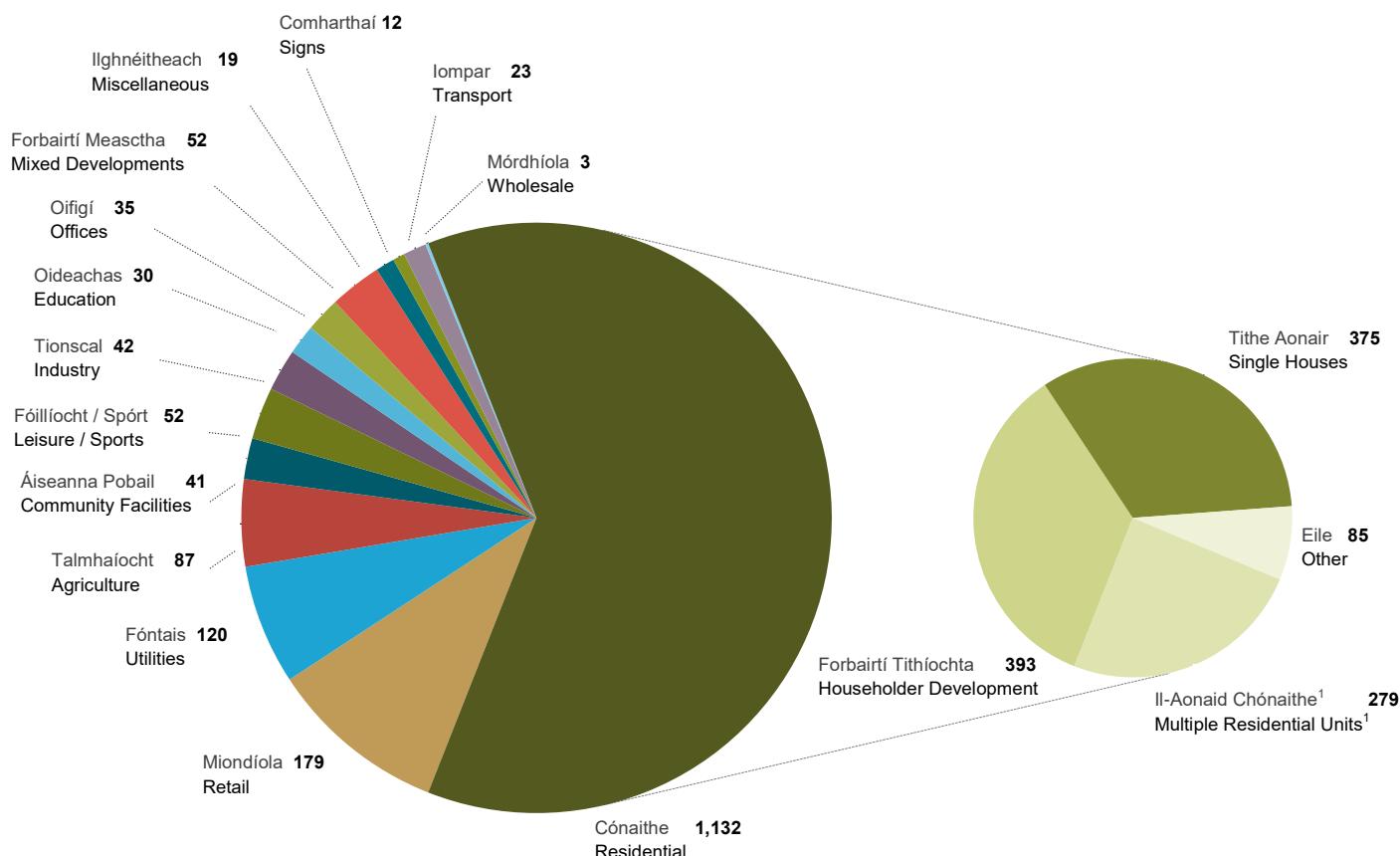
Further analyses of the normal planning appeal decisions are provided in Appendix 1.

Cineálacha Forbartha

Le forbairt chónaire a bhain 60% (1,104) de na ghnáthachomhairc phleanála, a fuair an Bord Pleanála i 2016.

Le forbairt miondíola a bhain 21% de na hachomhairc sa chéad chatagóir eile, ina bhfuarthas 179 achomharc; le hathrú úsáide a bhain 21% diobh, ó ionad miondíola go bialann, nó siopa beir leat, nó oifig chearrbhachais, mar shampla, nó le cónascadh nó fo-roinnt aonad miondíola. Le fóntais a bhain céatadán suntasach eile achomharc; 120 achomharc den sórt sin a fuarthas i 2016.

Figiúr 7
Gnáth-achomhairc Phleanála faigte de réir
Cineál Forbartha



¹ I gcás dhá aonad nó níos mó agus áirítear leithlanna air.

* Airítear ar 'Cónaithé' aonaid i mbrúnna, in óstáin, i ditithe altranais agus i gcinéálacha cóiriúchta den chineál céanna, agus d'fhéadfai iad a bheith san áireamh i gcatagóir forbartha eile.

Development Types

Residential development accounted for 60% (1,104) of all normal planning appeals received by An Bord Pleanála in 2016.

The next largest category was retail development, where 179 appeals were received, 21% of which related to change of use, for example, from retail to restaurant, to take-away, or to betting office, or amalgamation or sub-division of retail units. Utilities also made up a significant category of appeals, 120 of which were received in 2016.

Figure 7
Normal Planning Appeals by Development Type received

¹ For 2 or more units and includes apartments.

* 'Residential' includes units in hostels, hotels, nursing homes and similar types of accommodation and may also be included, as part of other development categories.

Achomhairc Thús Áite

Rangaítear roinnt de na gnáthachomhairc phleanála mar ‘Achomhairc Thús Áite’. Is achomhairc iad sin a bhaineann le forbairtí a d’fhéadfadh líon mór post a chur ar fáil, nó le tionscadail a bhféadfadh tábhacht gheilleagrach a bheith leo ar scála náisiúnta, réigiúnach agus / nó áitiúil. Tugtar túis áite dóibh chun dlús a chur leo tríd an gcorás. I 2016 cuireadh 88% de na hachomhairc túis áite ar fad de láimh laistigh den sprioc de 18 seachtaíne.

Lena chois sin, tugtar túis áite d’fhoirgnimh nua scoile/oideachais, agus do leathnuithe ar shaoráidí dá sórt, ar aon dul le beartas an Rialtais sa réimse seo. I 2016 fuarthas 16 achomharc i dtaca le tionscadail scoile / oideachais agus cuireadh de láimh iad laistigh den tréimhse cuspóra reachtúil. Lena

Priority Appeals

Certain categories of planning appeals are classified as ‘Priority Appeals’. These include appeals in respect of developments which have a significant employment or economic potential, on a national, regional and / or local scale. They are given priority status in order to expedite them through the system. In 2016, 88% of all priority appeals were disposed of within the target of 18 weeks.

New school buildings / educational facilities, and extensions are prioritised in line with Government policy in this area. In 2016, 16 appeals in relation to school / education projects were disposed of within statutory objective period. Priority is now also given to the disposal of cases for housing

Figiúr 8
Samplaí d’Achomhairc Thosaíochta

Figure 8
Examples of Priority Appeals

Cás	Cinneadh	Case	Decision
166 uimh. teach cónaithe, Bóthair Pháirc na nGrás, Baile Átha Cliath 9	Deonú	166 no. dwellings, Gracepark Road, Dublin 9	Grant
Sráidbhaile foraoise saoire, Baile Uí Mhatháin, Co. an Longfoirt	Deonú	Forest holiday village, Ballymahon, Co. Longford	Grant
Saoráid próiseála iasc, Na Cealla Beaga, Co. Dhún na nGall	Deonú	Fish processing facility, Killybegs, Co. Donegal	Grant
3 uimh. scoil nua, Carraig Uí Leighin, Co. Chorcaí	Deonú	3 no. new schools, Carrigaline, Co. Cork	Grant
Cóiríocht do Mhic Léinn, Ollscoil Éireann, Champas Thuaidh na Gaillimhe, Gaillimh	Deonú	Student accommodation, NUI Galway Northern Campus, Galway	Grant
284 teach, An Nás, Co. Chill Dara	Deonú	284 houses, Naas, Co. Kildare	Grant
110 aonad tithíochta, Bóthar an Duga, Luimneach	Diúltú	110 housing units, Dock Road, Limerick	Refuse
Cóiríocht 7 n-urlár do mhic léinn, Coláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath 2	Diúltú	7 storey student accommodation, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin 2	Refuse



chos sin, tugtar túis áiteanois do chásanna maidir le forbairtí tithíochta a chur de láimh, ar aon dul le beartas an Rialtais sa réimse seo.

Tithíocht

Mhéadaigh líon na n-achomharc ar fhorbairtí tithíochta il-urlár: fuarthas 91 chás de 30+ aonad i 2016, i gcomparáid le 60 i 2015. De na cásanna a fuarthas, bhain 38 le forbairtí de 100+ aonad tithíochta. I 2016, chuir an Bord Pleanála 87 n-achomharc de láimh maidir le 30+ aonad tithíochta (31 maidir le 100+ aonad).

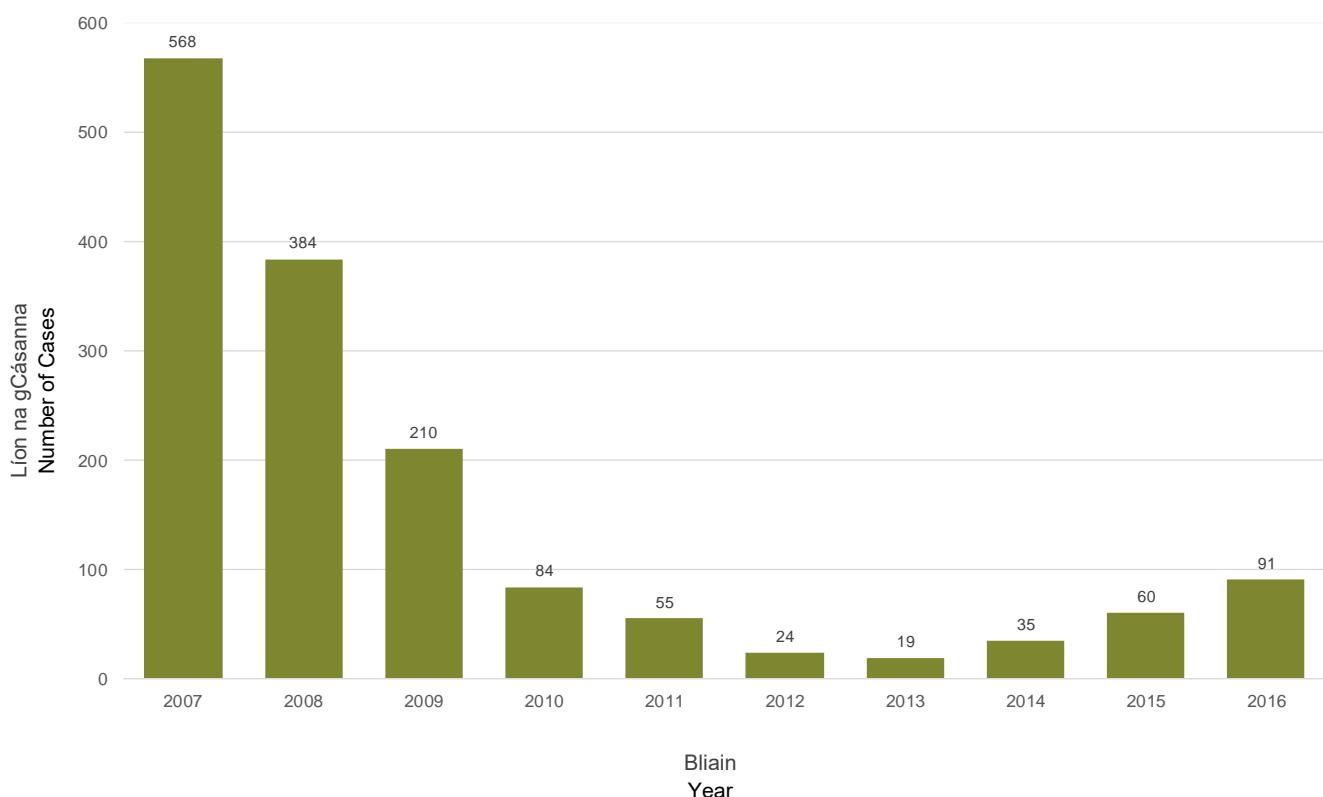
developments in line with Government policy in this area.

Housing

The number of appeal cases for multi-unit housing developments received has increased with 91 cases of 30+ units in 2016, up from 60 in 2015. Of the cases received, 38 related to developments of more than 100+ housing units. During 2016, An Bord Pleanála disposed of 87 appeals for developments of 30+ housing units (31 for 100+ units).

Figiúr 9
Forbairtí Tithíochta (30+ aonad) de réir bliana

Figure 9
Housing Developments (30+ units) by year



Cásanna Beaga

Ba é 2016 an chéad bhliain oibriúcháin do na nósanna imeachta nua athchóirithe chun feabhas faoina ndéileálfar le cásanna beaga, m.sh. forbairtí beaga cónaithe (suas le dhá theach i gceantair uirbeacha), leathnuithe tí agus miontograí forbartha eile. Is é an cuspóir foriomlán cinntí a eisiúint go comhsheasmhach ar chásanna mar sin laistigh de 14 seachtaine. Cinneadh 467 gcás mar sin i 2016, agus cinneadh 62% díobh laistigh de 14 seachtaine. Tá monatóireacht á déanamh ar an scéim d'fhoill an fheidhmiocht a bhrefisiú tuilleadh i 2017.

Fuinneamh in-athnuaithe

Laghdaigh líon na gcásanna feirme gaoithe a fuarthas i 2016 ó 26 go 14. Mar sin féin, ba chuid shuntasach i gcónaí den ualach oibre iad na cásanna seo de bhrí go mbíonn Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallacht (EIA) agus / nó Measúnú Oiriúnachta de dhíth maidir lena bhformhór.

Fuarthas ceithre achomharc déag maidir le hiarratais ar fheirmeacha gréine, agus de na sé chás sin, deonaíodh cúig cinn agus diúltáíodh cás amháin.

Achomhairc de réir Ceantair

Tugtar in Agusín 2 anailís ar chinntí ar iarratais phleanála, a rinne údaráis áitiúla agus achomhairc ghaolmhara chuig an mBord Pleanála i gcás gach limistéir contae, limistéar cathrach agus limistéar comhnasctha contae agus cathrach. Achomhairc ab ea 6.9% de na hiarratais phleanála a fuarthas sa bhliain 2016 (i gcomparáid le 7.2% sa bhliain 2015). Ba iad Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath, Comhairle Cathrach na Gaillimhe agus Comhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth an Dúin a fuair an líon ba mhó achomharc in aghaidh cinntí - 15.5%, 12.2% agus 11.6% - faoi seach.

Small Cases

2016 was the first full year of operation of new streamlined procedures to deal with smaller cases, typically, residential developments (up to two no. houses in urban areas), domestic extensions and other relatively minor development proposals. The overall objective is to issue decisions on the majority of such cases within 14 weeks. During 2016, 467 of such cases were decided, 62% within 14 weeks. The scheme is being closely monitored with a view to further enhancing performance during 2017.

Sustainable Energy

The number of windfarm cases received during 2016 declined from 26 to 14. However, these cases continue to remain a significant workload as the majority require Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and / or Appropriate Assessment (AA).

Fourteen appeals on solar farm applications were received during the year, and of the six cases which were disposed of, five were granted and one was refused.

Appeals by Area

An analysis of planning application decisions by local authorities and related appeals to An Bord Pleanála for each county, city and amalgamated county and city area is shown in Appendix 2. Overall, the number of appeals received in 2016 as a percentage of planning authority applications was 6.9% (7.2% in 2015). Dublin City Council, Galway City Council and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council had the highest levels of decisions appealed respectively at 15.5%, 12.2% and 11.6%.

3 Cásanna Forbartha Bonneagar Straitéiseach

Strategic Infrastructure Development Cases



Faoin Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, leasaithe, déantar iarratas ar Fhorbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh idir phoiblí agus phríobháideach go díreach chuig an mBord Pleanála.

Under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, applications for public and private Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) are made directly to An Bord Pleanála.

Cuireadh ceithre cinn d'aighneachtaí isteach i 2016 a thug go 86 líon na n-iarratas díreach chuig an mBord Pleanála ó tháinig na forálacha reachtacha i bhfeidhm i 2007. I measc na n-iarratas a fuarthas i 2016 bhí togra maidir le saoráid fuinnimh ag Rinn an Scidígh, Contae Chorcaí, tionscadal tarchuir leictreachais maidir le hionad sonraí ar son Apple i mBaile Átha an Rí, Contae na Gaillimhe agus feirmeacha gaoithe i gContae na Mí agus i gContae Uíbh Fhailí.

I gcás Forbairtí Bonneagair Straitéisigh, ach amháin iad siúd ó Údarás Áitiúla, ceanglaítear dul i gcomhairle roimh an

Four applications were submitted during 2016 bringing the total number of direct applications made to An Bord Pleanála to 86 since the legislative provisions became operative in 2007. Applications received in 2016 included proposals for a waste to energy facility at Ringaskiddy, County Cork, an electricity transmission project related to a data centre for Apple in Athenry, County Galway and wind farms in County Meath and in County Offaly.

For Strategic Infrastructure Developments, excepting those from Local Authorities, it is mandatory to have pre-application

iarratas leis an mBord Pleanála. Bíonn trí chruinniú i gceist de ghnáth sa phróiseas comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais. Ní bhíonn aon chruinniú ann i gcás cásanna comhairliúcháin áirithe nach bhféachtar orthu mar bhoneagar straitéisearch agus is trí chomhfhereagras a phléitear leo. Ba é 82% líon na gcásanna i 2016 a measadh nár bhoneagar straitéisearch iad.

A. Iarratais maidir le Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh (Aonáin Phríobháideacha agus Gealltóirí Reachtúla)

Fuair an Bord 39 iarratas ar chomhairliúchán réamhiarratais i 2016, bhí 48 chruinniú ann le hiarratasóirí ionchasacha agus tugadh 28 iarratas chun críche (Fígiúr 10). Ba é an toradh sna 28 cás a tugadh chun críche: 5 iarratas a cinneadh a bheith ina FBS, 20 nár measadh a bheith ina FBS, agus trí iarratas a cuireadh de láimh ar shlí éigin eile.

consultations with An Bord Pleanála. A typical pre-application consultation process usually involves 3 meetings. Some consultation cases which are not regarded as strategic infrastructure do not have any meetings and are dealt with by correspondence. The percentage of cases which were not regarded as strategic infrastructure development in 2016 was 82%.

A. Strategic Infrastructure Development Applications (Private Entities and Statutory Undertakers)

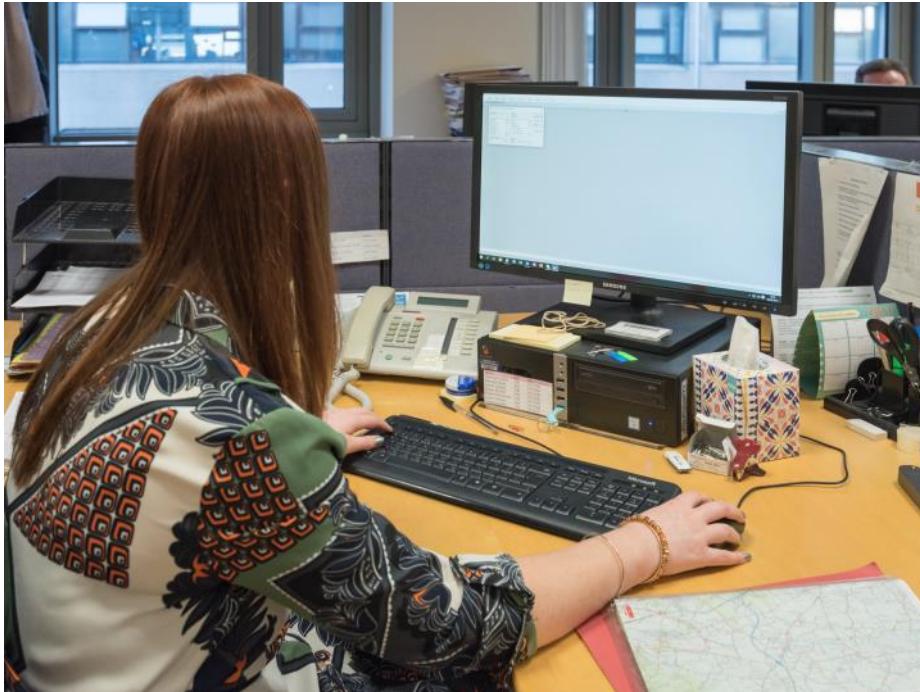
In 2016, we received 39 requests for pre-application consultations, held 48 meetings with prospective applicants and concluded 28 requests (Figure 10). Of the 28 cases concluded, five were deemed to be SID, 20 were deemed not to be and three applications were otherwise disposed of.

Fígiúr 10
Cásanna Forbartha Bonneagair Straitéisigh (Aonáin Phríobháideacha agus Gealltóirí Reachtúla)

Figure 10
Strategic Infrastructure Development Cases (Private Entities and Statutory Undertakers)

		Ar láimh, tús	Faighte	Críochnaithe	Ar láimh, deireadh
		On-hands start	Received	Concluded	On-hands end
Iarrataí ar Chomhairliúchán	Consultation Requests	27	39	28	38
Iarratais	Applications	10	4	10	4
Iarrataí ar Athrú / Leasú	Alteration / Amendment Requests	4	4	6	2
Tarchuir	Referrals	0	1	0	1
Iomlán	Total	41	48	44	45





I 2016 fuarthas na ceithre iarratas ar FBS seo a leanas:

- Saoráid Dramhaíola go Fuinneamh, Rinn an Scidígh, Co. Chorcaí
- Soláthar Cumhachta 220kv d'lonad Sonraí Apple, Co. na Gaillimhe
- Feirm Ghaoithe Castletownmoor, Co. na Mí
- Feirm Ghaoithe Chluain Críon, Co. Uíbh Fhailí

Tugadh deich n-iarratas chun críche i 2016 agus deonaíodh cead do cheithre cinn d'iarratas forbartha Seachtú Sceideal, agus do thrí cinn d'iarratais leictreachais.

Diúltáiodh cead do thrí iarratas ó fheirmeacha gaoithe (Fígiúr 11).

I measc na gcásanna bhí mórfhorbairt calafoirt i nDún Laoghaire, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath, Ospidéal Náisiúnta na Leanaí i gCathair Bhaile Átha Cliath, agus an tIldirnascaire Leictreachais Thuaidh Theas i gContaetha an Chabháin, na Mí agus Mhuineacháin.

In 2016, four SID applications were received as follows:

- Waste to Energy Facility, Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork
- 220kv Power Supply for Apple Data Centre, Co. Galway
- Castletownmoor Wind Farm, Co. Meath
- Cloncreen Wind Farm, Co. Offaly.

Ten applications were concluded during 2016 with permission granted for four private Seventh Schedule development applications, and approval granted for three electricity applications. Three applications, all wind farms, were refused permission (Figure 11).

Cases included a major port development in Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, the National Paediatric Hospital in Dublin City, and the North-South Electricity Interconnector in Counties Cavan, Meath and Monaghan.

Figír 11

Iarratais ar Fhorbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh
Tugtha chun Críche

Figure 11

Strategic Infrastructure Development
Applications Concluded

Iarratais Phríobháideacha (7ú Sceideal)		Private Applications (7th Schedule)	
Cur síos	Cinneadh	Description	Decision
Feirm Ghaoithe, Oweninny, Co. Mhaigh Eo	Deonú le coinníollacha	Wind Farm, Oweninny, Co. Mayo	Grant with conditions
Feirm Ghaoithe Emlagh, Co. na Mí	Diúltú ceada	Emlagh Wind Farm, Co. Meath	Refuse permission
Feirm Ghaoithe ag an Mhín Bhog agus bailte fearainn eile, Co. Dhún na nGall	Diúltú ceada	Wind Farm at Meenbog and other townlands, Co. Donegal	Refuse permission
Feirm Ghaoithe na Maighne, Co. Chill Dara agus Co. na Mí	Diúltú ceada	Maighne Wind Farm, Co. Kildare and Co. Meath	Refuse permission
Calafort Dhún Laoghaire, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath	Deonú le coinníollacha	Dun Laoghaire Harbour, Co. Dublin	Grant with conditions
Ospidéal Náisiúnta na Leanaí ag Campas Ospidéal San Séamas, Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath	Deonú le coinníollacha	National Paediatric Hospital at St. James' Hospital Campus, Dublin City	Grant with conditions
Feirm Ghaoithe Chnocán an Phóna i mbailte fearainn éagsúla, Contae Chiarraí agus Chorcaí	Deonú le coinníollacha	Grousemount Wind Farm in various townlands, Counties Kerry and Cork	Grant with conditions
Iarratais Leictreachais		Electricity Applications	
Cur síos	Cinneadh	Description	Decision
An tIdirnascaire Leictreachais Thuaidh-Theas, Contaetha na Mí, an Chabháin agus Mhuineacháin.	Ceadú le coinníollacha	North-South Electricity Interconnector, Counties Cavan, Meath and Monaghan.	Approve with conditions
Fo-stáisiún, Caisleán na Gráinsí, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath	Ceadú le coinníollacha	Substation, Grange Castle, Co. Dublin	Approve with conditions
Soláthar Cumhachta 220kv d'Ionad Sonraí Apple, Co. na Gaillimhe	Ceadú le coinníollacha	220kv Power Supply for Apple Data Centre, Athenry, Co. Galway	Approve with conditions



B. Iarratais ó Údarás Áitiúil ar Bhonneagar Forbartha Straitéisigh

Trí cinn d'iarratais a fuarthas i 2016, mar seo a leanas:

- tonnchosc ag Cuan Dhún na Séad, Co. Chorcaí,
- forbairt lár bhaile ag Bré, Co. Chill Mhantáin, agus
- saoráid aisghabhála dramh-ithreacha agus éiceapháirc ag Coill Chúil, Co. Chill Mhantáin

Ar na hiarratais a cinneadh i gcaitheamh na bliana bhí:

- scéim fóirithinte tuitte (ceadaithe) ag Abhainn Dhún Coillín agus Sruthán an Agaird Mhóir, Co. na Gaillimhe, agus
- tionscadal bóthair N59 ón gClochán go dtí an Teach Dóite, Co. na Gaillimhe agus fáil éigeantach ghaolmhar (diúltaithe).

Figiúr 12
Cásanna Forbartha Bonneagair Straitéisigh de chuid Údarás Áitiúla

B. Local Authority Strategic Infrastructure Development Applications

Three applications were received in 2016 as follows:

- a breakwater at Baltimore Harbour, Co. Cork,
- a town centre development at Bray, Co. Wicklow, and
- a waste soils recovery facility and ecopark at Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow.

Applications determined during the year included:

- Dunkellin River and Aggard Stream flood relief scheme (approved), Co. Galway, and
- the N59 Clifden to Maam Cross road project, Co. Galway and related compulsory acquisition (refused).

Figure 12
Local Authority Strategic Infrastructure Development Cases

		Faichte	Críochnaithe	Ar láimh, deireadh
		Received	Concluded	On-hands end
Iarratais	Applications	3	4	3
Cásanna Scagtha um Mheasúnú Tionchar Timpeallachta	Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Cases	4	2	2
Iarrataí ar Athrú / Leasú	Alteration / Amendment Requests	2	1	1
Comhairliúcháin	Consultations	1	0	4
Iomlán	Total	10	7	10



4 Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúil Eile

Déileálann an Bord Pleanála le cásanna eile Údaráis Áitiúil eile, leis, lena n-áirítear Orduithe Ceannaigh Éigeantaigh (OCÉ) agus fáil éigeantach faoi na hAchtanna um Láithreán Thréigthe 1990 agus Measúnuithe Cui.

Figiúr 13
Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúil

		Faighte	Críochnaithe	Ar láimh, deireadh
		Received	Concluded	On-hands end
Fáil Éigeantach Ordú Ceannaigh Éigeantaigh (OCÉ)	Compulsory Acquisition Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO)	47	51	9
Fáil Éigeantach Láithreán Tréigthe	Compulsory Acquisition Derelict Sites	3	2	1
Ceannach Éigeantach i gcás Cuain	Compulsory Acquisition Harbour	0	1	0
Iomlán	Total	50	54	10

Fáil Éigeantach

De na cásanna tógála éigeantaí a tugadh chun críche i 2016, ceadaíodh sé chás gan mhionathrú agus ceadaíodh sé chás ach mionathruithe a dhéanamh; cuireadh 10 gcás ar neamhní. Rinneadh 32 chinneadh neamhfhoirmiúla, i gcás, mar shampla, nach bhfuarthas aon agóid i gcásanna Ordú Ceannaigh Éigeantaigh. De na cásanna eile a cinneadh, cuireadh 91% díobh de láimh go foirmiúil laistigh de thréimhse an chuspóra reachtúil.

Other Local Authority Projects

An Bord Pleanála also deals with other Local Authority cases including Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) and compulsory acquisition under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and Appropriate Assessments.

Figure 13
Local Authority Projects

Compulsory Acquisition

Of the compulsory acquisition cases concluded in 2016, six cases were approved without modifications and six were approved with modifications; 10 were annulled. There were 32 informal decisions, for instance, where no objections were received in Compulsory Purchase Order cases. Of these formally decided cases, 91% were disposed of within the statutory objective period.

Cásanna Údaráis Áitiúil de Mheasúnú Cuí

Is éard is Measúnú Cuí ann measúnú ar an dochar nó an difríocht shuntasach a d'fhéadfadh pleán nó tionscadal a dhéanamh d'iomláine suímh atá faoi chosaint ag Treoir an AE maidir le Gnáthóga.

I gcás ina n-iarrtar Measúnú Cuí maidir le tionscadal Údaráis Áitiúil nó i gcás ina gcaithfear cinneadh a dhéanamh cibé an bhfuil gá le Measúnú Cuí, is é an Bord Pleanála an t-údarás inniúil.

Fuair an Bord Pleanála cúig chás Measúnacht Cuí i 2016 agus tugadh dhá chás chun críche (Fígiúr 14), ceann amháin a ceadaíodh agus ceann a cinneadh mar iarratas ina dteastaíonn Ráiteas Tionchair Natura (RTN).

Local Authority Appropriate Assessment Cases

Appropriate Assessment is an assessment of the potential of a plan or project to adversely and significantly affect the integrity of a site which is protected under the EU Habitats Directive.

Where a Local Authority project requires Appropriate Assessment or where it needs to be determined whether or not Appropriate Assessment is required, the Competent Authority is An Bord Pleanála.

In 2016, five Appropriate Assessment cases were received and the number of cases concluded was two (Figure 14), one of which was approved and one determined to require a Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

Fígiúr 14
Cásanna Measúnacht Chuí

Figure 14
Appropriate Assessment Cases

		Faighte	Críochnaithe	Ar láimh, deireadh
		Received	Concluded	On-hands end
Iarratais ar Mheasúnacht Chuí	Appropriate Assessment Applications	4	1	3
Cinntí Mheasúnacht Chuí	Appropriate Assessment Determinations	1	1	0
Iomlán	Total	5	2	3



5 Cineálacha Cásanna Suntasacha Eile

Toilithe Ionaid

Déantar iarratas ar thoiliú ionaid go díreach chuig an mBord Pleanála maidir le forbairt a rinneadh cheana féin nuair ba chóir Measúnú Tionchair Timpeallachta, Cinneadh maidir le Measúnú Tionchair Timpeallachta agus / nó Measúnú Cuí a dhéanamh, measúnú nach ndearnadh.

Bhain formhór na n-iarratas ar thoiliú ionaid a fuair an Bord go dtí seo le cairéil ag éirí as próiseas Alt 261A. Chuir an Bord 23 cás de thoiliú ionaid de láimh ó cheann ceann na bliana. I gcaitheamh 2016, fuarthas dhá iarratas eile ar thoiliú ionaid, an dá cheann bainteach le cairéil. Bhí 29 cás ar láimh i gcónai ag deireadh na bliana, agus bhain a bhformhór le hiarratais faoi Alt 37L.

Figuír 15
Cásanna Toilithe Ionaid

Other Significant Case Types

Substitute Consents

A substitute consent application is for a permission made directly to An Bord Pleanála in respect of development already carried out and which should have been subject to Environment Impact Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment Determination and / or Appropriate Assessment but where such assessments were not carried out.

The majority of substitute consent applications received by the Board to date have been in relation to quarries following on from the Section 261A process. The Board concluded 23 substitute consent cases in the year. During 2016, two further substitute consent applications were received both relating to quarries. 29 cases were still on hands at the end of the year, the majority of which are associated with Section 37L applications.

Figure 15
Substitute Consent Cases

		Faigte	Críochnaithe	Ar láimh, deireadh
		Received	Concluded	On-hands end
Iarratas ar Thoiliú Ionaid	Application for Substitute Consent	2	23	29
Iarratas ar Shíneadh Ama	Request for Extension Time	1	1	1
Cead chun iarratas a dhéanamh ar Thoiliú Ionaid	Leave to Apply for Substitute Consent	4	3	7
Comhairliúchán Toiliú Ionaid	Substitute Consent Consultation	1	1	0
Cead chun iarratas a dhéanamh ar Thoiliú Ionaid S261A(20)	Leave to Apply for Substitute Consent S261A(20)	1	1	2
Iomlán	Total	9	29	39





Forbairt Bhreise ar Chairéil – larratais Alt 37L

Faoi reachtaíocht a tugadh isteach i 2015 tugadh cead d'oirbreoirí cairéil a raibh iarratas 'beo' acu ar thoiliú ionaid faoi bhráid an Bhoird acu nuair a tháinig an reachtaíocht i bhfeidhm iarratais a chur ar aghaidh díreach chuig an mBord ar chead chun a gcuid cairéal a fhorbairt tuilleadh. Fuarthas 28 iarratas san iomlán, 16 díobh i gcaitheamh 2016. Is gá na hiarratais a mheasúnú i gcomhar leis an iarratas ábhartha ar thoiliú ionaid. Iarratais chasta iad, dá réir. Chuir an Bord seacht gcás de láimh i 2016 agus is é an intinn an chuid eile a chur de láimh i 2017.

Further Development of Quarries – Section 37L Applications

Legislation introduced in 2015 allowed quarry operators with 'live' substitute consent applications before the Board at the time the legislation came into effect to lodge applications directly for permission for further development of quarries. In all, 28 such applications were received, 16 during 2016. The applications require assessment in conjunction with the relevant substitute consent application and are particularly complex. The Board disposed of 7 cases during 2016 and the intention is to dispose of the remainder during 2017.

Figiúr 16
Iarratais agus Comhairliúcháin Nua Cairéil

Figure 16
New Quarry Applications and Consultations

		Faighte	Curtha de Láimh	Ar láimh, deireadh
		Received	Disposed	On-hands end
Iarratais	Applications	16	7	21
Comhairliúcháin	Consultations	0	0	0
Iomlán	Total	16	7	21



Criosanna Forbartha Straitéisigh

Is féidir dréachtscéimeanna phleanála le haghaidh Criosanna Forbartha Straitéisigh (CFS) a achomharc. Anus air sin, is féidir le leasuithe áirithe ar scéimeanna pleánala a ceadaíodh roimhe seo a bheith ina n-ábhar le hiarratas ar cheadú chuig an mBord.

Chuir an Bord ceann amháin de na seanchásanna (An Mhóin Ard CFS, Co. Chorcaí) de láimh i 2016.

Tarchuir

An príomhchineál tarchuir a dhéantar chuig an mBord Pleanála, baineann sé le ceisteanna, in aon chás ar leith, faoin rud is forbairt ann nó cibé an forbairt dhíolmhaithe é laistigh de bhrí na nAchtanna um Pleanáil agus Forbairt. I 2016, catagóir shuntasach den chásobair ab ea tarchuir: fuarthas 104 cás agus tugadh 103 cás chun críche.

Ní hionann tarchuir agus cineálacha cásanna eile a thagann faoi bhráid an Bhoird sa mhéid is gur fasaih a bhíonn sna ciintí sna cásanna seo, fasaih a mbíonn tionchar díreach acu ar chásanna dá eis. Tá tábhacht leo, leis, don phobal, d'fhorbróirí agus dá ngníomhairí ó thaobh forbairtí atá á mbeartú acu agus a dteastódh cead pleanála uathu nó nach dteastódh.

Ceannach Éigeantach na nAchtanna Cuanta

Cinneadh iarratas amháin i 2016. Bhain an t-iarratas seo le tailte ag Faing, Co. Luimnigh. Údaraíodh an fháil, faoi réir mionathrú. Ní bhfuarthas aon iarratas i 2016.

Strategic Development Zones

Draft planning schemes proposed for Strategic Development Zones (SDZ) can be appealed. In addition, certain amendments to previously approved planning schemes can also be the subject of applications for approval.

The Board disposed of one SDZ case (Monard, Co. Cork) in 2016.

Referrals

The main type of referral is in relation to questions, in any particular case, as to what is or is not development or is or is not exempted development within the meaning of the Planning and Development Acts. In 2016, referrals were a significant category of casework with 104 cases received and 103 concluded.

Referrals differ from other case types that come before the Board in that decisions in these cases set precedents that have a direct bearing on subsequent cases. They are also of importance to the public, developers and their agents in their consideration of developments that they might wish to undertake and which may or may not require planning permission.

Harbours Acts Compulsory Acquisition

One application was determined in 2016. The application related to the acquisition of lands at Foynes, Co. Limerick. The acquisition, subject to modification, was authorised. No applications were received in 2016.



Figiúr 17
Cineálacha Pleanála eile cáis

	Achtanna Pleanála Planning Acts	Idir Lámha ag túis na bliana	Faighte	Cinntí foirmiúla	Curtha de láimh i slí eile	Idir Lámha ag deireadh na bliana
		On-hands start of year	Received	Formally decided	Otherwise disposed	On-hands end of year
Cead Achomharc	Leave to Appeal	0	42	30	9	3
Tarchuir	Referrals	55	104	78	25	56
Ceadúnais Rannóg 254	Section 254 Licences	0	1	0	0	1
Díolúine ón Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta d'lárratasóirí	Environmental Impact Statement Exemption for Applicants	1	0	1	0	0
Scéim Pleanála i gCrios Forbartha Straitéisí	Planning Scheme in Strategic Development Zone	1	0	1	0	0
Leasú ar Scéim Pleanála i gCrios Forbartha Straitéisí	Amendment to Planning Scheme in Strategic Development Zone	0	0	0	0	0
Athrú ar Scéim Phleanála i gCrios Forbartha Straitéisí	Alteration to Planning Scheme in Strategic Development Zone	0	1	0	0	1
Iomlán	Total	57	148	110	34	61

Cuireadh 85 (59%) de na 144 cás san iomlán thusa de láimh laistigh de 18 seachtaine, mar is cuí

Figure 17
Other Planning Case Types

Rialú Foirgníochta

Ba iad achomhairc i dtaca le Rialú Foirgníochta an chatagóir ba mhó cásoibre nár chásobair phleanála í a láimhsigh an Bord Pleanála i 2016. Fuarthas 48 achomharc agus tugadh 45 díobh chun críche i gcaitheamh na bliana (Figiúr 18).

Na hAchtanna um Thruailliú Uisce

Lena chois sin, tá feidhmeanna ag an mBord Pleanála chun achomhairc i dtaca le ceadúnais faoi na hAchtanna Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú Uisce) um Thruailliú Uisce a chinneadh. Cuireadh dhá chás den sórt sin de láimh le linn 2016.

Building Control

Appeals in relation to Building Control were the largest category of non-planning casework handled in 2016 with 48 appeals received and 45 concluded during the year (Figure 18).

Water Pollution Acts

An Bord Pleanála also deals with appeals in relation to licences under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts. Two such cases were disposed during 2016.

Figiúr 18

Achoimre ar Chásanna Eile Neamhpheleanála

Figure 18

Summary of Other Non-Planning Cases

		Idir Lámha ag túis na bliana	Faighte	Cinntí foirmiúla	Curtha de láimh i slí eile	Idir Lámha ag deireadh na bliana
		On-hands start of year	Received	Formally decided	Otherwise disposed	On-hands end of year
Achtanna um Rialú Foirgniochta Building Control Acts						
Deimhniú Maolaithe & Dispeansáide	Relax & Dispensation Certificate	0	3	1	2	0
Deimhniú Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin	Fire Safety Certificate	3	30	22	7	4
Deimhniú Leasaithe Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin	Fire Safety Revised Certificate	1	5	5	0	1
Deimhniú Thabhairt chun Rialtachta	Regularisation Certificate	0	7	5	0	2
Deimhniú Rochtana Míchumais	Disability Access Certificate	0	2	1	0	1
Deimhniú Leasaithe Rochtana Míchumais	Disability Access Revised Certificate	1	1	2	0	0
<i>Fo-lomlán</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	5	48	36	9	8
Achtanna um Thruailliú Uisce Water Pollution Acts						
Curtha chuig Uisce	Discharge to Water	0	1	1	0	0
Curtha chuig Séarachas	Discharge to Sewers	0	1	0	1	0
<i>Fo-lomlán</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	0	2	1	1	0
Iomlán	Total	5	50	37	10	8

34 (72%) de na 47 cásanna curtha de láimh laistigh de 18 seachtaíne / 4 mí, mar is cuí

34 (72%) of the total 47 cases above were disposed of within 18 weeks / 4 months, as appropriate.



Tionscadail Leasa Choitinn

Is é an Bord Pleanála an t-údarás inniúil maidir le Tionscadail Leasa Choitinn faoi Rialachán 374/2013 na hEorpa ar Threoiríntle maidir le Bonneagar Fuinnimh tras-Eorpach. Baineann seo le nósanna imeachta nua a thug an tAontas Eorpach isteach mar chabhair chun an próiseas toilithe do thionscadail fuinnimh tras-Eorpacha a athchóiriú chun feabhas, tionscadail atá i liosta tionscadal Aontais a ghlac an Coimisiún Eorpach.

Projects of Common Interest

An Bord Pleanála is the Competent Authority for Projects of Common Interest (PCI) under European Regulation 374/2013 on Guidelines for trans-European Energy Infrastructure. This relates to European Union procedures to streamline the consenting process for trans-European energy projects that are contained in a Union list of projects adopted by the European Commission.

An Próiseas Deonaithe Ceada

I 2016, shroich an tionscadal Idirnascaire Leictreachais Thuaidh-Theas deireadh an phróisis deonaithe ceada faoi Chaibidil III den Rialachán AE agus eisíodh an cinneadh cuimsitheach an 19 Nollaig. Is é an cinneadh cuimsitheach an cinneadh nó an tsraith ciúntí trína gcinntear cibé an ndeonófar cead do thionscnóir tionscadail bonneagar fuinnimh a thógáil chun tionscadal a bhaint amach.

Ba é ról an Bhoird Phleanála mar Údarás Inniúil sa phróiseas seo comhordú a dhéanamh ar an bpróiseas faoin scéim chomhoibritheach a ghlac Éire chun an Rialachán a chur chun feidhme. Cuireadh gach taifead de chruinnithe agus tuarascáil a ullmháiodh maidir leis an tionscadal seo ar fáil ar www.oleanala.ie.

Cuireann tionscnóir an tionscadail coincheap rannpháirtíochta poiblí ar aghaidh mar chuid den phróiseas. Cuireadh an coincheap seo, a mhionathraigh an tÚdarás Inniúil, ar fáil ar shuíomh gréasáin thionscnóir an tionscadail.

The Permit Granting Process

In 2016, the North-South Electricity Interconnector project completed the permit granting process under Chapter III of the EU Regulation with the comprehensive decision issuing on 19th December. The comprehensive decision is the decision or set of decisions that determines whether or not a project promoter is to be granted authorisation to build the energy infrastructure to realise a project.

An Bord Pleanála's role as Competent Authority in this process was to co-ordinate the process under the collaborative scheme adopted by Ireland to implement the Regulation. All records of meetings and reports prepared in relation to this project have been made available at www.oleanala.ie.

As part of the process, the project promoter submits a concept for public participation. This concept, as modified by the Competent Authority, was made available on the project promoter's website.



Ba é seo an chéad tionscadal a shroich deireadh an phróisis in Éirinn agus is féidir gurb é an chéad tionscadal a shroich deireadh an phróisis san Aontas Eorpach.

Lámhleabhar de Nósanna Imeachta maidir le Deonú Ceadúnais

Tá Lámhleabhar na Nósanna Imeachta a theastaíonn faoi Alt 9 den Rialachán ar fáil ar ár láithreán gréasáin. I 2016, chuireamar túis le próiseas comhairliúcháin poiblí maidir leis an Lámhleabhar a thabhairt chun dáta. Tá an nuashonrú seo ceaptha leis an Lámhleabhar a dhéanamh níos faisnéisí don phobal agus do thionscnóirí tionscadal. Beidh an Lámhleabhar nuashonraithe ar fáil i 2017.

This was the first project to complete the process in Ireland and may be the first project to complete the process in the European Union.

Manual of Permit Granting Process Procedures

The Manual of Procedures required under Article 9 of the Regulation is available on our website. In 2016, we commenced a process of public consultation in relation to preparing an update of the Manual. The update is intended to make the Manual more informative for the public and project promoters. The updated Manual will be available in 2017.





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6 Feidhmeanna Nua

Forbairt Straitéiseach Tithíochta

In lúil 2016, d'fhoilsigh an Rialtas an Plean Gníomhaíochta um Thithíocht agus Daoine gan Dídean. Áirítear sa Phlean moladh chun reachtaíocht shealadach a thabhairt isteach le go bhféadfaí iarratais phleanála ar mhórfhorbairtí tithíochta a sheoladh go díreach chuig an mBord Pleanála chun dlús a chur le cur i gngníomh tograí tithíochta, lena n-áirítear cóiríocht do mhic léinn.

Cuireadh Cinn Billí maidir le forbairtí straitéiseacha tithíochta faoi bhráid na Comh-Aireachta an 27 Meán Fómhair 2016 agus achtaíodh an reachtaíocht an 23 Nollaig 2016. Meastar go bhfoilseofar na Rialacháin ghaolmhara i lár 2017 agus go mbeidh an reachtaíocht i bhfeidhm go ceann trí bliana go Nollaig 2019 ach d'fhéadfaí síneadh a chur leis go dtí Nollaig 2021.

Is féidir iarratais a dhéanamh faoin reachtaíocht nua ar forbairtí straitéiseacha tithíochta (FST) ina bhfuil 100 teach nó níos mó nó 200 spás leapa do chóiríocht do mhic léinn agus féadfaidh meascán d'úsáidí eile, faoi réir teorainneacha áirithe, a bheith i gceist iontu.

I Samhain 2016, bhunaigh an Bord Pleanála grúpa inmheánach oibre chun na himpleachtaí a mheasúnú agus nósanna imeachta a chur i bhfeidhm chun an reachtaíocht seo a chur i gngníomh. Chun túis áite a thabhairt do thuairisciú agus cinnteoireacht maidir le hiarratais tithíochta, bunaíodh aonad Forbartha Straitéisí Tithíochta ina bhfuil foireann cigírí agus foireann riarracháin. Beidh gá le rannán nua den Bhord faoin reachtaíocht, ina mbeidh ceathrar gnáthbhalla, duine amháin a rachaidh i gceannas ar an Rannán Forbartha Straitéisí Tithíochta, agus is é an rannán seo a dhéanfaidh gach cinneadh maidir le hiarratais ar FST.

New Functions

Strategic Housing Development

In July 2016, Rebuilding Ireland, the Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness was published by the Government. The Plan includes a proposal for the introduction of temporary legislation to provide for planning applications directly to An Bord Pleanála for major housing developments in order to accelerate the delivery of housing proposals.

The Heads of Bill relating to strategic housing developments went to the Cabinet on September 27th 2016 and the legislation was enacted on December 23rd 2016. The associated Regulations are expected to be published in mid-2017 with the legislation taking effect for three years to December 2019 with a possible further extension to December 2021.

Applications can be made under the new legislation for strategic housing developments (SHD) comprising 100 or more houses or 200 bed spaces for student accommodation and may include a mixture of other uses, subject to certain limitations.

In November 2016, An Bord Pleanála established an internal working group to assess implications and put in place procedures to implement this legislation. In order to prioritise reporting and decision making on housing applications, a dedicated Strategic Housing Development unit has been established consisting of a team of inspectorate and administrative staff. A new division of the Board is also required under the legislation (comprising four ordinary board members, one of whom will Chair the Strategic Housing Division) to decide applications.

I láthair na huaire, tá an Bord Pleanála ag ullmhú treorach agus comhairle a chabhróidh chun an reachtaíocht a chur i ngníomh go praiticiúil, a thabharfar chun críche tar éis fhoilsiú na Rialachán agus túis feidhme na reachtaíochta.

Tobhach na Láithreán Folamh

Foráiltear faoin Acht um Athbheochan Uirbeach agus Tithe, 2015, nua le haghaidh achomhairc chuig an mBord Pleanála in aghaidh iontráil ar Chlárleabhar na Láithrean Folamh agus / nó in aghaidh an tobhagh láithreán folamh féin.

Is cosúil ó thuairiscí ó údarás áitiúla go gcuirfear cásanna ar na clárleabhair de réir a chéile ach go ndéanfar formhór na n-iontrálacha a achomharc. Cruthaíodh grúpa oibre inmheánach i 2016 chun túis a chur leis na nósanna imeachta riachtanacha do na hacomhairc seo.

Sa chéad leath de 2017 fuair an Bord Pleanála roinnt achomharc in aghaidh iontrálacha ar Chlárleabhair Láithreán Folamh na n-údarás áitiúil.

An Bord Pleanála is currently in the process of preparing guidance and advice to assist in the practical application of this legislation, which will be finalised following the publication of the Regulations and commencement of the legislation.

Vacant Site Levy

The Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 provides for appeals to An Bord Pleanála against entry on the Register of vacant sites, or against the vacant site levy, or both.

Initial indications from local authorities suggest that the process of entering cases on the registers is likely to be staggered over time but that the majority of entries will be appealed. An in-house working group was created in 2016 to initiate the necessary operating procedures for these appeals.

In the first half of 2017, An Bord Pleanála has received a number of appeals against entries on local authorities' Vacant Site Registers.



7 Éisteachtaí ó Bhéal

Is gnách déileáil le héisteachtaí ar bhonn aighneachtaí scríofa ó na páirtithe mar aon le cigireacht suímh a dhéanann cigire a cheapann an Bord Pleanála. Is gnách éisteachtaí ó bhéal a thionól i gcásanna casta agus / nó mórsclá. Is faoi lánrogha an Bhoird Phleanála atá sé éisteacht ó bhéal a thionól i gcás ar bith, agus clár oibre a shocrú, cibé an iarrtar éisteacht ó bhéal nó nach n-iarrtar.

Ag éirí as Acht Bonneagair Straitéisigh 2006, sa tréimhse ón 31 Eanáir 2007 go dtí deireadh 2016, tionóladh éisteachtaí o bhéal i gcás 55 den 86 iarratas a rinneadh (64% d'iarratais).

Tionóladh 20 éisteacht ó bhéal i 2016. Díobh seo, bhain 15 le hiarratais Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh (FBS) agus cineálacha tionscadail údaráis áitiúla (TÚÁ) eile. Comh-éisteacht ó bhéal ab ea éisteacht ó bhéal amháin de ghnáth-achomharc pleanála agus cás iarratais FBS i gCo. na Gaillimhe. Áiríodh ar éisteachtaí ó bhéal FBS i 2016 an tIdirnascaire Thuaidh Theas, Ospidéal Náisiúnta na Leanaí, Baile Átha Cliath, agus saoráid Dramhaíl go Fuinneamh i Rinn na Scidígh, Co. Chorcaí.

Tionóladh ceithre éisteacht ó bhéal san iomlán a bhaineann le gnáthchásanna achomhairc pleanála. I 2016, fuarthas iarratais ar éisteachtaí ó bhéal i 45 cás maidir le gnáthchásanna pleanála. I 2016, dhiúltaigh an Bord 33 iarratas agus tugadh cead i gcás 4 iarratas.

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 An Bord Pleanála. Oral hearings are typically held in relation to cases which are complex and / or large in scale. An Bord Pleanála has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing of any case and to set an agenda for the oral hearing, whether or not a hearing is requested.

Arising from the 2006 Strategic Infrastructure Act, in the period from 31st January 2007 until the end of 2016, oral hearings were held in 55 of the 86 applications lodged (64% of applications).

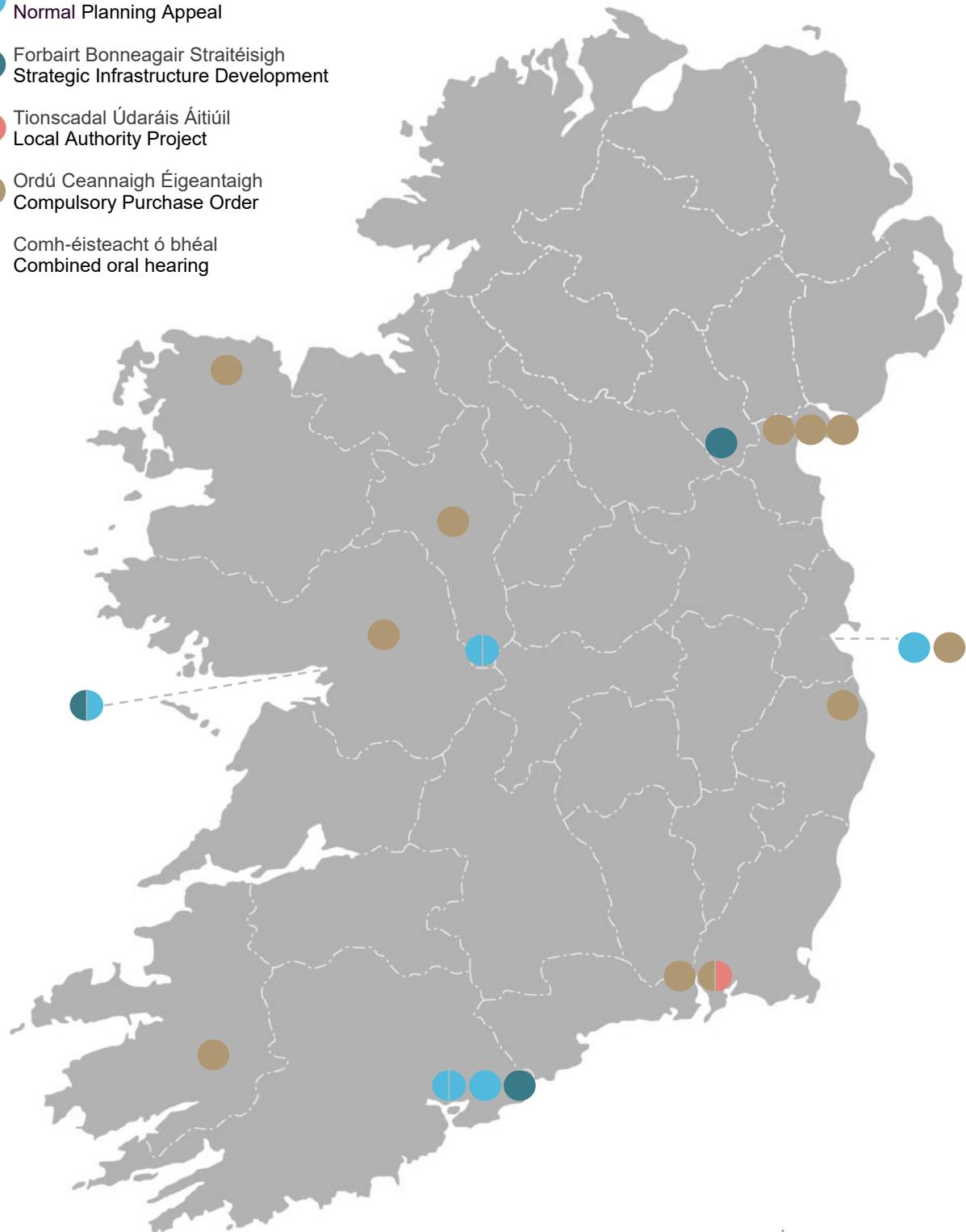
In 2016, there were 20 oral hearings held. Of these, 15 related to Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) applications and other types of Local Authority Projects (LAPs). One oral hearing was a combined normal planning appeal case and SID application case in Co. Galway. SID oral hearings in 2016 included the North-South Interconnector, National Paediatric Hospital, Dublin, and Waste to Energy facility in Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork.

There were a total of four oral hearings held which related to normal planning appeal cases. Requests for oral hearings were made in 45 cases relating to normal planning appeals in 2016. The Board refused 33 and granted 4 in 2016.

Figiúr 19
Suíomh na nÉisteachtaí ó Bhéal

- Gnáthachomharc Pleanála
Normal Planning Appeal
- Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh
Strategic Infrastructure Development
- Tionscadal Údarás Áitiúil
Local Authority Project
- Ordú Ceannaigh Éigeantaigh
Compulsory Purchase Order
- Comh-éisteacht ó bhéal
Combined oral hearing

Figure 19
Location of Oral Hearings



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8 Tuarascálacha agus Moltaí

Is é an Bord Pleanála a chinneann achomhairc agus iarratais bhailí de bhun tuairiscí, lena n-áirítear moltaí, a ullmhaíonn cigirí. Ba é 244 líon na moltaí cigirí nár ghlac an Bord leo (14.8%) i 2016 i gcomparáid le 204 (12.7%) i 2015.

Ullmhaíodh 1,649 tuarascáil cigire don Bhord, a bhformhór ó chigirí inmheánacha. Ceaptar cigirí seachtracha tuairiscithe i lón beag sainréimsí oibre ar nós cásanna Sábháilteacht Dóiteáin agus Rochtaín Míchumais, nó mar speisáltóirí chun cuidiú leis an gcigire tuairiscithe inmheánach maidir le gnéithe ar leith de chásanna pleanála.

Reports and Recommendations

Decisions on all valid appeals and applications are made by the Board of An Bord Pleanála on foot of reports, including recommendations, prepared by inspectors. In 2016, the number of recommendations not generally accepted by the Board was 244 (14.8%) compared to 204 (12.7%) in 2015.

The total number of inspectors' reports prepared for the Board was 1,649, the bulk by in-house inspectors. External reporting inspectors are appointed in a small number of specialist work areas such as Fire Safety and Disability Access cases, or as specialists - e.g. ecologists, hydrologists – to assist in-house reporting inspectors with aspects of a particular planning case.

Figiúr 20
Miondealú ar thuairiscí na gCigirí

Figure 20
Breakdown of Inspector's Reports

		2016	2015
Cigirí inmheánacha	In-house Inspectors	1,613	1,524
Cigirí comhairligh seachtracha	External Consultant Inspectors	36	18
Iomlán	Total	1,649	1,542



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9 Athbhreithniú Aireachta / Pleanáil Straitéiseach

Ministerial Review / Strategic Planning



Athbhreithniú Aireachta ar an mBord Pleanála

Cheap an tAire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, mar a bhí, grúpa athbhreithnithe seachtrach neamhspleách chun athbhreithniú eagraíochtúil a dhéanamh ar an mBord Pleanála.

Foilsíodh tuarascáil an Ghrúpa Neamhspleách Athbhreithnithe an 14 Márta 2016 agus áirítear air moltaí a rinneadh chun tacú leis an mBord agus é i mbun oibríochtaí, ar mhaithe le cinntíú go bhfuil sé ullamh agus oriúnach dá fheidhm ó thaobh na heagraíochta de chun a shainordú reachtach a chomhlionadh.

Bunaíodh Grúpa um Fheidhmiú Athbhreithnithe ar a bhfuil oifigigh ón Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus an Bord Pleanala agus is iad seo a leanas príomhthascanna an Ghrúpa:

Ministerial Review of An Bord Pleanála

An external independent review group was appointed in 2015 by the then Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government to undertake an organisational review of An Bord Pleanála.

The Report of the Independent Review Group was published on 14 March 2016 and includes recommendations to support the Board in its operations with a view to ensuring that it is appropriately positioned and fit for purpose from an organisational perspective to achieve its legislative mandate.

A Review Implementation Group consisting of officials from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and An Bord Pleanála has been established in this regard whose primary tasks are to:





- Maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar phríomh-mholtaí na Tuarascála Athbhreithnithe.
- Plean Feidhmiúcháin a chur i dtoll a chéile agus a foilsíú chun na príomh-mholtaí a chur chun feidhme, mar a aontaíodh.
- Tuarascálacha Eatramhacha agus Deiridh a ullmhú don Aire maidir le feidhmiú an Phlean seo.
- Oversee the consideration of the key recommendations of the Review Report.
- Develop and publish an Implementation Plan to implement key recommendations, as agreed.
- Prepare Interim and Final Reports to the Minister on the implementation of the Plan.

Foilsíodh téarmaí tagartha don Ghrúpa i Samhain 2016 agus foilseofar Plean Feidhmithe i 2017.

Terms of Reference for the Group were published in November 2016 with an Implementation Plan to be published in 2017.

Pleanáil Straitéiseach

Chuir an Bord Pleanála moill le hullmhú Ráiteas nua Straitéiseach le gur féidir aon mholtaí a thagann ó athbhreithniú an Aire ar an eagraíocht a chur san aireamh i straitéiseach don todhchaí. Cuireadh túis leis an obair ar ullmhú an Phlean Straitéisigh nua cúig bliana i 2016, atá le cur faoi bhráid an Aire sa tríú ráithe de 2017.

Strategic Planning

An Bord Pleanála had delayed preparation of a new Statement of Strategy to allow any recommendations from the Minister's review of the organisation to be incorporated into strategies for the future. Work commenced on the preparation of a new five year Strategic Plan in 2016 which is to be submitted to the Minister in the third quarter of 2017.



10 Foramharc ar Airgeadas

Finance Overview



Ioncam agus Caiteachas

Ba é caiteachas iomlán an Bhoird Phleanála i 2016 €22.010 milliún agus ba ionann agus €20.853 milliún an t-ioncam, rud a d'fhág (€1.157) milliún de bharrachas don bhliain. Bhí (€884,342) d'easnamh ann ag túis na bliana, rud a d'fhág (€2.041 milliún) d'easnamh carnach, a bhain go príomha le méadú ar chaiteachas ar chásanna dlí.

Le tuarastail agus le haoisliúntas a bhaineann príomh-mhíreanna caiteachais an Bhoird Phleanála (Fígiúr 21). Áirítear ar an gcaiteachas iomlán costais tuarastail, bunaithe agus oibriúcháin agus caitheadh (€1.766) sa bhreis ar 2015.

Áirítear ar ioncam iomlán an deontas Oireachais agus ioncam ó thaillí. Laghdaigh an deontas Oireachtas ó €14.886 milliún i 2015 go €14.405 milliún i 2016.

Income and expenditure

In 2016, An Bord Pleanála's total expenditure amounted to €22.010 million while income amounted to €20.853 million leaving a deficit for the year of (€1.157) million. There was an incoming deficit of (€884,342) resulting in a total cumulative deficit of (€2.041) million mainly relating to the increase in expenditure on legal cases.

An Bord Pleanála's main expenditure item relates to salaries and superannuation (Figure 21). Total expenditure includes remuneration, establishment and operating expenses and was up (€1.766) million on 2015.

Total income is made up of the Oireachtas grant and fee income. The Oireachtas grant decreased from €14.886 million in 2015 to €14.405 million in 2016.



Táillí

Tá táillí iníoctha leis an mBord Pleanála ag páirtithe i dtaca le iarratais ar Fhorbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh, achomhairc, tarchuir, éisteachtaí ó bhéal agus gnótháí áirithe eile a chuirtear ar aghaidh lena gcinneadh faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála, Truaillithe Uisce, Truaillithe Aein agus Rialú Foirgníochta.

Tá táillí iníoctha ag daoine / comhlachtaí áirithe eile nach páirtithe iad, a dtugtar "breathnóirí" orthu de ghnáth, i dtaca le haighneachtaí nó tuairimí.

B'ionann agus €1.355 milliún an t-ioncam comhlán i 2016 ó tháillí achomhairc ar aisíocadh (€101,923) de i gcás achomharc a bhí déanach nó neamhbhailí ar chúis éigin eile. Ba ionann agus €15,553 na fáltais chomhlána i 2016 ó chásanna toiliú ionaid agus níor aisíocadh aon chuid de.

B'ionann agus €0.809 milliún i 2016 na fáltais chomhlána ó iarratais bonneagair straitéisigh, ar aisíocadh (€243,941) de i gcás inar lú an costas próiseála ná méid na táille. Cuireadh (€44,000) san áireamh sna Ráitis Airgeadais chun aisíocaíochtaí todhchaí ar iarratais neamhchinnté amhail ag deireadh 2016 a léiriú.

I 2016, b'ionann agus 13.6% den chaiteachas iomlán (12.7% i 2015) na glanfháltais ó tháillí.

Fees

Fees are payable to An Bord Pleanála by parties in respect of Strategic Infrastructure Development applications, appeals, referrals, oral hearing requests and certain other matters which are submitted for determination under the Planning, Water Pollution and Building Control Acts.

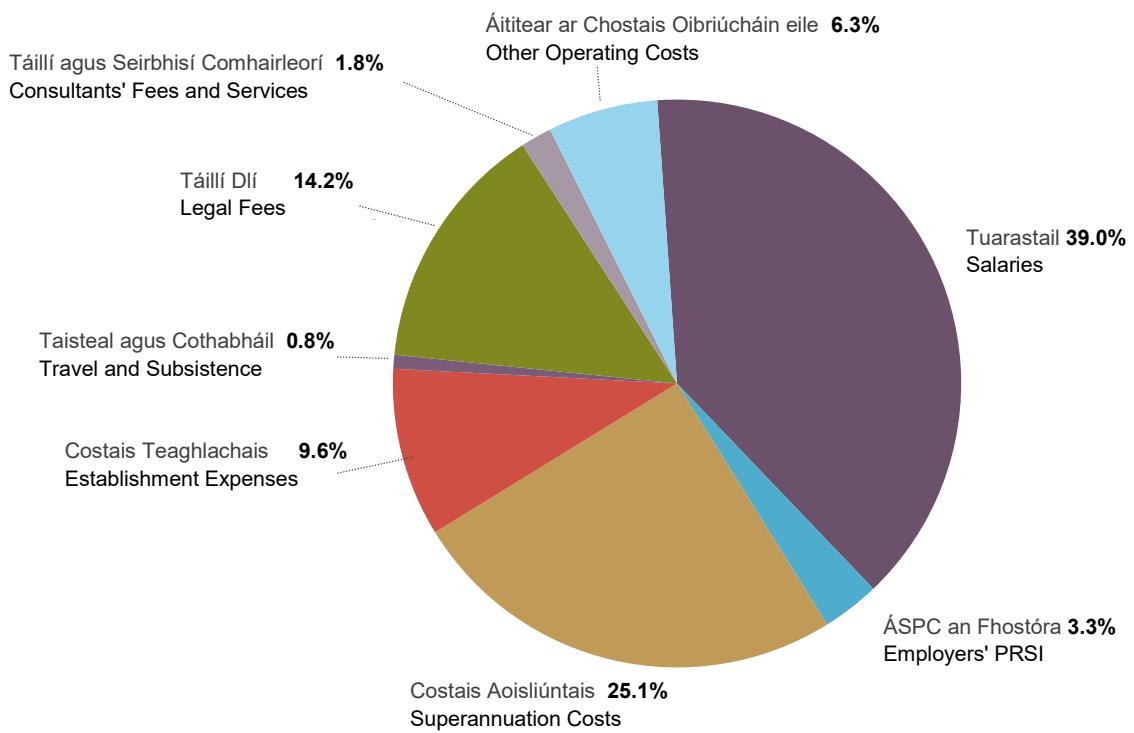
Fees are also payable by certain persons / bodies other than parties, generally known as "observers", in respect of submissions or observations.

Gross receipts from appeal fees in 2016 amounted to €1.355 million of which (€101,923) was refunded where appeals were found to be late or otherwise invalid. Gross receipts from substitute consent cases in 2016 amounted to €15,553 of which there were no refunds.

For Strategic Infrastructure Development applications, gross receipts in 2016 amounted to €0.809 million of which (€243,941) was refunded where the cost of processing the application was less than the fee. A provision of (€44,000) is included in the Financial Statements to reflect future refunds on undecided applications as at the end of 2016.

In 2016, net receipts from fees represented about 13.6% of total expenditure (12.7% in 2015).

Figiúr 21
Caiteachas lomlán



Figiúr 22
Deontas an Oireachtas / Ioncam ó tháillí
(gach cineál cáis)

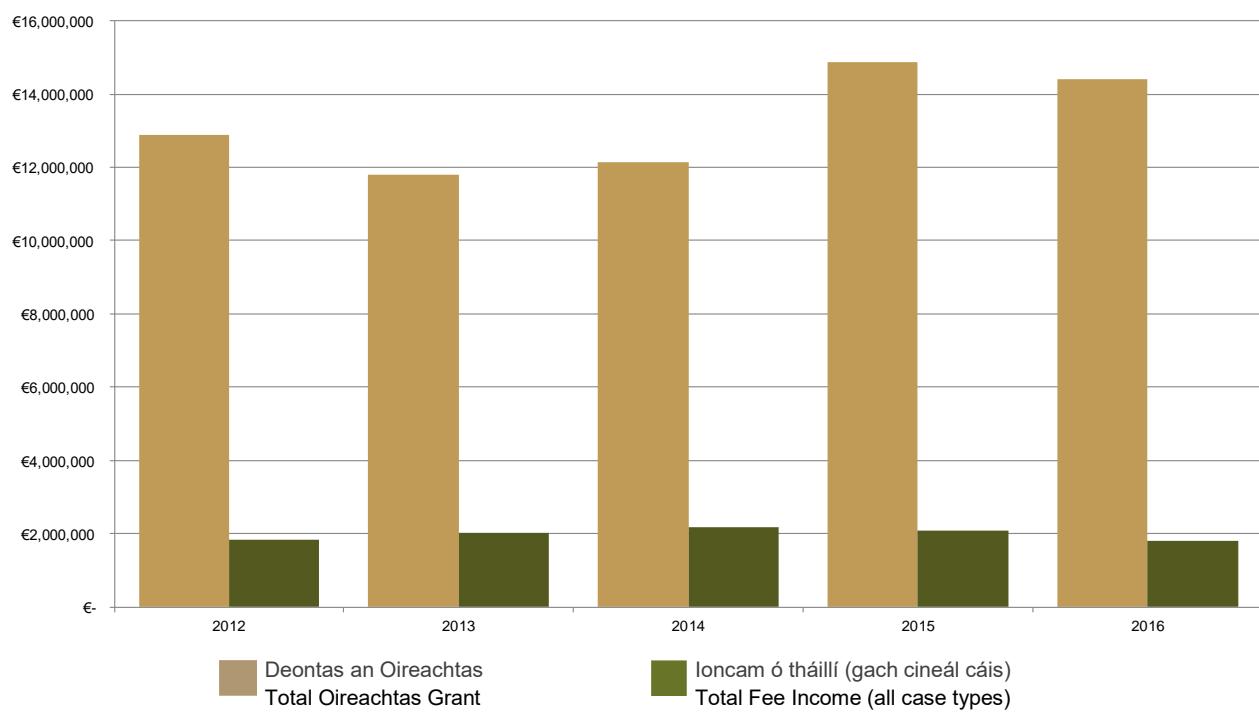


Figure 21
Total Expenditure

Figure 22
Total Oireachtas Grant / Total Fee Income
(all cases types)

11 Acmhainní Daonna

Is mór ag an mBord Pleanála saineolas gairmiúil na mball agus na foirme agus a dhúthrachtaí agus a thiomanta atá siad i leith seirbhís éifeachtach ardchaighdeán a chur ar fáil dár gcustaiméirí uile. Is den tábhacht é a iomláine atá siad, an t-éiteas seirbhise poiblí dá gcloíonn siad agus na caighdeáin arda a chuirtear ar fáil i gcónaí i ngach ceann dár seirbhísí.

Human Resources

An Bord Pleanála puts great value and reliance upon the professional expertise, diligence and dedication of all its members and staff in the pursuance of a high quality and efficient service for all our customers. Their integrity and public service ethos are vital in the maintenance of high standards throughout our services.

Foireann agus Earcaíocht

Ba é 146 líon údaraithe fhoireann agus chomhaltaí boird an Bhoird Phleanála ag deireadh 2015 faoin gCreat Rialaithe Fostaíochta. I 2016, maolaíodh an dianchosc ar earcaíocht, a d'fhág gur éirigh leis an mBord Pleanála folúntais a líonadh nuair ba ghá faoi réir ceadú ónár Róinn tuismitheora.

Eagraíodh roinnt comórtas earcaíochta i dtreo dheireadh 2015 agus isteach i 2016 agus léiríodh spéis shuntasach sna folúntais. Glaodh ar 145 iarratasóir chun agallaimh i dtrí chomórtas agus ceapadh 15 ball fairne nua as na próisis seo roimh dheireadh 2016. Tá i gceist an mBord Pleanála roinnt comórtas eile a reáchtáil i 2017.

Ba é 136.1 uaslíon na mball fairne a bhí fostaithe sa Bhord i 2016. Ba é 131.4 meánlín na mball fairne a bhí fostaithe sa Bhord i 2016 (130.6 i 2015).

Gheofar in Aguisín a Cúig liosta iomlán d'fhoireann an Bhoird Phleanála amhail ar an 31 Nollaig 2016.

Staffing and Recruitment

The authorised number of staff and Board members of An Bord Pleanála under the Employment Control Framework at the end of 2015 was 146. During 2016, The relaxation of the moratorium on recruitment has enabled An Bord Pleanála to fill vacancies where required subject to approval from our parent Department.

A number of recruitment competitions were held towards the end of 2015 and into 2016 which attracted significant interest. 145 applicants were called for interview across 3 competitions and 15 new personnel have been appointed from these processes to the end of 2016. An Bord Pleanála expect to run a number of further competitions in 2017.

The highest number of staff employed during 2016 was 136.1. The average number of staff employed over this year was 131.4 (130.6 in 2015).

A full list of staff employed as at 31st December 2016 can be found in Appendix 5.



Bainistíocht ar Fheidhmíocht trí Fhorbairt agus Tacaíocht (PMDS)

Ó Aibreán 2016, bhí leagan nua de PMDS ar fáil don fhoireann agus do chomhaltaí an Bhoird. Cuireann oiliúint iomlán ar fáil ar fud na heagraíochta sular tugadh isteach é agus tá monatóireacht leanúnach á déanamh ar a chur chun feidhme.

Foghlaim agus Forbairt

Aithníonn an Bord Pleanála gur gné chríticiúil é forbairt agus tacaíocht d'fhostaithe chun feabhsúchán leanúnach a bhaint amach i bhfeidhmíocht agus ó thaobh seirbhís éifeachtach ar ardchaighdeán a chur ar fáil don phobal. Tá feidhm ar leith Foghlama agus Forbartha ann chun tacú agus forbairt a dhéanamh ar an bhfoireann de réir an chleachtais is fearr trína ndéanfar cumas foghlama inmheánach a uasmhéadú, agus trína dtacófar le cineálacha nuálacha agus éifeachtaí cur chuige i leith forbairt agus foghlaim. Ba é 773.50 líon na laethanta oiliúna i 2016, nó meán de 5.45 lá oiliúna in aghaidh an chomhalta Boird / ball foirne.

Freagracht Shóisialta Chorparáideach

Tacaíonn an Bord Pleanála le roinnt scéimeanna socrúchán oibre ó cheann ceann na bliana. Lean an Bord Pleanála dá chlár bliantúil intéirneachta le trí cinn de scoileanna pleanála (Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Bhaile Átha Cliath, An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath, agus Coláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh, chun taithí oibre a thabhairt do mhic léinn atá ag dul isteach sa bláthán deiridh dá gcéim phleanála.

Cuirimid deiseanna agus socrúcháin taithí oibre ar fáil, leis, do dhaltaí idirbhliana.

Performance Management through Development and Support (PMDS)

From April 2016, a new format PMDS was rolled out to all staff and Board members. Extensive training was provided across the organisation prior to rollout and implementation is being monitored on an ongoing basis.

Learning and Development

An Bord Pleanála recognises that the development and support of employees is a critical factor in achieving continuous improvement in performance and the delivery of a quality and efficient service to the public. A dedicated Learning and Development (L&D) function operates to support and develop staff in accordance with best practice maximising in-house learning capability, supporting innovative and cost effective approaches to learning and development. The total number of training days in 2016 was 773.50 which was an average of 5.45 training days per staff / Board member.

Corporate Social Responsibility

An Bord Pleanála supports a number of work placement schemes throughout the year. An Bord Pleanála continued its annual internship programme with the three planning schools (Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), University College Dublin (UCD) and University College Cork (UCC)) to provide work experience to students entering the final year of their planning degree.

We also provide work experience opportunities and placements for transition year students over the year.



An Coiste Compháirtíochta

Tá ról tábhachtach ag an gCoiste Compháirtíochta i gcónaí i dtaca le cinntiú go mbíonn an fhoireann páirteach i dtionscadail agus i dtionscnaimh atá ar siúl. Ionadaithe ón mBord, ó lucht bainistíochta agus ó gach grád den fhoireann atá ar an gcoiste. I 2016, bhreithnígh an Coiste nithe lena n-áirítear cur chun feidhme na Straitéis TFC (Plean-IT), forbairt Plean Straitéisigh don eagraíocht chomh maith le raon ceisteanna a bhain le sláinte agus sábháilteacht, agus bhí siad páirteach sa phlé.

Sláinte agus Sábháilteacht

Geallann an Bord Pleanála sláinte, sábháilteacht agus leas gach fostai a chosaint. Cloíonn sé le dea-chleachtas maidir le hoiliúint chuí agus rialta a sholáthar, oiliúint ar nós measúnú riosca agus cláir ghinearálta feasachta ar shábháilteacht mar atá leagtha amach sa Ráiteas Sábháilteachta 2014.

Áiríodh ar na bearta i 2016 measúnaithe eirgeanamaíocha don fhoireann, athoiliúint ar dhífhibrileoirí ar áitreachb an Bhoird, láimhseáil agus oiliúint ‘Safe Pass’ do chigirí agus iad i mbun oibre.

Partnership Committee

The internal Partnership Committee continues to play an important role in ensuring staff input into projects and initiatives that are taking place. The Committee is made up of representatives of the Board, management and staff at all grades. During 2016, the Committee considered and inputted to matters including the implementation of the ICT Strategy (Plean-IT), the development of a Strategic Plan for the organisation as well as a range of issues related to Health and Safety.

Health and Safety

An Bord Pleanála is fully committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of all of its employees. It follows best practice in relation to the provision of appropriate and regular training such as risk assessment and general safety awareness programmes as set out in the Safety Statement 2014.

Measures in 2016 included staff ergonomic assessments, refresher training on defibrillators in its premises, manual handling and ‘Safe Pass’ training for Inspectors in carrying out their work.



12 Imeachtaí Dlí

I 2016, tionscnaódh imeachtaí athbhreithnithe breithiúnaigh maidir le cíntí agus nósanna imeachta den Bhord i 48 gcás.

Rinneadh 13 bhreithiúnas substaintiúil Ard-Chúirte i gcásanna a tionscnaódh in aghaidh an Bhoird i 2016. Seasadh le naoi gcinn de chinntí an Bhoird agus níor seasadh le ceithre cinn.

Scoireadh le himeachtaí in aghaidh an Bhoird Phleanála in ocht gchás, sin nó caitheadh amach iad nó aistarraingíodh iad. In dhá chás eile, dhiúltaigh an Ard-Chúirt iarratais ar chead chun athbhreithniú breithiúnach a lorg a cheadú. I gcaitheamh na bliana, tholigh an Bord ceithre cinn dá orduithe a chur ar neamhní i gcás inar aithníodh locht nós imeachta.

Is iad costais dlí an ghné is mó i gcónaí de chaiteachas neamhpá an Bhoird Phleanála. B'ionann costais dlí agus os cionn €3.78 milliún nó 17.2% nach mór den chaiteachas iomlán i 2016.

Legal Proceedings

In 2016, judicial review proceedings in relation to Board decisions and procedures were instituted in 48 cases.

There were 13 substantive High Court judgements in cases taken against An Bord Pleanála in 2016. Nine judgements upheld decisions of the Board and four found against.

Proceedings against An Bord Pleanála were discontinued, dismissed or withdrawn in eight cases. In two other cases, the High Court refused to grant leave applications for judicial review. During the year, the Board consented to the quashing of four of its orders where a procedural defect was identified.

Legal costs continue to be An Bord Pleanála's largest item of non-pay expenditure at over €3.78 million or nearly 17.2% of total expenditure in 2016.

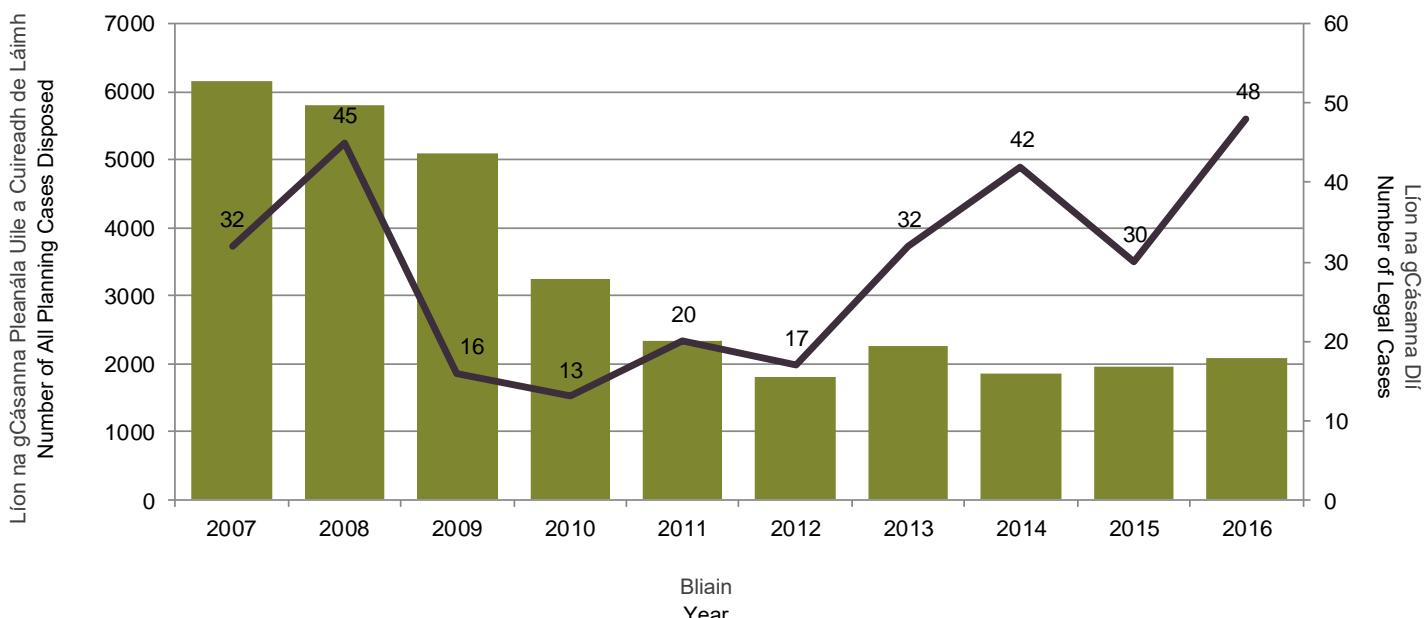


Figiúr 23

Cásanna Dlí agus Cásanna Pleanála a Cuireadh de Láimh (Comparáid) 2007- 2016

Figure 23

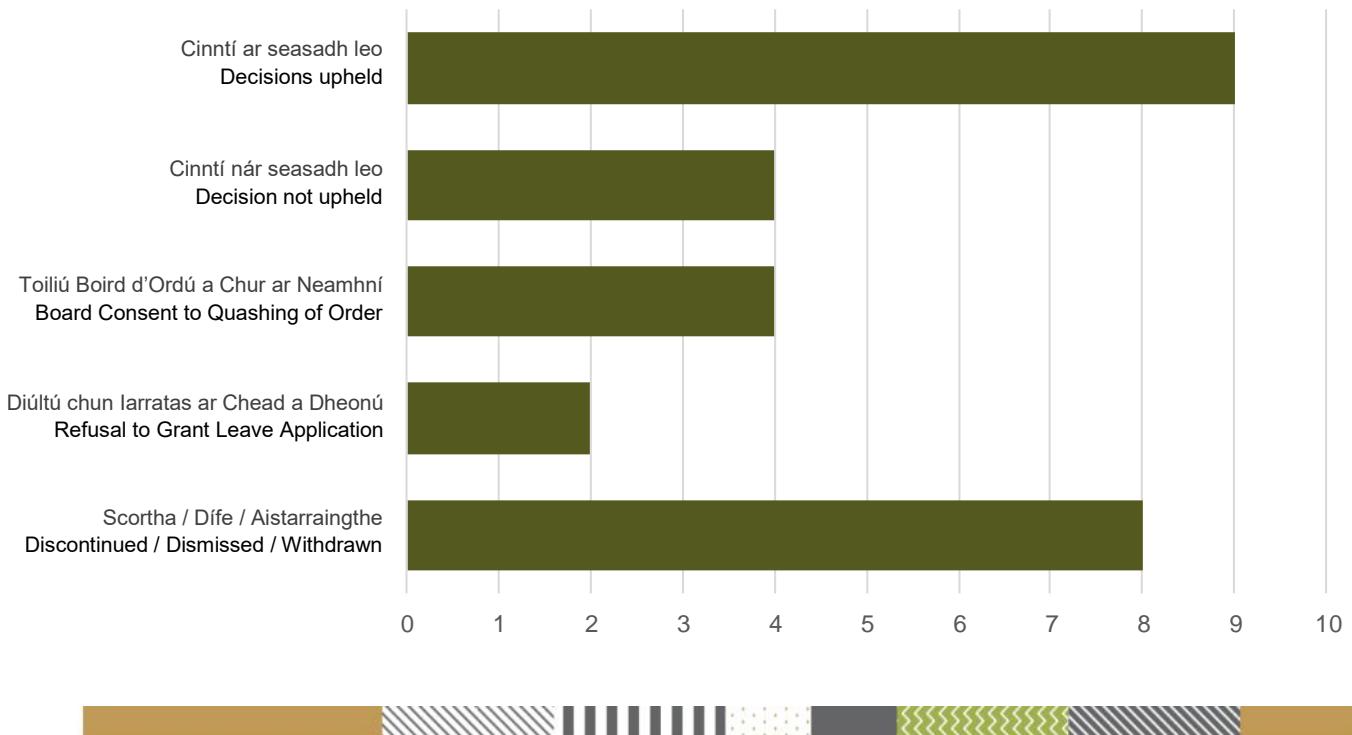
Legal Cases and Planning Cases Disposed of (Comparison) 2007- 2016

**Figiúr 24**

Imeachtaí Dlí san Ard-Chúirt (2016)

Figure 24

Legal Proceedings in the High Court (2016)



13 Comhairliúchán le Comhlachtaí Eile

Consultations with Other Bodies



Tá sé d'oibleagáid ar an mBord Pleanála é féin a choimeád ar an eolas faoi bheartais comhlachtaí áirithe a bhfuil tionchar ag a bhfeidhmeanna ar phleanáil chuí agus ar fhorbairt inbhuanaithe. Áirítear orthu siúd airí rialtais agus údarásí phleanála.

Lean an Bord Pleanála i 2016 den chleachtas a bhí i réim roimhe sin de theaghmáil leanúnach a chothú le húdarás phoiblí agus le heagraíochtaí ionadacha eile a bhfuil tionchar ag a gcuid feidhmeanna ar an bpróiseas pleanála i 2016. Eagraíodh cruinnithe le Cumann Fuinneamh Gaoithe na hÉireann (Irish Wind Energy Association), Cónaídhm Coincréite na hÉireann (the Irish Concrete Federation), Comhlachtaí Réigiúnacha Bainistíochta Dramhaíola and the Institiúid Pleanala na hÉireann.

An Bord Pleanála 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 ongoing practice of maintaining contact with public authorities and other representative organisations whose functions impact on the planning process was continued during 2016. Meetings were held with the Irish Wind Energy Association, the Irish Concrete Federation, Regional Waste Management Bodies and the Irish Planning Institute.

An Comhchoiste Oireachtais Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil

Thug an Comhchoiste Oireachtais Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil cuireadh don Bhord Pleanála freastal ar a chruinniú den 27 Deireadh Fómhair 2016. Bhí Cathaoirleach an Bhoird Phleanála agus roinnt oifigeach i láthair ag an gcruiinniú ag ar pléadh Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Cuntas 2015. Pléadh nithe áirithe ag an gcruiinniú lena n-áirítear an reachtaíocht nua tithíochta, atá leagtha amach in Atógáil Éireann, an Plean Gníomhaíocht um Thithíocht agus Easpa Dídine, a chur chun feidhme.

Comhordú Idir Gníomhaireachtaí

Tá Meabhrán Tuisceana (MT) i bhfeidhm ag an mBord Pleanála le comhlacthaí ábhartha stáit chun an comhordú is fearr is féidir a bhaint amach maidir le feidhmeanna rialála faoi seach.

Tugadh Meabhrán Tuisceana nuashonraithe leis an nGníomhaireacht um Chosaint Comhshaoil (GCC) chun críche agus glacfar é i 2017. Rinneadh dul chun cinn i bhforbairt Mheabhrán Tuisceana leis an Roinn Ealaíon, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta (an tSeirbhís Náisiúnta Pháirceanna agus Fiadhúlra) le cúpla bliain anuas, agus measfar go dtabharfar chun críche é i 2017.

Joint Oireachtas Committee for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government

The Joint Oireachtas Committee for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government invited An Bord Pleanála to attend its meeting of 27th October, 2016. The Chairperson and officials from An Bord Pleanála attended the meeting which was to discuss the Annual Report and Accounts 2015. A number of matters were discussed during proceedings including implementation of new housing legislation as set out in Rebuilding Ireland, the Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness.

Inter-agency Co-ordination

An Bord Pleanála has in place agreed Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with relevant state bodies to enable the best possible co-ordination of respective regulatory functions.

An updated MOU with the Environmental Agency (EPA) has been completed and is to be adopted in 2017. Significant progress was made on the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (National Parks and Wildlife Services) over the last number of years and is expected to be finalised in 2017.



14 larratais ar Fhaisnéis

Gheofar sna hAchtanna Pleanála, san Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise 2014 agus sna Rialacháin um Rochtaí ar Eolas ar an gComhshaol eolas áirithe ar oibríochtaí an Bhoird Phleanála. Ba é 723 líon na n-iarratas ar rochtain phoiblí ar chomhaid cásobair i 2016. Tugtar i bhFigiúr 25 miondealú ar na hiarratais a rinneadh faoin Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise agus faoi na Rialacháin um Rochtaí ar Eolas ar an gComhshaol.

Requests for Information

The Planning and Development Acts, the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and Access to Information on the Environment Regulations provide for access to certain information on An Bord Pleanála's operations. The number of public access requests for casework files was 723 in 2016. Figure 25 provides a breakdown of the requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and Access to Information on the Environment Regulations.

Figiúr 25
Saoráil Faisnéise agus
Rochtaí ar Fhaisnéis faoin gComhshaol

Figure 25
Freedom of Information and
Access to Information on the Environment

		2016	2015
Saoráil Faisnéise (SF)	Freedom of Information (FOI)		
Iarratais faigte	Requests received	22¹	24
Tugtha / Tugtha i bpáirt	Granted / Partially granted	16	12
Aistarraingthe nó curtha de láimh lasmuigh de na forálacha um Shaoráil Faisnéise	Withdrawn or dealt with outside Freedom Of Information	0	0
Diúltaithe	Refused	9	9
Rochtaí ar Fhaisnéis faoin gComhshaol (RFC)	Access to Information on Environment (AIE)		
Iarratais faigte	Requests received	20²	33
Tugtha / Tugtha i bpáirt	Granted / Partially granted	15	18
Aistarraingfodh nó déileáladh leo lasmuigh de na Rialacháin um Rochtaí ar Eolas ar an gComhshaol	Withdrawn or dealt with outside Access to Information on the Environment	0	2
Diúltaithe	Refused	13	5

¹ Cinneadh i 2016 trí chás ó 2015

² Cinneadh i 2016 ocht gcás ó 2015

¹ Three cases from 2015 were decided in 2016

² Eight cases from 2015 were decided in 2016



Faisnéis a Sholáthar do Chomhaltaí den Oireachtas

Mar chuid den Chlár Rialtais, bunaíodh fochoiste Dála chun athchóiriú na Dála a scrúdú agus moladh socruithe a dhéanamh chun go bhféadfadh Comhlachtaí Stáit faisnéis a thabhairt do chomhaltaí den Oireachtas.

I bhfómhar 2016, chuir an Bord Pleanála socruithe i bhfeidhm chun faisnéis a chur ar fáil do chomhaltaí den Oireachtas. Fuaireamar ceist amháin ó chomhaltaí den Oireachtas agus d'eisíomar freagra substaintiúil ar an gceist sin laistigh de na 15 lá oibre d'am freagarta.

Comhfheagras larchinnidh

Tá córas ag an mBord Pleanála chun déileáil le ceisteanna mar gheall ar chaighdeán na seirbhísé a chuirtear ar fáil agus ar cheisteanna eile a gcuirfeadh an pobal i gcoitinne spéis iontu. Déanann an córas sin líon na ngearán agus na gceisteanna a fuarthas sa bliain a anailísiú agus a thomhas.

Fuaireamar 233 mír chumarsáide i 2016 maidir le cásanna cinnte agus tugadh trí cheist ar aghaidh ó 2015. D'fhreagraíomar

Provision of Information to Members of the Oireachtas

As part of the Programme for Government, a Dáil Sub-Committee was established to examine Dáil reform and recommended that arrangements be put in place to facilitate the provision of information by State Bodies to members of the Oireachtas.

In Autumn 2016, An Bord Pleanála put in place arrangements to provide information to members of the Oireachtas. We received one query from a member of the Oireachtas and issued a substantive reply to their query within the 15 working days response time.

Post-Decision Correspondence

An Bord Pleanála has a system to deal with enquiries about the quality of service and other issues of interest to the general public. This system also analyses and measures the number of complaints and queries that are received in a year.

In 2016, we received 233 communications regarding decided cases and three queries were carried over from 2015. During the year,

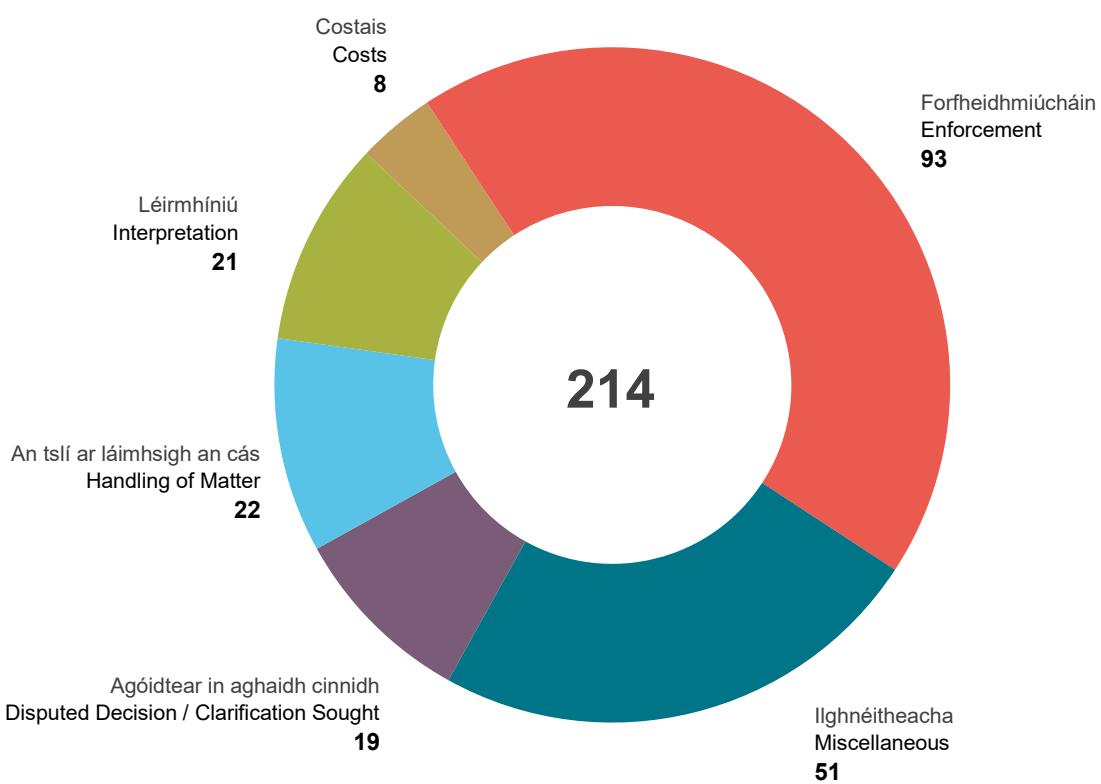


214 ceist i gcaitheamh na bliana ar tugadh freagra mionsonraithe ar 175 ceist (82%) laistigh de 4 seachtaine. Tugadh 22 mhír isteach i 2017.

Taispeántar i bhFígür 26 na topaici is coitianta a tharraingítear anuas i gceisteanna agus an lín a fuarthas i gcás gach topaice. Uaireanta bíonn níos mó ná topaic amháin faoi thrácht i gceist, mar shampla ceist a tharraingeodh anuas léirmhíniú agus soiléiriú.

Is é forfheidhmiú an topaic is coitianta; fuarthas 93 ceist ina leith. Forfheidhmiú a thugtar ar chásanna nuair a mheasann duine éigin nach bhfuil cinneadh de chuid an Bhoird á chur i ngníomh i gceart. Is gnó é seo don údarás pleánála de bhrí nach bhfuil aon ról ag an mBord Pleanála i dtaca le gnóthaí forfheidhmiúcháin.

Fígür 26
Comhfhereagras larchinnidh



we replied to 214 queries of which 175 (82%) had a detailed response to their query within 4 weeks. There were 22 items carried over to 2017.

Figure 26 shows the most common topics that are raised in queries and the actual number received for each topic. Sometimes a query will contain more than one topic, for example the query may raise both interpretation and clarification matters.

The most common topic raised is enforcement with 93 queries. Enforcement is where a person considers that the decision of the Board is not being correctly implemented. However, this is a matter for the planning authority as An Bord Pleanála has no role in enforcement matters.

15 Seirbhís do Chustaiméirí agus An Ghaeilge

Seirbhís do Chustaiméirí

Leagtar amach i gCairt do Chustaiméirí agus i bPlean Gníomhaíochta do Chustaiméirí an Bhoird Phleanála gealltanais agus cuspóirí na heagraíochta i dtaca le hardchaighdeán seirbhíse a chur ar fáil do chustaiméirí agus raon feidhme agus caighdeán na seirbhíse sin a fheabhsú. Gheofar sa Phlean Gníomhaíochta do Chustaiméirí eolas ar an tstí le gearán a dhéanamh faoi chaighdeán na seirbhíse do chustaiméirí.

An Ghaeilge

Cuireann an Bord Pleanála fáilte roimh dhaoine a úsáideann an Ghaeilge ina gcuid gnó leis agus geallann an eagraíocht a oibleagáidí agus a ghealltanais i leith na Gaeilge, faoi Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003, faoi na hAchtanna um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, faoina Phlean Gníomhaíochta do Chustaiméirí agus faoina Scéim Ghaeilge féin, a chomhlíonadh

Ghlacamar ár dtríú Scéim Ghaeilge faoi Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla i 2015. Féachtar sa scéim nua le tógáil ar na scéimeanna roimhe seo trí sheirbhísí sa dá theanga oifigiúil (Gaeilge agus Béarla) a choimeád agus a fheabhsú.

Ar na bearta a thug Foghlaim agus Forbairt agus an Coiste inmhéanach Gaeilge isteach i 2016 chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn bhí: sraith imeachtaí i Seachtain na Gaeilge ar nós na hÓcайдé oifigiúla chun an tríú Scéim Ghaeilge a sheoladh, chomh maith le roinnt ball forin a bheith páirteach i gcúrsaí teanga sa Ghaeltacht.

Customer Service and Irish Language

Customer Service

An Bord Pleanála's Customer Charter and Customer Action Plan published on its website sets out the organisation's commitments and objectives in relation to maintaining high standards of customer service and improving the scope and quality of same. The Customer Action Plan also contains information on how to make a complaint about the quality of customer service.

Irish Language

An Bord Pleanála welcomes the use of the Irish language and the organisation is fully committed to fulfilling its obligations and commitments in relation to official language equality under the Official Languages Act 2003, the Planning and Development Acts and its Customer Action Plan and Language Scheme.

We adopted our third Language Scheme under the Official Languages Act in 2015. This scheme seeks to build on previous schemes by maintaining and enhancing services through both official languages (Irish and English).

Measures in 2016 to promote the Irish language by Learning and Development and the internal Irish Language Committee included: a series of events during Seachtain na Gaeilge such as the official launch event for the third Language Scheme, as well as the participation of several staff in language courses in the Gaeltacht.



16 Teicneolaíocht na Faisnéise agus na Cumarsáide (TFC)

Ár Straitéis TFC (Plean-IT) a chur chun feidhme

Rinne an Bord Pleanála dul chun cinn suntasach i 2016 maidir le cur chun feidhme a straitéise TFC cúig bliana (Plean-IT). Nuair a bheidh Plean-IT i bhfeidhm go hiomlán, beidh seirbhís iomlán digiteach ar fáil don phobal trína mbeifear in ann cásanna a chur isteach agus táillí a íoc ar líne, agus a thabharfaidh teacht níos fearr ar dhoiciméid.

Forbairt bogearraí

Go luath i 2016 tugadh an próiseas tairisceana d'fhorbairt córas nua bainistíochta cásanna, tairseach gréasáin agus GIS chun críche agus bronnadh na conarthaí.

Cuireadh túis le forbairt bogearraí ag deireadh 2016 agus cuirfear míreanna áirithe ar fáil go luath i 2017 do thástáil tosaigh an chórais.

Cuirfear feidhmiúlacht córais ar fáil de réir a chéile sa dara leath de 2017, ag diriú ar na heilimintí tosaíochta seo a leanas:

- aistriú sonraí agus cásanna ó chóras bainistíochta cásanna reatha an Bhoird Phleanála.
- córas nua leictreonach bainistíochta doiciméad a sholáthar.
- tairseach Gréasáin nua poiblí a fhorbairt trína n-éascófar glacadh le doiciméid i ngach cás pleanála agus eolas ar chásanna beo agus ar chásanna cinnte.

Information Communication Technology (ICT)

Implementing our ICT Strategy (Plean-IT)

An Bord Pleanála made significant progress during 2016 in implementation of its five year ICT Strategy (Plean-IT). The Plean-IT project will enable a fully digital service to the public including online submission of cases, payment of fees and greater accessibility to documentation.

Software Development

Early in 2016, the tender process for the development of a new case management system, the web portal and GIS was concluded and contracts awarded.

Software development commenced at the end of 2016 with some elements delivered in early 2017 for initial system testing.

System functionality will be rolled out on a phased basis in the second half of 2017, with a focus on the following priority elements:

- the migration of data and cases from the existing case management system.
- provision of a new electronic document management system.
- the development of a public Web Portal facilitating the receipt of documentation for all planning cases and communication of information on live and decided cases.



- na córais nua a chomhtháthú leis an GIS nua.

Bonneagar

I 2016, ullmhaíodh sonraíocht do riachtanais bonneagair chun tacú le tionscadal Plean-IT. Eisíodh tairiscint i 2017 bunaithe ar shonraíocht do sheirbhísí bonneagair a óstáiltear agus a bhainistítear go seachtrach.

Reachtaíocht

Beidh gá le leasuithe ar an reachtaíocht chun seirbhís dhigiteach lánfheidhmiúil a bhaint amach. Tá an Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil ag ullmhú leasuithe faoi láthair ar an mBille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2016 a mheastar a achtófar i 2017.

An Bord Ríomhphleanála

Is ball den Bhord Ríomhphleanála é an Bord Pleanála, ar a bhfuil ionadaithe ón earnáil rialtais áitiúil agus ón nGníomhaireacht Bainistíocht Rialtais Áitiúil (GBRÁ). Tá cúram ar an mBord Ríomhphleanála as seirbhísí pleanála ar líne a thabhairt isteach sna húdaráis áitiúla, agus is cuspóir é sin anois d'Atógáil Éireann: An Plean Gníomhaíochta um Thithíocht agus Easpa Dídine.

Airíodh ar thorthaí an Bhoird

Ríomhphleanála cur chuige caighdeánaithe a fhorbairt i leith ainmniú agus struchtúr doiciméid phleanála i ngach údarás pleanála agus sa Bhord Pleanála. Cuireadh é seo i bhfeidhm ar bhonn trialach in dhá cheann d'údarás phleanála agus leathnófar é go luath chuig na húdaráis eile. Áirítear ar obair eile bearta chun doiciméid a aistriú go leictreonach idir údarás phleanála agus an Bord Pleanála.

- the integration of the new systems with the new GIS.

Infrastructure

During 2016, a specification was prepared for infrastructure requirements to support the Plean-IT project. A tender was issued in 2017 based on a specification for externally hosted and managed services for infrastructure.

Legislation

Amendments to legislation will be required to enable a fully functional digital service. The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government is currently preparing amendments to the Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016 which are expected to be enacted during 2017.

ePlanning Board

An Bord Pleanála is a member of the ePlanning Board which is made up of representatives of the local authority sector and the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA). The ePlanning Board is tasked with the introduction of online planning services across local authorities, which is now also an objective of Re-Building Ireland: the Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness.

Output from the ePlanning Board included the development of a standardised approach to the naming and structure of planning documents across all planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála. This has been piloted in two planning authorities and will shortly be extended to other authorities. Other work includes measures to allow the electronic transfer of documentation between planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála.



17 Éifeachtúlacht Fuinnimh Energy Efficiency

Mar chuid de chlár Fheasacht Fuinnimh Inbhuanaithe Éireann (FFIÉ) na hearnála poiblí, geallann an Bord Pleanála éifeachtúlacht fuinnimh a fheabhsú de 33% faoi 2020.

Ríomhtar na figiúirí bonnlíne chun an sprioc seo a chomhlíonadh ar mheán-ídiú fuinnimh idir na blianta 2006 go 2008.

As part of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) Public Sector Energy Efficiency programme, An Bord Pleanála is committed to increasing energy efficiency by a factor of 33% by the year 2020.

The baseline figures for reaching this goal are calculated using the average energy consumption between the years 2006 to 2008.

Figiúr 27
Sonraí Fuinnimh 2016

Figure 27
Energy Data 2016

	2016	Bonnáin 2006 - 2008 Baseline 2006 - 2008	% d'athrú % change
Úsáid Fuinnimh Energy Usage	482,738 kWh	742,877 kWh	(35.0%)
Astaíochtaí CO ₂ CO ₂ Emissions	238,743 kg	457,941 kg	(47.9%)

I 2016 lean an Bord Pleanála d'ídiú fuinnimh agus astaíochtaí CO₂ a laghdú, de bhreis ar na spriocanna forordaithe. Sa chomhthéacs sin, tá an foirgneamh tar éis catagóir C3 den scéim Rátáil Fuinnimh Foirgnimh (RFF) a shroicheadh.

I measc na ngníomhaíochtaí a rinneadh chun éifeachtúlacht fuinnimh a fheabhsú bhí:

- Seomra Cumarsáide TFC – scannán gréine a shuiteáil ar thrí cinn de phainéil sheachtracha gloine.
- Uasghrádú ar Chórás Bainistíochta Foirgnimh.

In 2016, An Bord Pleanála continued to reduce energy usage and CO₂ emissions in excess of the required targets. As reported in 2015, the building lies within the C3 category of the Building Energy Rating (BER) scheme.

Actions undertaken to improve energy efficiency in 2016 include:

- IT Communications Room – the installation of a solar film to the three exterior glass panels.
- Building Management System upgrade.





- Uasghrádú ar Sholáthar Cumhachta gan Chur Isteach.
- Bunurlár – fuinneoga tánaisteacha seachtracha gloinithe a shuiteáil i limistéar na hoifige.
- 17 téitheoir uisce a shuiteáil i seomraí scíthe.
- Uninterruptible Power Supply upgrade.
- Ground floor – secondary external glazed windows installation in office area.
- Installation of 17 rest room water heaters.

Ar na gníomhartha atá beartaithe do 2017 tá:

- Leanúint de laghdú ar ídiú fuinnimh agus méadú ar éifeachtúlacht fuinnimh a chur chun cinn.
- Leanúint de thionscaimh an Chláir Taistil Chliste a chur chun cinn.

Actions planned for 2017 include:

- Continue to promote reducing energy consumption and increasing energy efficiency.
- Continued promotion of Smarter Travel Programme initiatives.



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18 Rialachas Corparáideach

Cloíonn rialachas corparáideach an Bhoird Phleanála le riachtanais an Chóid Chleachtais maidir le Rialú Comhlachtaí Stáit. Geallann an Bord Pleanála athbhreithniú leanúnach a dhéanamh ar bheartais agus ar nósanna imeachta rialachais agus oiliúint agus treoir athoiliúna cothrom le dáta a fháil chun a chinntiú go gcloítear leis an dea-chleachtas sa réimse seo. Foilsíodh Cód nua Cleachtais i 2016, a thiocfaidh i bhfeidhm an 1 Meán Fómhair 2016. Tá athbhreithniú ar bun ag an mBord Pleanála i láthair na huaire ar a shocruithé agus nósanna imeachta rialachais le cinntiú go ndéantar iad a ailíniú go cuí le forálacha an Chóid nua.

Tá an Bord freagrach don Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil as dea-chleachtas rialachais chorparáidigh.

An Bord

Ceaptar an Cathaoirleach agus gnáthchomhaltaí an Bhoird i gcáil lánaimseartha agus ní cheadaítear dóibh aon oifig ná fostáfocht íoctha eile a bheith acu. Is é an tAire Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil a shocraíonn leibhéal thuarastail an Chathaoirligh agus gnáthchomhaltaí an Bhoird le toiliú an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe.

Ceanglaíonn Alt 150 den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha, arna leasú, ar an mBord Pleanála Cód Cleachtais a ghlacadh maidir le déileáil le coimhlintí leasa agus muinín an phobail a chothú in iomláine na slí a sheoltar gnó an Bhoird. Tá an Cód a ghlac an Bord ar fáil ar shuíomh gréasáin an Bhoird. Ina theannta sin, comhlíonn forálacha an Chóid riachtanais an Chóid

Corporate Governance

Corporate Governance in An Bord Pleanála follows the relevant requirements of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies. An Bord Pleanála is committed to reviewing its governance policies and procedures on an on-going basis and obtaining up to date refresher training and guidance to assure continued compliance with best practice in this area. A new Code of Practice was published in 2016, effective from the 1st September 2016. An Bord Pleanála is currently reviewing its governance arrangements and procedures to ensure appropriate alignment with provisions of the new Code.

The Board is also accountable to the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government for good corporate governance.

The Board

The Chairperson and ordinary Board members are appointed in a whole-time capacity and are specifically excluded from holding any other office or employment in respect of which emoluments are payable. Remuneration levels for the Chairperson and other Board members are set by the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

Section 150 of the Planning and Development Act, as amended, requires An Bord Pleanála to adopt a Code of Conduct for dealing with conflicts of interests and promoting public confidence in integrity of the conduct of its business. The Code of Conduct adopted by the Board is available on its website. The provisions of the Code of Conduct also align with the requirements of

Chleachtas maidir le Rialú Comhlachtaí Stáit.

Tá comhaltaí an Bhoird freagrach as a gcion a dhéanamh chun ciintí tráthúla ar ardchaighdeán a sholáthar ar aghomhairc agus ar iarratais phleanála agus as maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar rialachas corporáideach na heagraíochta. Le cois cruinnithe laethúla chun ciintí a dhéanamh ar chás-obair phleanála, biónn cruinniú míosúil ag an mBord maidir le maoirseacht agus rialachas an Bhoird Phleanála. Achoimrítear mar seo a leanas an freastal ar chruinnithe míosúla:

the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies.

Board members have responsibility for delivery of high quality decisions on planning appeals and applications in a timely manner and for oversight of the overall corporate governance of the organisation. In addition to daily meetings to adjudicate on planning casework, the Board meet monthly in relation to oversight and governance of An Bord Phleanála. Attendance at these meetings is summarised as follows:

Figiúr 28

Freastal ar Chruinnithe Ginearálta den Bhord agus ar Chruinnithe den Choiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca i 2016

Figure 28

Attendance at General Board Meetings and Audit and Risk Committee Meetings during 2016

	Cruinnithe ginearálta an Bhoird		An Coiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca	
	General Board Meetings		Audit and Risk Committee	
	A	B	A	B
Dr. Mary Kelly	9	9		
Conall Boland	9	8		
Fionna O'Regan	9	7		
Dr. Gabriel Dennison	9	8		
Paddy Keogh	9	9		
Michael Leahy*	9	8	5	5
Nicholas Mulcahy	9	8		
Paul Hyde*	9	8	5	4
Philip Jones	9	8		

A Líon na gcruiinnithe le linn tionacht gach comhalta den Bhord in 2016.

B Líon na gcruiinnithe ar freastalaíodh orthu.

* Ball den Bhord atá ina bhalla den Choiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca.

A Number of meetings held during the tenure of each Board member in 2016.

B Number of meetings attended.

* Board member who sits on the Audit and Risk Committee.





Bainistíocht Riosca

Tugann an Bord Pleanála túis áite do bhainistíocht riosca agus do na struchtúir agus nósanna imeachta gaolmhara a bhaineann le rialachas. Tá an cúram ar an mBord maoiriú a dhéanamh ar bhainistíocht riosca san eagraíocht trí chéile. Feidhm de chuid an Bhoird is ea é, leis, fonn chun riosca na heagraíochta a chinneadh agus athbhreithniú agus ceadú a dhéanamh ar thuairisciú lucht bainistíochta ar bhainistíocht riosca.

Chuir an Coiste Riosca (Coiste Bainistíochta) athbhreithniú foirmiúil den Chlárleabhar Riosca Chorparáidigh 2016 i láthair an Bhoird i bhFeabhra 2016. Bhí an Clárleabhar bunaithe ar thuairisceáin ó bhainisteoirí gach rannóige tar éis próiseas measúnaithe riosca a tugadh chun críche ina réimse féin agus athbhreithniú ag an gcruiinniú den Choiste Bainistíochta an 17 Feabhra 2016. Rinneadh athbhreithniú lár bliana ar an gClárleabhar Riosca Chorparáidigh in lúil 2016 agus tuairiscíodh é don Bhord i Meán Fómhair 2016.

Tar éis Iniúchadh Inmheánach ar Riosca, rinneadh roinnt leasuithe ar an mBeartas Bainistíochta Riosca ag éirí as na moltaí a rinneadh. D'fhaomhaigh an Bord na

Risk Management

Risk Management and related governance structures and procedures are key priorities. The Board has responsibility for overseeing risk management within the organisation as a whole. Determining the organisation's risk appetite and review and approval of management reporting on risk management is also a function of the Board.

The Risk Committee (Management Committee) presented the formal review of the Corporate Risk Register 2016 to the Board in February 2016. The Register was based on returns from Managers of each section following completion of a risk assessment process in their own particular area and a review at the Management Committee meeting of 17th February, 2016. A mid-year review of the Corporate Risk Register was conducted in July 2016 and reported to the Board in September 2016.

Following an Internal Audit of Risk, a number of amendments were made to the Risk Management Policy arising from recommendations made. These changes

hathruithe seo ag a gcuinniu i bhFeabhra 2016 agus bhí Ráiteas um Fhonn chun Riosca san áireamh mar mhír nua.

Trí mholtáí an iniúchta a chur chun feidhme leabaíodh tuilleadh an próiseas trína n-aithnítear riosca agus trína mbainistíonn lucht bainistíochta an Bhoird Phleanála an riosca sin le cinntíú go mbainistítear an riosca ar shlí réamhghníomhach.

Soláthar

Is é beartas an Bhoird Phleanála an luach is fearr ar airgead a fháil agus earraí agus seirbhísí á gceannach ar son na heagraíochta.

Ina cháil mar chomhlacht poiblí, ceanglaítear ar an mBord Pleanála conarthaí poiblí atá ceaptha ag an Oifig um Sholáthar Rialtais a úsáid agus gnáthearraí agus gnáthsheirbhísí á gceannach ar son na heagraíochta. I gcás nach bhfuil conradh lárnach ar fáil, oibríonn an Bord Pleanála de réir Threoirlínte Soláthair an AE agus i 2016 tionscnaíodh an soláthar seo a leanas:

Figiúr 29
Soláthar 2016

Soláthar a tugadh chun críche i 2016 €25,000 go Tairseach an AE	List of Procurements completed in 2016 €25,000 to EU Threshold
Seirbhísí Tacaíochta Teicniúla TFC – Imlonnú Office 365	ICT Technical Support Services – Office 365 Deployment
Soláthar a tugadh chun críche i 2016 Tairseach AE / OJEU	List of Procurements completed in 2016 EU Threshold / OJEU
Seirbhísí Dlí	Legal Services
Córas Bainistíochta Cásanna & Seirbhísí Forbartha Bogearraí le GIS	Case Management System and Software Development Services with Geographic Information System

were approved by the Board at their meeting in February 2016 and included the addition of a new Risk Appetite Statement.

The implementation of the audit recommendations further embeds the process of risk identification and review by the management and Board of An Bord Pleanála and ensures that risks are being managed in a proactive manner.

Procurement

The policy of An Bord Pleanála is to provide best value for money when purchasing goods and services for the organisation.

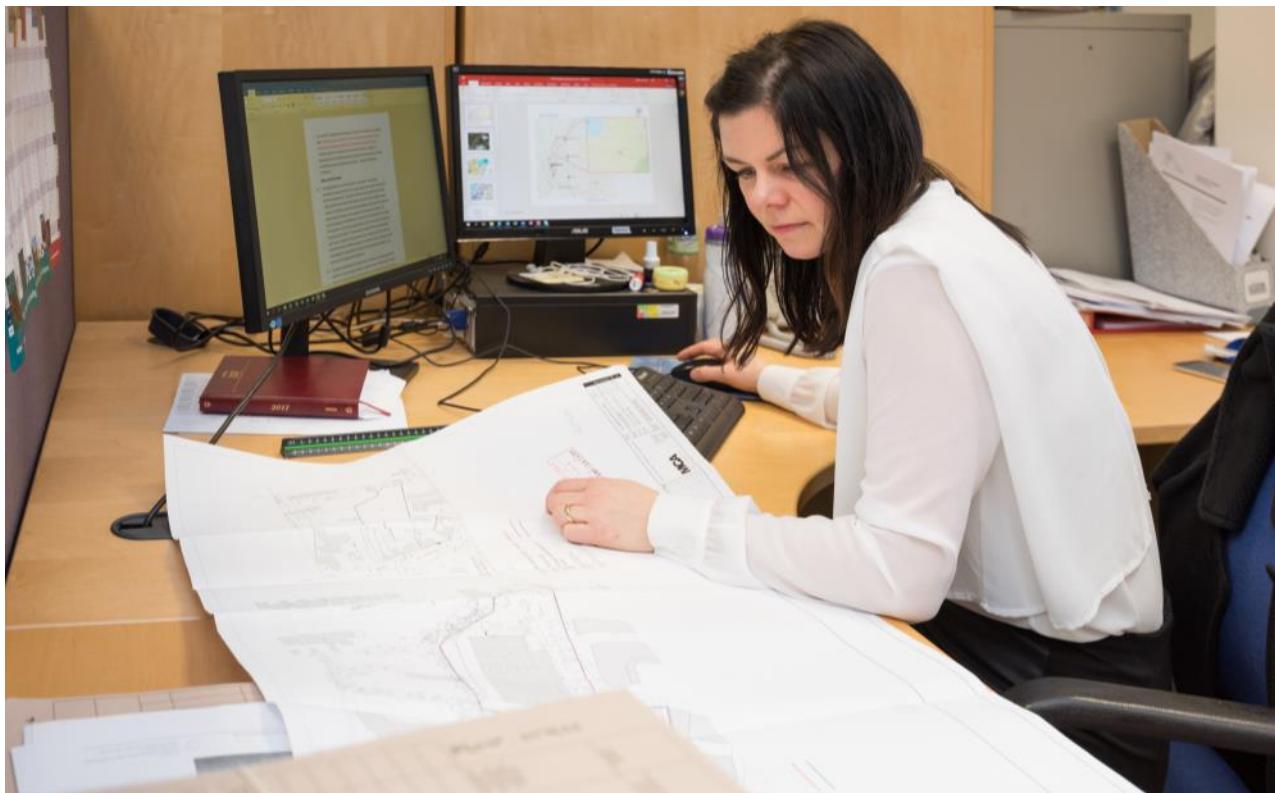
As a public body, it is mandatorily required to utilise central contracts put in place by the Office of Government Procurement when procuring a range of commonly acquired goods and services. Where no central contract is available, An Bord Pleanála operates in accordance with EU Procurement Guidelines and in 2016 initiated the following procurements.

Figure 29
Procurement 2016



19 Measúnú Boird

Board Evaluation



Feidhmíocht na hEagraíochta 2016

Rinne an Bord meastóireacht fhoirmiúil ar feidhmiú na heagraíochta i 2016 faoi threoir Phlean Bhliantúil agus Buiséad na bliana sin. Seo a leanas príomhthorthaí na meastóireachta seo:

Próiseáil an Riar Chásanna agus Comhlíonadh an Chuspóra Reachtúil Ama

I bPlean Gnó Bhliantúil 2016 socraíodh comhlíonadh 80% - 90% ar an gcuspóir reachtúil ama de 18 seachtain chun cásanna achomhairc phleanála a chur de láimh.

Ba é 82% an leibhéal comhlíonta deireadh bliana sna cásanna seo, a cuireadh de láimh laistigh den tréimhse 18 seachtain ó lá a fuarthas iad. Measadh gur toradh sásúil a bhí ansin, i bhfianaise an 7% de mhéadú ar líon

2016 Organisational performance

The Board has formally evaluated the performance of the organisation in 2016 by reference to its Annual Business Plan and Budget for the year. The main outcomes of this evaluation are set out below:

Processing of caseload and statutory time objective compliance

The 2016 Annual Business Plan sought to achieve at least an 80% - 90% compliance with the statutory time objective of 18 weeks for the disposal of planning appeal cases.

The end of year compliance level was 82% for planning appeal cases concluded within an 18-week period from the date of receipt. This was considered to be a satisfactory outcome taking into account an increase of



na gcásanna achomhairc phleanála a cuireadh de láimh i 2016, i gcomparáid le 2015.

De ghnáth is iarratais chasta mhórscála iad iarratais ar Fhorbairt Straitéiseach agus is minic a bhíonn gá le héisteacht ó bhéal sna cásanna sin. Féachann an Bord Pleanála leis an oiread de na cásanna seo agus is féidir a chinneadh laistigh den tréimhse reachtúil ama, ach meastar go bhfuil dúshlán ar leith ag gabháil leis sin. Gheofar léiriú air sin sa mhéad is gur cuireadh dhá chás (14%) as an 14 cás den sórt sin de láimh i 2016 laistigh den tréimhse ama reachtúil.

Cuireadh síneadh le téarma ráiteas straitéise reatha an Bhoird Phleanála go dtí go bhfoilseolfar an tAthbhreithniú Eagraíochtúil ionas gur féidir torthaí an athbhreithnithe a chur san áireamh sa phlean nua straitéiseach don eagraíocht. Cuireadh túis leis an bpróiseas forbartha straitéise i 2016 agus tabharfar plean straitéiseach chun críche i samhradh 2017.

7% in the number of planning appeal cases disposed in 2016 when compared to 2015.

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applications are generally large scale and more complex cases and often involve an oral hearing of the case. While An Bord Pleanála seeks to determine as many of these cases within the statutory objective period as possible, it has found this to be particularly challenging. This is reflected by the fact that out of the 14 such cases disposed in 2016, two (14%) were disposed within the statutory objective period.

The term of An Bord Pleanála's existing statement of strategy was extended until such time as the Organisational Review had been published so as to take into account of the findings in developing a new strategic plan for the organisation. The strategy development process has commenced in 2016 and a strategic plan is to be completed in the summer of 2017.



20 An Coiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca

Audit and Risk Committee



Ar aon dul le Cód Cleachtas 2016 maidir le Rialachas Comhlacthaí Stáit, an Coiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca a thugtar ar an gCoiste Iniúchóireachtaanois. Is iad comhaltaí Choiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca an Bhoird Phleanála an cathaoirleach seachtrach, is é sin Martin Higgins, iar-príomhfheidhmeannach safefood; ball seachtrach amháin, is é sin Jim Hurley ón nGníomhairesacht um Chosaint Comhshaoil; agus beirt comhaltaí feidhmiúcháin den Bhord Pleanála, is iad sin, Michael Leahy agus Paul Hyde. Oibríonn an Bord faoi théarmaí tagartha foirmiúla. Faoin gCód Cleachtas maidir le Rialachas Comhlacthaí Stáit, féadfaidh an Coiste athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar ghnó ar bith a bhaineann le rialuithe inmheánacha an Bhoird Phleanála.

Seo an obair a dhéanann an Coiste:

- déantar ráitis bhliantúla airgeadais, tuarascálacha iniúchta inmheánaigh

In line with the 2016 Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies, the Audit Committee is now entitled the Audit and Risk Committee. The Audit and Risk Committee of An Bord Pleanála is comprised of an external Chairperson, Mr Martin Higgins former Chief Executive of *safefood* (Food Safety Promotion Board), one external member, Mr Jim Hurley formerly of the Environmental Protection Agency and two executive members of the Board, Michael Leahy and Paul Hyde 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.

The Committee:

- reviews annual financial statements, internal audit reports and the

agus an ráiteas ar chóras na rialuithe inmheánacha a athbhreithniú;

- ceadaítear na pleananna iniúchta inmheánaigh;
- déantar monatóireacht ar a leordhóthanaí agus a éifeachtúla atá nósanna imeachta an Bhoird maidir le rioscaí rialála, oibríochtúla agus airgeadais a shainaithint, a dtionchar a mheasúnú agus a dhochúla atá sé go bhfíorófar iad a mheasúnú; agus
- cuirtear comhairle ar an mBord maidir le hoibriú na feidhme iniúchta inmheánaigh.

Rinne na hiniúchóirí inmheánacha, Mazars, trí cinn d'iniúchtaí inmheánacha i 2016:

1. Próisis oibriúcháin na Rannóige Dlí
2. Athbhreithniú ar loncam ó Tháillí
3. Athbhreithniú ar chibearshlándáil

Fuarthas tuairim iniúchóra maidir le Dearbhú Réasúnta, arb é an rátáil iniúchóra is airde is féidir a fháil faoi chóras rátála iniúchta an Iniúchóra Inmheánaigh, maidir le gach ceann de na trí iniúchadh.

Bhí cúig chruinniú ag an gCoiste i 2016. Taobh amuigh de chruinnithe an Choiste, bhí roinnt cruinnithe ag an gCathaoirleach le Cathaoirleach an Bhoird chun dul chun cinn a thuairisciú dó. Chuir an Cathaoirleach Tuarascáil Bhliantúil ar ghníomhaíochtaí i láthair an Bhoird, leis. I dTuarascáil Bhliantúil an Choiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca i 2016, a eisíodh in Eanáir 2017, dúirt an Coiste go raibh siad sásta leis na rialuithe inmheánacha airgeadais atá i bhfeidhm ag an mBord. Gheofar ar leathanach 90 Ráiteas ar Chóras an Rialaithe Inmheánaigh Airgeadais.

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- devises and approves the internal audit plans;
- monitors the adequacy and effectiveness of the Board's procedures for the identification, impact assessment and occurrence assessment of regulatory, operational and financial risk and;
- advises the Board on the operation of the internal audit function.

In 2016, three internal audits were completed by our internal auditors; Mazars, as follows:

1. Operational Processes of Legal Section
2. Fee Income Review
3. Cyber Security Review

An audit opinion of Reasonable Assurance, which is the highest audit rating achievable under the Internal Auditor's audit rating system, was received for the first two audits and an opinion of Limited Assurance for the third.

During 2016, the Committee met five times. Aside from the Committee meetings, the Chairperson met regularly with the Chairperson of the Board for updates on progress made. The Chairperson also presented an Annual Report on activities to the Board. In the Audit and Risk Committee's Annual Report for 2016 which issued in January 2017, the Committee expressed satisfaction with the internal controls operated by the Board. A Statement on the System of Internal Controls is on page 90.

21 An tAcht um Íoc Pras Cuntas 1997

Tagann an Bord Pleanála faoi chuimsiú an Achta um Íoc Pras Cuntas, 1997 arna leasú agus Rialachán na gComhphobal Eorpach (Íocaíocht Dhéanach in Idirbhhearta Tráchtala) 2002. Tuairiscítear thíos ar na cleachtais íocaíochta don bhliaín dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2016 de réir alt 12 den Acht.

1. Is é beartas an Bhoird Phleanála forálacha ábhartha an Achta a chomhlíonadh agus, go háirithe, a chinntiú go n-íocatar gach sonrasc go pras. Tá nósanna imeachta ar leith i bhfeidhm a chumasaíonn dó gach sonrasc a rianú agus a chinntiú go ndéantar gach íocaíocht roimh an dáta dlite. Cláraittear sonraisc go laethúil agus déantar íocaíochtaí de réir mar is gá chun íocaíochtaí tráthúla a chinntiú. I 2016, níor shocraigh ná níor aontaigh an Bord Pleanála aon tréimhsí íocaíochta lasmuigh de théarmaí an Achta.
2. Corpraítear i gcóras na rialuithe inmheánacha na rialuithe agus na nósanna imeachta a mheastar a bheith riachtanach chun an tAcht a chomhlíonadh. Áirítear ar an gcóras seo rialuite cuntasáíochta agus ríomhaire atá ceaptha le cinntiú go n-aithnítear sonraisc agus conartháil le híoc laistigh de na tréimhsí íocaíochta a shonraítear san Acht. Cuirtear tuairisci ar fáil ina n-aithnítear sonraisc nár íocadh fós agus déanann an ardbhainistíocht na tuairisci seo a athbhreithniú go rialta.
3. Tá na nósanna imeachta a dtagraítear dóibh ag 1 agus 2 thusa ceaptha le dearbhú réasúnta a sholáthar seachas dearbhú amach is amach a thabhairt

Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997

An Bord Pleanála 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 are reported on below for the year ended 31st December 2016 in accordance with section 12 of the Act.

1. It is An Bord Pleanála'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 2016 An Bord Pleanála 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



go gcomhlíonfar forálacha ábhartha an Achtá. Tá an Bord Pleanála sásta gur oibrigh a nósanna imeachta go leordhóthanach ar an iomlán agus nach gá aon bheart ceartaitheach.

4. Ba é 23 lá an meántréimhse moille i dtaca le híocaíochtaí a dhéanamh tar éis an tréimhse reachtúil de 30 lá.

Rinneadh íocaíocht dhéanach amháin i 2016 agus íocadh €41.61 in ús agus i bpionóis. Ba é €6.9 milliún luach na n-íocaíochtaí uile.

Ó 1 Eanáir 2017 níor tharla aon fhorbairt ábhartha ó thaobh chomhlíonadh an Achtá fad a bhaineann sé leis an mBord Pleanála.

the Act. An Bord Pleanála is satisfied that its procedures have operated adequately in the main and that no remedial action is required.

4. The average delay in making payments, after the statutory period of 30 days, was 23 days.

There was 1 late payment in 2016, and therefore, interest and penalty in the amount of €41.61 was paid. The total value of all payments was €6.9 million.

Since 1st January 2017, there have been no material developments insofar as An Bord Pleanála's compliance with the Act is concerned.





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Ráitis Airgeadais

Ceanglaíonn Alt 117(1) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 ar an mBord Pleanála gach cuntas cuí agus gnáthchuntas d'airgead a fhaigheann agus a chaitheann sé, a choimeád, i cibé foirm a cheadóidh an tAire Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, le toiliú an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe.

Agus na ráitis airgeadais sin á n-ullmhú, ceanglaítear ar an mBord Pleanála:

- Beartais oriúnacha chuntasáiochta a roghnú agus iad a chur i bhfeidhm go comhsheasmhach.
- Breithiúnais agus meastacháin réasúnta stuama a dhéanamh.
- Na cuntas a ullmhú ar bonn gnóthais leantaigh, ach amháin más neamhchuí a cheapadh go leanfaidh an Bord dá ghnó.
- A rá cibé ar cloíodh le caighdeán chuntasáiochta infheidhme, faoi réir aon imeacht ábhartha a noctar agus a mhínítear sna ráitis airgeadais.

Tá an Bord freagrach as leabhair chuí chuntais a choimeád a insíonn tráth ar bith stádas airgeadais an Bhoird agus a chuireann ar a chumas a chinntíú go gcomhlíonann na ráitis airgeadais alt 117(1) d'Acht 2000. Tá an Bord freagrach, leis, as a

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Financial Statements

Section 117(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requires An Bord Pleanála to keep, in such form as may be approved by the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government with consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, all proper and usual accounts of money received and expended by it.

In preparing these financial statements, An Bord Pleanála is required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that it will continue in operation.
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in financial statements.

The Board is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, its financial position which enables it to ensure that the financial statements comply with section 117(1) of the 2000 Act. The Board is



shócmhainní a chosaint agus as bearta réasúnacha a dhéanamh chun calaois agus neamhrialtachtaí eile a chosc agus a bhrath.

Thar ceann Bhord an Bhoird Phleanála:

Mary Kelly

An Dr. Mary Kelly
Cathaoirleach

Conal Ó Beoláin

Conall Ó Beoláin
Leaschathaoirleach

24 Bealtaine 2017

also responsible for safeguarding its assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board of An Bord Pleanála:

Mary Kelly

Dr. Mary Kelly
Chairperson

Conal Boland

Conall Boland
Deputy Chairperson

24th May 2017



Ráiteas ar an Rialú Inmheánach Airgeadais

An Fhreagracht as an gCóras Inmheánach Rialaithe Airgeadais

Thar ceann Bhail an Bhoird Phleanála admháim an fhreagracht atá orainn córas éifeachtach rialaithe inmheánach airgeadais a choimeád agus a oibriú.

Ní féidir leis an gcóras ach dearbhú réasúnta, seachas dearbhú amach is amach, a sholáthar go ndéantar sócmhainní a chosaint, bearta a údarú agus a thaifeadadh go cuí, agus earráidí ábhartha agus mírialtachtaí eile a chosc nó go bhféadfaí iad a bhrath go tráthúil.

Na Príomhnósanna Imeachta Rialaithe chun Rialú Inmheánach Airgeadais éifeachtach a sholáthar

1. Tá bearta déanta ag an mBord le cinntíú go mbíonn an timpeallacht rialaithe chuí i réim san eagraíocht, trí:
 - Coiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca a bhunú mar chuid de na nósanna imeachta rialachais laistigh den Bhord Pleanála chun maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar an bhfeidhm Iniúchta Inmheánaigh agus chun comhairle a chur ar an mBord maidir le hoibriú agus forbairt na feidhme sin.
 - Beartas Bainistíochta Riosca a bhunú agus a oibriú agus Coiste Riosca a bhunú. An Príomhoifigeach a cheapadh mar Phríomhoifigeach Riosca i 2015.
 - Beartas Frithchhalaoise a bhunú agus monatóireacht a dhéanamh air agus an beartas a chur i láthair na forne / na gcomhaltaí i 2014.

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

Key Control Procedures to provide effective Internal Financial Control

1. The Board has taken steps to ensure an appropriate control environment within the organisation by:
 - Establishing an Audit and Risk Committee as part of the governance procedures within An Bord Pleanála to oversee the Internal Audit function and advise the Board in relation to the operation and development of that function.
 - Establishing and operating a Risk Management Policy and appointing a Risk Committee. Appointing the Chief Officer as Chief Risk Officer in 2015.
 - Establishing and monitoring an Anti -Fraud Policy and presenting the policy to staff and Board members in 2014.



- Cód lompair do Chomhaltaí an Bhoird, d'Fhostaithe agus do Dhaoine Áirithe Eile a bhunú agus monatóireacht a dhéanamh air.
 - Beartas & Cód Cleachtais ar Nochtaithe faoi Rún a bhunú i 2011 agus monatóireacht a dhéanamh air.
 - Beartas agus Treoirlínte leasaithe ar Sholáthar a bhunú i 2013 agus a bhainistiú agus Oifigeach Soláthair a cheapadh i 2014.
 - Beartas Taistil a bhunú agus a bhainistiú de réir an Chód Chleachtais maidir le Riachas Comhlachtaí Stáit 2009.
 - Freagrachtaí bainistíochta a shainiu go soiléir agus feidhmeanna cuí a tharmligeann.
 - Gach beartas agus nós imeachta den Bhord a athbhreithniú agus a fhormheas.
 - Sceideal cuimsitheach polasaithe árachais a choimeád chun leasanna an Bhoird Phleanála a chosaint.
2. Bunaítear an córas rialaithe inmheánaigh airgeadais ar chreat d'eolas rialta bainistíochta, nósanna imeachta riarrachán lena n-áirítear leithscaradh dualgas, agus córas tarmligin agus cuntasachta. Áirítear go sonrach ar na rialuithe airgeadais:
- Córas cuimsitheach buiséadta agus buiséad bliantúil a dhéanann comhaltaí an Bhoird a athbhreithniú agus a aontú go tréimhsíúil.
 - Sannadh buiséad agus údarás buiséid agus freagrácht as
- Establishing and monitoring a Code of Conduct for Board Members, Employees & Certain Other Persons.
 - Establishing and monitoring a Policy and Code of Practice on Confidential Disclosures in 2011.
 - Establishing and managing a revised Policy and Guidelines on Procurement in 2013 and appointing a Procurement Officer in 2014.
 - Establishing and managing a Travel Policy in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2009.
 - Clearly defining management responsibilities and delegating appropriate functions.
 - Reviewing and approving all Board policies and procedures.
 - Maintaining a comprehensive schedule of insurances to protect An Bord Pleanála's interests.
2. The system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information, administrative procedures including segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, specific financial controls include:
- A comprehensive budgeting system with an annual budget which is approved and reviewed periodically by Board members.
 - The assignment of budgets and budgetary authority and

feidhmeanna áirithe laistigh den eagraíocht ar bhainisteoirí ar leith.

- Socruithe as ceannach a sheoladh agus a rialú tríd an gcorás agus na nósanna imeachta orduithe ceannaigh.
- Leithscaradh dualgas maidir le próiseáil idirbheart focaíochta.
- Treoirlínte soiléire um rialú infheistíochta caipitil.
- Disciplíní bainistíochta tionscadail a chur i bhfeidhm ar thionscadail TFC.

Le cois na rialuithe airgeadais, féachann an Bord do na moltaí ar thuarascálacha iniúchta neamhairgeadais a dhéanamh de réir an Phlean Bhliantúil Iniúchta do 2016 ar a áiríodh iniúchtaí ar próisis oibriúcháin na Rannóige Dlí agus athbhreithniú ar Chibearshlándáil.

3. Rinne an fhoireann bhainistíochta agus an Bord athbhreithniú foirmiúil i 2016 ar Chlár Riosca Corporáidigh an Bhoird Phleanála. Coimeádann an Bord an fhreagracht deiridh as bainistiú riosca san eagraíocht ach is é an coiste bainistíochta Coiste Riosca ainmnithe na heagraíochta mar atá leagtha síos sa Bheartas Bainistithe Riosca agus tá an Príomhoifigeach ceaptha ina Phríomhoifigeach Riosca.
4. I 2014, cheap an Bord comhairligh chun an feidhm iniúchta inmheánaigh a chur i gcrích go ceann trí bliana, a chomhlíonann an Creatchód maidir le Dea-Rialachas atá leagtha amach sa Chód Cleachtais maidir le Rialú Comhlachtaí Stáit 2009. Ar anailís ar na rioscaí dá nochtar an eagraíocht, ar

responsibility for specific functions within the organisation to selected managers.

- Arrangements for purchasing to be conducted and controlled through the purchase order system and procedures.
- Segregation of duties in relation to the processing of payment transactions.
- Clearly defined capital investment control guidelines.
- The application of project management disciplines in respect of ICT projects.

In addition to financial controls, the Board had regard to the recommendations on non-financial audit reports conducted in accordance with the approved Annual Audit Plan for 2016 which included audits on the Operational processes of Legal Section and a Cyber Security review.

3. The management team and the Board undertook a formal review of An Bord Pleanála's Corporate Risk Register in 2016. While the Board retains ultimate responsibility for the management of risk in the organisation, the Management Committee is the designated Risk Committee for the organisation in line with the Risk Management Policy with the Chief Officer appointed as Chief Risk Officer.
4. In 2014, the Board appointed consultants to carry out its internal audit function for a three-year period, which operates in accordance with the Framework Code of Best Practice set out in the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2009. The work of internal audit is informed



riachtanais an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste agus ar aon saincheist maidir le rialachas corporáideach atá tagtha chun cinn san earnáil phoiblí i gcoitinne a bhunaítear obair an iniúchóra inmheánaigh. Ceadaíonn an Coiste Iniúchóireachta agus an Bord an plean iniúchta inmheánaigh.

Is éard a bhíonn mar bhonn eolais faoin athbhreithniú agus faoin mhonatóireacht a dhéanann an Bord ar an gcóras inmheánach rialaithe airgeadais obair an iniúchóra sheachtraigh, an Coiste Iniúchóireachta agus Riosca a mhaoirsíonn obair an iniúchóra inmheánaigh, na bainisteoirí feidhmiúcháin sa Bhord Pleanála a bhfuil sé de chúram orthu ancreat rialaithe airgeadais a cheapadh agus a chothabháil, agus tuairimí a thugann Oifig an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste ina litir bhainistíochta agus i dtuarascálacha eile.

Athbhreithniú Bliantúil ar Rialuithe

Deimhním, i gcás na bliana dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2016, gur sheol an Bord athbhreithniú ar a éifeachtaí atá an córas inmheánach rialuithe airgeadais.

Mary Kelly

An Dr. Mary Kelly
Cathaoirleach

24 Bealtaine 2017

by analysis of the risks to which the organisation is exposed, the correspondences of the Comptroller & Auditor General and any issues in relation to Corporate Governance that have arisen in the Public Sector in general. The internal audit plan is approved by the Audit & Risk Committee and by the Board.

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

Annual Review of Financial Controls

I confirm that in respect of the year ending 31st December 2016, the Board conducted a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial controls.

Mary Kelly

Dr. Mary Kelly
Chairperson

24th May 2017

Ráiteas ar Ioncam agus Caiteachas agus Cúlchistí Ioncaim Coimeádta don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2016

	Nóta	2016 €	2015 €
Ioncam			
Deontais Oireachtas	2	14,405,385	14,886,290
Táillí	3	1,319,057	1,333,747
Táillí Bonneagair Straitéisigh & Aisghabhál Costas	4	1,664,823	1,237,634
Glanchistiú larchurtha Pinsin	7(c)	3,624,747	3,604,000
Ioncam Ilghnéitheach	5	2,235	6,214
Ús ar Thaiscí	5	104	1,693
Brabús / (caillteanas) ar Shócmhainní Seasta a chur de láimh		170	0
Ioncam Iomlán		21,016,521	21,069,578
Caiteachas			
Tuarastail, Liúntais agus Aoisiúntas	6	14,314,179	14,339,660
Costais Bhunaithe	8	2,042,547	1,927,792
Costais Oibriúcháin	9	5,653,122	3,976,624
Caiteachas Iomlán		22,009,848	20,244,076
Barrachas / (Easnamh) don Bhliain roimh Leithreasáí		(993,327)	825,502
Aistriú ó / (go) dtí an Cuntas Caipitil	11	(163,381)	(197,576)
Barrachas / (Easnamh) don Bhliain tar éis Leithreasáí		(1,156,708)	627,926
Iarmhéid Tugtha ar Aghaidh ag 1 Eanáir		(884,342)	(1,512,268)
Iarmhéid Tugtha ar Aghaidh ag 31 Nollaig		(2,041,050)	(884,342)

Is cuid de na ráitis airgeadais seo iad an Ráiteas ar Shreafaí Airgid agus nótaí 1 — 21.

Thar ceann Bhord an Bhoird Phleanála:

Mary Kelly

An Dr. Mary Kelly
Cathaoirleach

24 Bealtaine 2017

Loretta Lambkin
Príomhoifigeach



Statement of Income and Expenditure and Retained Revenue Reserves for the year ended 31st December 2016

	Note	2016 €	2015 €
Income			
Oireachtas Grants	2	14,405,385	14,886,290
Fees	3	1,319,057	1,333,747
Strategic Infrastructure Fees and Cost Recoupment	4	1,664,823	1,237,634
Net Deferred Pension Funding	7(c)	3,624,747	3,604,000
Miscellaneous Income	5	2,235	6,214
Deposit Interest	5	104	1,693
Profit / (loss) on disposal of Fixed Assets		170	0
Total Income		21,016,521	21,069,578
Expenditure			
Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation	6	14,314,179	14,339,660
Establishment Expenses	8	2,042,547	1,927,792
Operating Expenses	9	5,653,122	3,976,624
Total Expenditure		22,009,848	20,244,076
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year before Appropriations		(993,327)	825,502
Transfer from / (to) the Capital Account	11	(163,381)	(197,576)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year after Appropriations		(1,156,708)	627,926
Balance Brought Forward at 1st January		(884,342)	(1,512,268)
Balance Carried Forward at 31st December		(2,041,050)	(884,342)

The Statement of Cash Flows and notes 1 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

On behalf of the Board of An Bord Pleanála:

Mary Kelly

Dr. Mary Kelly
Chairperson

24th May 2017



Loretta Lambkin
Chief Officer



Ráiteas ar Ioncam Cuimsitheach

Don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2016

Nóta		2016 €	2015 €
Barrachas / (easnamh) tar éis leithreasai		(1,156,708)	627,926
Gnóthachain ó thaithí ar oibleagáidí sochair scoir	7(d)	4,134,000	1,776,000
Athrú ar thoirmdí faoi luach reatha na n-oibleagáidí sochair scoir		(16,768,000)	10,898,000
Ionlán na ngnóthachan / (caillteanas) achtúireacha sa bhliain		(12,634,000)	12,674,000
Coigeartú ar chistíú na sochar iarchurtha scoir		12,634,000	(12,674,000)
Ioncam cuimsitheach eile don bhliain		<u>(1,156,708)</u>	<u>627,926</u>

Is cuid de na ráitis airgeadais seo iad an Ráiteas ar Shreafaí Airgid agus nótaí 1-21.

Thar ceann Bhord an Bhoird Phleanála:

Dr. Mary Kelly
Cathaoirleach

Loretta Lambkin
Príomhoifigeach

24 Bealtaine 2017

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31st December 2016

	Note	2016 €	2015 €
Surplus / (Deficit) after Appropriations		(1,156,708)	627,926
Experience gains on retirement benefit obligations	7(d)	4,134,000	1,776,000
Change in assumptions underlying the present value of retirement benefit obligations		(16,768,000)	10,898,000
Total actuarial gain / (loss) in the year		(12,634,000)	12,674,000
Adjustment to deferred retirement benefits funding		12,634,000	(12,674,000)
Other Comprehensive Income for the year		(1,156,708)	627,926

The Statement of Cash Flows and notes 1 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

On behalf of the Board of An Bord Pleanála:

Mary Kelly 

Dr. Mary Kelly
Chairperson

24th May 2017

Loretta Lambkin
Chief Officer



Ráiteas ar an Staid Airgeadais don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2016

	Nóta	2016 €	2015 €
Sócmhainní Seasta			
Maoin, innealra & trealamh	12	513,263	349,882
Sócmhainní Seasta lomlána		513,263	349,882
Sócmhainní Reatha			
Infháltais	13	1,175,535	688,540
Airgead tirim agus a choibhéis		484,249	895,706
		1,659,784	1,584,246
Dliteanais reatha (méideanna a dhlífear laistigh de bhliain)			
Suimeanna Iníochta	14	(3,700,834)	(2,468,588)
Glansócmhainní Reatha		(2,041,050)	(884,342)
Sochair Scoir			
Oibleagáidí sochair shainithe	7(b)	(126,898,000)	(110,639,000)
Sócmhainn um chistíú sochar iarchurtha scoir	7(b)	126,898,000	110,639,000
Glansócmhainní lomlána		(1,527,787)	(534,460)
A sheasann do			
Cuntas Caipitil	11	513,263	349,882
Cúlchistí ioncaim coimeádta		(2,041,050)	(884,342)
		(1,527,787)	(534,460)

Is cuid de na ráitis airgeadais seo iad an Ráiteas ar Shreafaí Airgid agus nótaí 1-21.

Thar ceann Bhord an Bhoird Phleanála:




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Príomhoifigeach

24 Bealtaine 2017



Statement of Financial Position

for the year ended 31st December 2016

	Note	2016 €	2015 €
Fixed Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	12	513,263	349,882
Total Fixed Assets		513,263	349,882
Current Assets			
Receivables	13	1,175,535	688,540
Cash and cash equivalents		484,249	895,706
		1,659,784	1,584,246
Current Liabilities (amounts falling due within one year)			
Payables	14	(3,700,834)	(2,468,588)
Net Current Assets		(2,041,050)	(884,342)
Retirement Benefits			
Retirement benefit obligations	7(b)	(126,898,000)	(110,639,000)
Deferred retirement benefit funding asset	7(b)	126,898,000	110,639,000
Total Net Assets		(1,527,787)	(534,460)
Representing			
Capital account	11	513,263	349,882
Retained revenue reserves		(2,041,050)	(884,342)
		(1,527,787)	(534,460)

The Statement of Cash Flows and notes 1 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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24th May 2017

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Ráiteas na Sreafáí Airgid

don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2016

Nóta	2016 €	2015 €
Glan-insreabhadh Airgid Isteach ó Ghníomhaíochtaí Oibriúcháin		
Ioncam barrachais thar chaiteachas	(1,156,708)	627,926
Gluaiseacht ar Chuntas Caipitil	163,381	197,576
Dímheas agus lagú sócmhainní seasta	193,801	130,466
(Méadú) / laghdú ar infháltais	(486,995)	(318,590)
Méadú / (laghdú) ar shuimeanna iníochta	1,232,246	(1,041,902)
Ús bainc faigte	(104)	(1,693)
Glan-insreabhadh Airgid Isteach ó Ghníomhaíochtaí Oibriúcháin	(54,379)	(406,217)
Sreafáí Airgid ó Ghníomhaíochtaí Infheistíochta		
Íocaíochtaí chun maoin, innealra & trealamh a cheannach	(357,182)	(328,042)
Glansreafáí airgid ó Ghníomhaíochtaí Infheistíochta	(357,182)	(328,042)
Sreafáí Airgid ó Ghníomhaíochtaí Maoinithe		
Ús bainc faigte	104	1,693
Glansreafáí airgid ó Ghníomhaíochtaí Airgeadais	104	1,693
Glanmhéadú / (Laghdú) ar Airgead agus a choibhéis	(411,457)	(732,566)
Airgead tirim agus a choibhéis ag 1 Eanáir	895,706	1,628,272
Airgead tirim agus a choibhéis ag 31 Nollaig	484,249	895,706



Statement of Cash Flows

for year ended 31st December 2016

	Note	2016 €	2015 €
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Excess Income over expenditure		(1,156,708)	627,926
Movement on Capital Account		163,381	197,576
Depreciation and impairment of fixed assets		193,801	130,466
(Increase) / decrease in receivables		(486,995)	(318,590)
Increase / (decrease) in payables		1,232,246	(1,041,902)
Bank interest received		(104)	(1,693)
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities		(54,379)	(406,217)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments to acquire property, plant & equipment		(357,182)	(328,042)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities		(357,182)	(328,042)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Bank interest received		104	1,693
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities		104	1,693
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(411,457)	(732,566)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 st January		895,706	1,628,272
Cash and Cash Equivalents at 31st December		484,249	895,706



Nótaí leis an Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2016

Nóta 1: Beartais Chuntasaíochta

Leagtar amach thíos an bonn cuntasaíochta agus beartais shuntasacha cuntasaíochta a ghlac an Bord Pleanála. Cuireadh iad uile i bhfeidhm go comhsheasmhach ó cheann ceann na bliana agus sa bhliain roimhe.

a) Eolas ginearálta

Bunaíodh An Bord Pleanála sa bhliain 1977 faoin Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Pleanáil agus Forbairt), 1976 agus tá ofig aige ag 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1.

Is ar an mBord Pleanála atá an cúram as achomhairc agus gnóthaí áirithe eile a chinneadh faoi na hAchtanna um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000 go 2016 agus as iarratais ar fhorbairt bonneagair straitéisigh, lena n-áirítear mórhógraí bóthair agus iarnróid, a chinneadh. Tá cúram air, leis, as déileáil le tograí maidir le ceannach éigeantach talún a dhéanann údaráis áitiúla agus údaráis eile faoi na hachtacháin éagsúla. Tá feidhmeanna eile ag an mBord Pleanála chun achomhairc faoi na hAchtanna um Thruailliu Uisce agus na hAchtanna um Rialú Foirgníochta a chinneadh.

b) Ráiteas Comhlíonta

Uillmhaíodh ráitis airgeadais an Bhoird Phleanála don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2016 de réir FRS 102, an caighdeán tuairiscithe airgeadais is infheidhme sa RA agus in Éirinn, arna n-eisiúint ag an Financial Reporting Council (FRC), mar atá fógartha ag Cuntasóirí Cairete Éireann.

c) An Bonn Uillmhúcháin

Uillmhaíodh na ráitis airgeadais faoi choinbhinsiún an chostais stairiúil, ach amháin i gcás sócmhainní agus dliteanas airithe a thomhaistear mar luacha cóir, mar a mhíntear sna beartais chuntasaíochta thíos. Tá na ráitis airgeadais san fhoirm atá ceadaithe ag an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil le comhthoil an Aire Airgeadais faoi alt 117(1) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000. Cuireadh na beartais chuntasaíochta seo a leanas i bhfeidhm go comhsheasmhach sa déileáil le míreanna a mheastar a bheith ábhartha maidir le ráitis airgeadais an Bhoird Phleanála.

d) Deontais Oireachtas

Áirítear deontais Oireachtas ó Vóta 25, fó-mhír F3, na Roinne Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil ar bhonn fáltais airgid ach amháin i gcás an deontais a cuireadh ar fáil go sonrach le haghaidh tionscadal Plean-IT (straitéis TFC) an Bhoird a áirítear mar mhír chaite (Nóta 2).

e) Ioncam ó ús

Aithnítear ioncam ó ús ar bhonn fáltas airgid.



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Note 1: Accounting Policies

The basis of accounting and significant accounting policies adopted by An Bord Pleanála are set out below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and for the preceding year.

a) General Information

An Bord Pleanála was established in 1977 under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1976, with an office at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

An Bord Pleanála is responsible for the determination of appeals and certain other matters under the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2016, and determination of applications for strategic infrastructure development including major road and railway cases. It is also responsible for dealing with proposals for the compulsory acquisition of land by local authorities and others under various enactments. The Board also has functions to determine appeals under Water Pollution and Building Control Acts.

b) Statement of Compliance

The financial statements of An Bord Pleanála for the year ended 31 December 2016 have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, the financial reporting standard applicable in the UK and Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC), as promulgated by Chartered Accountants Ireland.

c) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for certain assets and liabilities that are measured at fair values as explained in the accounting policies below. The financial statements are in the form approved by the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government with the concurrence of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform under section 117(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000. The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to An Bord Pleanála's financial statements.

d) Oireachtas Grant

Oireachtas grants from Vote 25, Subhead F3, Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government are accounted for on a cash receipt basis except for grants specifically for ICT Strategy Plean-IT project which is accounted for as expended (Note 2).

e) Interest income

Interest income is recognised on a cash receipt basis.



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f) Táillí

Is ionann seo agus táillí a foctar leis an mBord i dtaca le hachomhairc, iarratais agus nithe eile a tharchuirtear chuig an mBord Pleanála lena gcinneadh faoi achtachán éagsúla. Na táillí a foctar iarbhír, socraítear iad faoi rialachán an Aire nó cinneann an Bord Pleanála iad le ceadú an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil de réir na bhforálacha reachtúla seo a leanas:

- Alt 144 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, leasaithe.
- Alt 177M den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, leasaithe.
- Ailt 7 agus 7A den Acht um Rialú Foirgníochta 1990, leasaithe.
- Ailt 6 agus 19 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú Uisce) 1977, arna leasú agus alt 103 den Acht Seirbhísí Uisce 2007.

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

g) Cásanna Bonneagair Straitéisigh

Na táillí a foctar i leith iarratais ar fhorbairt bonneagair straitéisigh, cinneann an Bord iad le ceadú an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil de réir alt 144 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2002 (leasaithe).

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

h) Maoin, Innealra agus Trealamh

Déantar maoin, innealra agus trealamh a rá ag costas lúide dímheas carntha, coigearaithe le haghaidh aon soláthar maidir le lagú. Déantar soláthar le haghaidh dímheas ar gach maoin, innealra agus trealamh, seachas talamh ruilse agus saothair ealaíne, ag rátaí a mheastar a dhíscríobhfaidh an costas lúide luach iarmharach measta gach sócmhainne ar bonn líne dírí thar a saolré ionchais eacnamaíoch, mar seo a leanas:

i)	Foirgnimh ar léas	10% sa bhliain
ii)	Athchóiriú ar Fhoirgnimh atá anois ann	10% sa bhliain
iii)	Daingneáin agus feisteas	20% sa bhliain
iv)	Ríomhairí	33% sa bhliain
v)	Trealamh teicniúil	20% sa bhliain

Is ionann luach iarmharach agus an méid measta a gheofaí faoi láthair ó shócmhainn a dhiúscairt, tar éis costais



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f) 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 Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in accordance with the following statutory provisions:

- Section 144 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.
- Section 177M 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.

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

g) Strategic Infrastructure Development

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

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

h) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation, adjusted for any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided on all property, plant and equipment, other than freehold land and artwork, at rates estimated to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of each asset on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

i)	Leasehold buildings	10% per annum
ii)	Refurbishment to Existing Buildings	10% per annum
iii)	Fixtures and Fittings	20% per annum
iv)	Computers	33% per annum
v)	Technical Equipment	20% per annum

Residual value represents the estimated amount which would currently be obtained from disposal of an asset, after



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mheasta na diúscartha a asbhaint, amhail is go raibh an tsócmhainn san aois agus sa ríocht cheana fén a mbeadh súil leis ag deireadh a shaolré eacnamaíoch.

Má tá fianaise oibiachtúil ann de lagú ar luach sócmhainne, aithnítear caillteas ó lagú sa Ráiteas ar loncam agus Caiteachas agus Cúlchistí loncaim Coinnithe sa bhliain.

i) Cuntas Caipitil

Is ionann an Cuntas Caipitil agus méid neamhamúchta an ioncaim a úsáideadh chun sócmhainní seasta a cheannach.

j) Sochair d'Fhostaithe

Socair ghearrthéarmacha

Aithnítear sochair ghearrthéarmacha, dála pá saoire mar chostas sa bhliain, agus áirítear i bhfigiúr na Suimeanna Iníocha sa Raiteas ar an Staid Airgeadais deireadh bliana sochair atá carntha ag deireadh bliana.

k) Sochair Scoir

Oibríonn an Bord scéimeanna aoisliúntais sochair shainithe trí mheán ceithre cinn de scéimeanna neamhspleácha, mar atá:

- Scéim Pinsin Fhoireann an Bhoird Phleanála 1986 go 2006,
- Scéim Pinsean Rannfócas Céilí agus Leanaí Fhoireann an Bhoird Pleanála 1986
- Scéim Pinsin an Bhoird Pleanála (Cathaoirleach agus Comhaltaí) 1986 go 2009, agus
- Scéim Pinsean Rannfócas Chéilí agus Leanaí (Cathaoirleach agus Comhaltaí) an Bhoird Pleanála 1986 go 2002

Rinneadh soláthar sna scéimeanna pinsin sin le sochair shainithe arna gceadú ag an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus le toiliú an Aire Airgeadais faoi alt 119 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, chun sochair pinsin a íoc le agus maidir le fostaithe agus le comhaltaí an Bhoird.

Maoinítear na scéimeanna sin go bliantúil ar bhonn 'íoc mar a chaitear' ó airgead atá ar fáil don Bhord Pleanála, lena n-áirítear airgead ón státhiste arna sholáthar ag an Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus ó rannfócaíochtaí a asbhaintear ó thuarastail na foirne agus na gcomhaltaí.

Léiríonn costais pinsin na sochair pinsin a thuill comhaltaí agus baill foirne sa tréimhse, agus luaitear iad glan ar rannfócaíochtaí pinsin na foirne, a choimeádann an Bord Pleanála. Aithnítear méid is ionann leis an muirear pinsin mar ioncam sa mhéid is gur suim inaisghafa é, agus déantar é a fhriútháireamh in aghaidh deontas a fhaightear sa bhliain chun fócaíochtaí pinsin a mhaoiniú.

Léirítear gnóthachain agus caillteanais achtúireacha ar dhliteanais scéime sa Ráitas ar na Gnóthachain agus Caillteanais Aitheanta lomlána don bhliain agus aithnítear coigeartú comhfheagrach sa mhéid is inaisghafa ó



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deducting estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of an age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.

If there is objective evidence of impairment of the value of an asset, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Retained Revenue Reserves in the year.

i) Capital Account

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

j) Employee Benefits

Short term benefits

Short term benefits such as holiday pay are recognised as an expense in the year, and benefits that are accrued at year-end are included in the Payables figure in the Statement of Financial Position.

k) Retirement Benefits

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

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

The payment of superannuation benefits to and in respect of employees and members of the Board is provided for in these defined benefit superannuation schemes approved by the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform 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 Housing, Planning, 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 Comprehensive Income and a corresponding adjustment is recognised in the amount recoverable from exchequer funds provided by the Department



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Státhistí arna sholáthar ag an Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

Is ionann dliteanais pinsin agus luach reatha na n-íocaíochtaí pinsin sa todhchaí atá tuillte ag an bhfoireann go dtí seo. Léiríonn maoiniú aoisliúntais iarchurtha an tsócmhainn chomhfhreagrach a bheadh le haisghabháil i dtréimhsí sa todhchaí as an Státhiste arna soláthar ag an Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

Anuas air sin, oibríonn an Scéim Pinsin Aonair Seirbhíse Poiblí ("Scéim Aonair"), ar scéim sochair shainithe é, do sheirbhísigh phoiblí inphinsin a ceapadh ar nó tar éis an 1 Eanáir 2013. Tá rialacha na Scéime Aonair leagtha amach san Acht um Pinsin Seirbhíse Poiblí (Scéim Aonair agus Forálacha Eile) 2012. Íocatar ranníocaíochtaí bhaill na Scéime Aonair leis an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe.

I) Costais Dlí

Is é beartas an Bhoird go n-íocfar aon chostas dlíthiúil a dhámhtar ina choinne i gcás iarratas faoi athbhreithniú breithiúnach ar chinntí an Bhoird Phleanála tar éis cásanna a bheith curtha de láimh sa Chúirt Uachtarach lena mbaineann.

Is é beartas an Bhoird go n-íocfar aon chostas dlíthiúil a dhámhtar ina choinne tar éis cásanna a bheith curtha de láimh de réir thoradh na bpléití/na hidirbheartaíochta glanta nó costais chánachais a bheith cinnte go foirmiúil ag Oifig an Mháistir Fómhais.

I gcásanna ina bhfuil sé indéanta, féachann an Bord lena chostais dlíthiúla a aisghabháil i gcás caingne dlí ina ndámhann na Cúirteanna na costais sin (féach Nóta 16). Áirítear costais dlíthiúla aisghafa ar bhonn fáltais airgid agus glanluacháltear iad mar tháillí ar chaiteachas dlíthiúil sa bhliain reatha. Mar sin, ní thaifeadtar méideanna a bhíonn inaisghafa go dlíthiúil sa Ráiteas ar an Staid Airgeadais.

Measann an Bord na costais dlí ar chásanna atá cinnte ag na Cúirteanna laistigh den bhliain airgeadais. Foráltear le haghaidh na gcostas dlí measta seo i ráitis airgeadais an Bhoird.

Táillí dlí i gcás cásanna nár chinn na Cúirteanna go fóill agus a ndearnadh:

- A shonrascadh ó dhlíodóirí an Bhoird sa bhliain airgeadais, geartar iad ar tháillí caiteachais dlí sa bhliain.
- Tabhaithe ag an mBord ach gan a bheith sonrasctha ag dlíodóirí an Bhoird sa bhliain airgeadais, déantar iad a mheas agus déantar soláthar maidir leo i ráitis airgeadais an Bhoird.

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

m) Léasaí Oibriúcháin

Aithnítear caiteachas ar cíos faoi léasaí oibriúcháin sa Ráiteas Caiteachais agus Ioncaim agus sna Cúlchistí Ioncaim Coinnithe thar shaolré an léasa. Aithnítear caiteachas ar bhonn líne dhírí thar thréimhse an léasa.



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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 Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.

The Board also operates the Single Public Service Pension Scheme ("Single Scheme"), which is also a defined benefit superannuation scheme for all pensionable public servants appointed on or after 1st January 2013. The rules of the Single Scheme are set down in the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012. Single Scheme members' contributions are paid over to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

I) Legal Costs

It is the policy of An Bord Pleanála to discharge its own legal costs associated with applications for judicial review of Board decisions following the conclusion of such cases in the relevant Superior Courts.

It is also the policy of An Bord Pleanála to discharge any legal costs awarded against it following conclusion of cases in accordance with the outcome of either settlement discussions / negotiations or formal taxation of costs by the Office of the Taxing Master.

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 16). Legal costs recovered are accounted for on a cash receipt basis and netted to legal expenditure fees in the current year. Legal recoverable amounts, therefore, are not recorded in the Statement of Financial Position.

The Board makes an estimate of the legal fees on cases that have been decided by the Courts within the financial year. These estimated legal costs are provided for in the Board's financial statements.

Legal fees in respect of cases yet to be decided by the Courts which have been:

- Invoiced by the Board's solicitors during the financial year are charged to legal expenditure fees in the year.
- Incurred by the Board but not invoiced by the Board's solicitors within the financial year are estimated and provided for in the Board's financial statements.

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

m) Operating Leases

Rental expenditure under operating leases is recognised in the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Retained Revenue Reserves over the life of the lease. Expenditure is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease period.



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n) Infháltais

Tomhaistear féichiúnaithe gearrthéarmacha ag praghas an idirbhirt, lúide aon lagú. Níl aon iasacht infhaichte le tomhas.

o) Airgead tirim agus a choibhéis

Is ionann an t-airgead tirim agus airgead tirim agus taiscí le hinstiúidí airgeadais is infíoctha gan pionós ar fhógra 24 uair an chloig ar a mhéad. Tá méideanna is coibhiseach le hairgead tirim ionann agus taiscí le hinstiúidí airgeadais is infíoctha gan pionós ar fhógra 30 lá ar a mhéad.

p) Suimeanna infíoctha

Tomhaistear creidiúnaithe gearrthéarmacha ag praghas an idirbhirt, lúide aon lagú. Níl aon dliteanas airgeadais eile ann, lena n-áirítear iasachtaí bainc, le tomhas.

q) Beartas um airgeadra in úsáid

Cuirtear na ráitis airgeadais i láthair in euro, arb é airgead na príomhthimpeallachta eacnamúil ina n-oibríonn an Bord Pleanála.

r) Breithiúnais agus meastachán chriticiúla

Chun ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú, is gá don lucht bainistíocht breithiúnais, meastachán agus toimhdí a dhéanamh a dhéanann difear do na méideanna a thuairiscítear mar ioncam agus mar chostais i gcaitheamh na bliana. Ach ciallaíonn nádúr an mheastachán gur féidir nach ionann na meastachán sin agus na torthaí iarbhír. Seo a leanas na meastachán is mó a raibh tionchar acu ar mhéideanna a aithnítear sna ráitis airgeadais.

(a) Soláthar

Déanann an Bord Pleanála meastachán den soláthar dlí is gá ag dáta an chláir chomhardaithe. Ba é €2,495,000 méid an tsoláthair seo a measadh ag dáta an ráitis ar an staid airgeadais (Nóta 16 (c)).

(b) Oibleagáidí sochair shainithe

Déantar nuashonrú bliantúil ar na toimhdí taobh thiar de na luachálacha achtúireacha a mbíonn méideanna aitheanta sna ráitis airgeadais ina leith (rátaí lascaine, rátaí méadaithe i leibhéal chúitimh sa todhchaí, rátaí bás agus treochaí i gcostais sláinte ar fad ina measc) bunaithe ar staid reatha an gheilleagair, agus aon athruithe ábhartha ar théarmaí agus ar choinníollacha na bpleananna pinsean agus iarphinsin.

Is féidir go mbeidh tionchar acu seo a leanas ar na toimhdí:

- i) an ráta lascaine, athruithe i ráta brabús ar bhannaí corporáideacha d'ardchaighdeán
- ii) leibhéal chúitimh sa todhchaí, coinníollacha i margadh an tsaothair sa todhchaí

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n) Receivables

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. There are no loans receivable to measure.

o) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 30 days.

p) Payables

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price. There are no other financial liabilities, including bank loans, to measure.

q) Currency in use policy

The financial statements are presented in euro, which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which An Bord Pleanála operates.

r) Critical judgements and estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. The following estimates have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

(a) Provisions

An Bord Pleanála makes an estimate of the legal provision required at the financial reporting date. The amount in respect of this provision has been estimated at €2,495,000 at the statement of financial position date (Note 16 (c)).

(b) Retirement Benefits Obligation

The assumptions underlying the actuarial valuations for which the amounts recognised in the financial statements are determined (including discount rates, rates of increase in future compensation levels, mortality rates and healthcare cost trend rates) are updated annually based on current economic conditions, and for any relevant changes to the terms and conditions of the pension and post-retirement plans.

Assumptions can be affected by:

- i) The discount rate, changes in the rate of return on high-quality corporate bonds
- ii) Future compensation levels, future labour market conditions

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Nóta 2: Deontais Oireachtas

Is éard atá sna Deontais Oireachtas a vótáiltear don Bhord Pleanála ó Vóta 25 - An Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, mar a thaispeántar iad sna ráitis airgeadais:

	Fo-mhírcéann	2016 €	2015 €
Deontas maidir le caiteachas reatha	F.3	13,833,000	14,498,000
Deontas maidir le caiteachas capítíl - Tionscadal Plean-IT*	F.3	572,385	388,290
Iomlán		<u>14,405,385</u>	<u>14,886,290</u>

* Fuíollach an Deontais larchurtha €189,325 laistigh d'fhiúir na gCreidiúnaithe atá dlite laistigh de bhliain (Nóta 14)

Nóta 3: Ioncam ó Tháillí

	2016 €	2015 €
Táillí a fuarthas maidir le hachomhairc, cásanna tarchuir	1,355,152	1,303,149
Aisíocafocht maidir le hachomhairc	(101,923)	(119,799)
Iomlán	<u>1,253,229</u>	<u>1,183,350</u>
Táillí a fuarthas maidir le cásanna toiliú ionaid*	15,553	23,249
Aisíoc costas le hiarratasóirí maidir le cásanna toiliú ionaid	50,275	127,148
Iomlán	<u>65,828</u>	<u>150,397</u>
Iomlán	<u>1,319,057</u>	<u>1,333,747</u>

* Táillí maidir le hiarratais ar thoiliú ionaid a fuarthas de réir alt 177M den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, leasaithe

Nóta 4: Táillí Bonneagair Straitéisigh & Aisghabháil Costas

	2016 €	2015 €
Táillí a fuarthas i ndáil le Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh	808,950	1,169,500
Aisíoc costas ó iarratasóirí maidir le Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh	1,143,814	363,489
Costas a aisíocadh le hiarratasóirí maidir le Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh	(243,941)	(273,355)
Dliteanas aisíocafochta i ndáil le Forbairt Bonneagar Straitéiseach	(44,000)	(22,000)
Iomlán	<u>1,664,823</u>	<u>1,237,634</u>



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Note 2: Oireachtas Grants

The Oireachtas Grants voted to An Bord Pleanála from Vote 25 - Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government as shown in the financial statements consist of:

	Sub-head	2016 €	2015 €
Grant for current expenditure	F.3	13,833,000	14,498,000
Grant for capital expenditure – Plean-IT Project*	F.3	572,385	388,290
Total		<u>14,405,385</u>	<u>14,886,290</u>

*Remainder Deferred Grant €189,325 within Creditors due within one year figure (Note 14)

Note 3: Fee Income

	2016 €	2015 €
Fees received in respect of appeals, referrals cases	1,355,152	1,303,149
Refunds in respect of appeals	(101,923)	(119,799)
	<u>1,253,229</u>	<u>1,183,350</u>
Fees received in respect of substitute consent cases*	15,553	23,249
Cost recoupment from applicants in respect of substitute consent cases	50,275	127,148
	<u>65,828</u>	<u>150,397</u>
Total	<u>1,319,057</u>	<u>1,333,747</u>

* Substitute consent application fees received in accordance with section 177M of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended

Note 4: Strategic Infrastructure Fees and Cost Recoupment

	2016 €	2015 €
Fees received in respect of Strategic Infrastructure Development	808,950	1,169,500
Cost Recoupment from applicants in respect of Strategic Infrastructure Development	1,143,814	363,489
Refunds paid to applicants in respect of Strategic Infrastructure Development	(243,941)	(273,355)
Refund Liability in respect of Strategic Infrastructure Development	(44,000)	(22,000)
	<u>1,664,823</u>	<u>1,237,634</u>



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Nóta 5: Ioncam Eile

	2016	2015
	€	€
Ioncam ilghnéisitheach	2,235	6,214
Ús ar Thaiscí	104	1,693
	<u>2,339</u>	<u>7,907</u>

Nóta 6: Tuarastail agus Liúntais

Ag 31 Nollaig 2016, cathaoirleach agus ochtar ghnáthchomhalta a bhí ar an mBord, duine amháin acu ina leaschathaoirleach (ochtar comhaltaí ag deireadh 2015). Comhaltaí lánaimseartha is ea comhaltaí an Bhoird.

Le cois chomhaltaí an Bhoird ag 31 Nollaig 2016, bhí 133.1 fostáí coibhéisearch lánaimseartha sa Bhord, arbh foireann bhainistíocha iad 13.7, foireann theicniúil 46 agus foireann riarrachán 73.4. Ba é 131.4 meánlíon na mball foirne coibhéisearch a bhí fostaithe sa Bhord (130.6 i 2015). Is é an tAire Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil le toiliú an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe a cheadaíonn na leibhéal foirne. Ba é 146 i 2016 (146 in 2015) líon na gcomhaltaí Boird agus na mball foirne faoin gCreat Rialaithe Fostaíochta in 2015.

(a) Tuarastal agus costais eile pá

	2016	2015
	€	€
Tuarastail foirne	8,308,833	8,136,795
Coigeartú fabhrach saoire bhliantúil	(22,733)	(6,063)
Costais sochair scoir	5,332,537	5,522,900
Ranníocaíocht an fhostóra le leas sóisialach	695,542	686,028
	<u>14,314,179</u>	<u>14,339,660</u>

Íocadh €453,827 (2015: €569,064) leis an Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil i ndáil leis an tobhach pinsin.

(b) Tuarastal an Chathaoirligh

Ba é an tuarastail iomlán a íocadh leis an gCathaoirleach:

	2016	2015
	€	€
Tuarastal	178,148	182,011
Sochair Chomhchineálach*	2,878	2,878
Liúntais	0	0
Iomlán	<u>181,026</u>	<u>184,889</u>

Ar bhonn coicísiúil a foctar Bord agus foireann an Bhoird Phleanála. I bhfélire 2016 tharla 26 dátaí pá a bheith ann.



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Note 5: Other Revenue

	2016 €	2015 €
Miscellaneous income	2,235	6,214
Deposit Interest	104	1,693
	<u>2,339</u>	<u>7,907</u>

Note 6: Salaries and Allowances

At 31 December 2016, the Board consisted of a chairperson and 8 ordinary members, one of whom is also a deputy Chairperson (eight members at the end of 2015). Membership of the Board is wholetime.

In addition to Board members at 31st December 2016, there were 133.1 whole time equivalent employees in the Board of which 13.7 were management, 46 were technical and 73.4 were administrative. The average number of wholetime equivalent employees during the year was 131.4 (130.6 in 2015). Staffing levels are approved by the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform. The Employment Control Framework number for Board and staff members at the end of 2016 was 146 (146 in 2015).

(a) Remuneration and Other Pay Costs

	2016 €	2015 €
Staff salaries	8,308,833	8,136,795
Annual leave accrual adjustment	(22,733)	(6,063)
Retirement benefit costs	5,332,537	5,522,900
Employer's contribution to social welfare	695,542	686,028
	<u>14,314,179</u>	<u>14,339,660</u>

An amount of €453,827 (2015: €569,064) was paid to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in respect of pension levy.

(b) Chairperson's Remuneration

The total remuneration paid to the Chairperson position comprised:

	2016 €	2015 €
Salary	178,148	182,011
Benefit-in-Kind*	2,878	2,878
Allowances	0	0
Total	<u>181,026</u>	<u>184,889</u>

The Board and staff of An Bord Pleanála are paid on a fortnightly basis. In 2016, the calendar year fell in such a way that there were 26 pay dates.



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Nóta 6: Tuarastail agus Liúntais (ar leanúint)

(b) Tuarastal an Chathaoirligh (ar leanúint)

Ní ghabhann teidlíochtaí pinsin an Chathaoirligh thar na teidlíochtaí caighdeánacha sa scéim eiseamláireach aoisliúntais sochair shainithe sa tseirbhís phoiblí.

*Baineann an chuid seo le comháltacht an Chathaoirligh i gCumann na bPríomhfheidhmeannach ar Ghníomhaireachtaí Stát agus i bhFóram na gCathaoirleach ar Chomhlachtaí Stát-Urraithe. Costas €1,200 iarbhir a bhí ar an gcomháltacht sin sa bhliain 2016. Ceanglaíonn rialacha na gCoimisinéirí loncaim go gcaithfí le táillí comháltachta den sórt sin mar shocar comhchineál agus go bpróiseálfai iad mar chuid den tuarastal. Ós rud é go n-íocatar táillí comháltachta an Chathaoirligh ina cáil mar cathaoirleach na heagraíochta, d'iompair an Bord Pleanála aon chán nó tobhach dlite ar an ioncam barúlach seo ionas nach ndéanfadh sé difear don ghlanphá.

(c) Miondealú ar shocair fostaithe

Ó	Go	Líon na bhfostaithe	
		2016	2015
€60,000 - €69,999		25	24
€70,000 - €79,999		17	19
€80,000 - €89,999		13	11
€90,000 - €99,999		3	2
€100,000 - €109,999		7	6
€110,000 - €119,999		1	1
€120,000 - €129,999		1	1
€130,000 - €139,999		0	0
€140,000 - €149,999		0	0
€150,000 - €159,999		0	0
€160,000 - €169,999		0	0
€170,000 - €179,999		1	1

(d) Íocaíochtaí le Comhaltaí Boird

Comhalta den Bhord	Costais Dearbhaithe
	€
Dr Mary Kelly (Cathaoirleach)	3,564
Conall Boland (Leaschathaoirleach)	746
Dr Gabriel Dennison	1,002
Paul Hyde	796
Philip Jones	200
Paddy Keogh	220
Michael Leahy	379
Nicholas Mulcahy	0
Fionna O'Regan	0
	6,907



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Note 6: Salaries and Allowances (continued)

(b) Chairperson's Remuneration (continued)

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

* This relates to the Chairperson's membership of the Association of Chief Executives of State Agencies and the Forum of Chairpersons of State Sponsored Bodies. The actual cost of such memberships was €1,200 in 2016. Revenue rules require that such membership fees be treated as benefit in kind and be accordingly processed as part of remuneration. As the Chairperson's memberships of these bodies are subscribed in her capacity as Chairperson of the organisation, An Bord Pleanála absorbed any taxes and levies due on this notional income so that net pay would not be affected.

(c) Employees benefits breakdown

Range of total employee benefits		Number of Employees	
From	To	2016	2015
€60,000	- €69,999	25	24
€70,000	- €79,999	17	19
€80,000	- €89,999	13	11
€90,000	- €99,999	3	2
€100,000	- €109,999	7	6
€110,000	- €119,999	1	1
€120,000	- €129,999	1	1
€130,000	- €139,999	0	0
€140,000	- €149,999	0	0
€150,000	- €159,999	0	0
€160,000	- €169,999	0	0
€170,000	- €179,999	1	1

(d) Board Members' Emoluments

Board Member	Vouched Expenses €
Dr Mary Kelly (Chairperson)	3,564
Conall Boland (Deputy Chairperson)	746
Dr Gabriel Dennison	1,002
Paul Hyde	796
Philip Jones	200
Paddy Keogh	220
Michael Leahy	379
Nicholas Mulcahy	0
Fionna O'Regan	0
	6,907



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Nóta 6: Tuarastail agus Liúntais (ar leanúint)

(e) Nochtadh ard-bhainistíochta

Tá an Cathaoirleach, leas-Chathaoirleach, Baill an Bhoird, Príomhoifigeach, Stiúrthóir Pleanála, Stiúrthóir Gnóthaí Corparáideacha mar chuid den fhoireann ard-bhainistíochta. Íocatar pá don fhoireann ard-bhainistíochta sa mhéid mar atá siad leagtha amach thíos mar gheall ar sheirbhísí fostaithe:

	2016 €	2015 €
Tuarastail agus sochair ghearrthéarma eile	1,354,584	1,378,042

Nóta 7: Costais sochair scoir

(a) Anailís ar chostais iomlán sochair scoir a gearradh ar an Ráiteas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais agus Cúlchistí Ioncaim Coinnithe

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Costas reatha seirbhise	2,952	3,436
Ús ar dhliteanais scéime sochair scoir	2,794	2,514
Ranníocaíochtaí na bhfostaithe	(416)	(381)
	<u>5,330</u>	<u>5,569</u>

(b) Gluaiseacht i nglanoibleagáidí sochair scoir i gcaitheamh na bliana airgeadais

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Glanoibleagáid sochair scoir ag 1 Eanáir	(110,639)	(119,709)
Costas reatha seirbhise	(2,952)	(3,436)
Costais úis	(2,794)	(2,514)
Gnóthachan / (caillteanas) achtúireach	(12,634)	12,674
Pinsin a focadh sa bhliain	2,121	2,346
Glanoibleagáid sochair scoir ag 31 Nollaig	<u>(126,898)</u>	<u>(110,639)</u>



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Note 6: Salaries and Allowances (continued)

(e) Disclosure of key management

Key management includes the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Board Members, Chief Officer, Director of Planning and Director of Corporate Affairs. The compensation paid or payable to key management for employee services is shown below:

	2016 €	2015 €
Salaries and other short-term benefits	1,354,584	1,378,042

Note 7: Retirement Benefit Costs

(a) Analysis of total retirement benefit costs charged to the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Retained Revenue Reserves

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Current service costs	2,952	3,436
Interest on retirement benefit scheme liabilities	2,794	2,514
Employee Contributions	(416)	(381)
	<u>5,330</u>	<u>5,569</u>

(b) Movement in net retirement benefit obligations during the financial year

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Net retirement benefit obligation at 1 st January	(110,639)	(119,709)
Current service costs	(2,952)	(3,436)
Interest costs	(2,794)	(2,514)
Actuarial gain / (loss)	(12,634)	12,674
Pensions paid in the year	2,121	2,346
Net retirement benefit obligation at 31st December	<u>(126,898)</u>	<u>(110,639)</u>



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Nóta 7: Costais sochair scoir (ar leanúint)

(c) Cistíu iarchurtha le haghaidh sochair scoir

Aithníonn an Bord na méideanna seo mar shócmhainn a chomhfhereagraíonn leis an dliteanas neamhchistithe iarchurtha le haghaidh sochair scoir ar bhonn na sraithe toimhdí a thuairiscítear thusa agus ar roinnt imeachtaí san am atá caite. Áirítear ar na himeachtaí seo an tacafocth reachtúil do bhunú na scéime sochair scoir, agus an beartas agus an cleachtas i dtaca le maoiniú na bpínsean seirbhíse poiblí, lena n-áirítear ranníocaíochtaí na bhfostaithe agus an próiseas meastacháin bliantúil. Níl aon fhianaise ag an mBord Pleanála 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 sochair scoir a aithnítear sna Cuntais Ioncaim agus Caiteachais agus Cúlchistí Ioncaim Coimeádta:

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Cistíu inghnóthaithe i dtaca le costais pinsin na bliana reatha	5,746	5,950
Deontas stáit a úsáideadh chun pinsinéirí a foc	(2,121)	(2,346)
	<u>3,625</u>	<u>3,604</u>

B'ionann agus €126.9 milliún (2015: €110.6 milliún) an tsócmhainn maoinithe iarchurtha do phinsin ag 31 Nollaig.

(d) Stair na n-oibleagáidí i leith sochair shainithe

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000	2014 €'000	2013 €'000
Oibleagáidí sochair shainithe	126,898	110,639	119,709	86,921
Caillteanais / (gnóthachain) ó thaithí ar dhliteanais na scéime sochair shainithe	(4,134)	(1,776)	(2,597)	(3,647)
Ranníocaíochtaí na bhfostaithe	3.25%	1.6%	2.2%	4.2%

(e) Tuairisc ghinearálta ar an scéim

Socrú sochair shainithe tuarastal deiridh is ea an scéim sochair scór agus sainítear na sochair agus na ranníocaíochtaí trí chomparáid a dhéanamh le rialúcháin "eiseamláracha" i scéimeanna reatha san earnáil phoiblí. Soláthraítear faoin scéim pinsin (arb ionann é agus 1/80 in aghaidh gach bliain seirbhíse), aisce nó cnapshuim (méid is ionann agus trí ochtódú in aghaidh gach bliain seirbhíse) agus pinsin céilí agus leanaí. Is é an 65ú breithlá an ghnáthaois scór, 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-foc (agus pinsin iarchurtha) méadú ar aon dul le boilsciú ginearálta ar thuarastail san earnáil phoiblí.

Bunaíodh an luacháil a úsáideadh le haghaidh noctuithe FRS102 ar luacháil iomlán achtúireach a rinne achtúire cártaíle neamhspleáach an 8 Feabhra 2017 ag cur riachtanais an FRS san áireamh chun dliteanais na scéime amhail ag an 31 Nollaig 2016 a mheas.



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Note 7: Retirement Benefit Costs (continued)

(c) Deferred funding for retirement benefits

The Board recognises these amounts as an asset corresponding to the unfunded deferred liability for retirement benefits 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 retirement benefit scheme, and the policy and practice currently in place in relation to funding public service pensions including contributions by employees and the annual estimates process. The Board has no evidence that this funding policy will not continue to meet such sums in accordance with current practice.

The net deferred funding for retirement benefits recognised in the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Retained Revenue Reserves was as follows:

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Funding recoverable in respect of current year retirement benefit costs	5,746	5,950
State grant applied to pay retirement benefits	(2,121)	(2,346)
	<u>3,625</u>	<u>3,604</u>

The deferred funding asset for retirement benefits at 31st December 2016 amounts to €126.9m (2015: €110.6m).

(d) History of defined benefit obligations

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000	2014 €'000	2013 €'000
Defined benefit obligations	126,898	110,639	119,709	86,921
Experience losses / (gains) on defined benefit scheme liabilities	(4,134)	(1,776)	(2,597)	(3,647)
Employee Contributions	3.25%	1.6%	2.2%	4.2%

(e) General description of the scheme

The retirement benefit 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 spouses and children's pensions. Normal retirement age is a member's 65th birthday, and pre-2004 members have an entitlement to retire without actuarial reduction from age 60. Pensions in payment (and deferment) normally increase in line with general public sector salary inflation.

The valuation used for FRS102 disclosures has been based on a full actuarial valuation performed on 8th February 2017 by a qualified independent actuary, taking account of the requirements of the FRS in order to assess the scheme liabilities at 31st December 2016.



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Nóta 7: Costais sochair scoir (ar leanúint)

(e) Tuairisc ghinearálta ar an scéim (ar leanúint)

Seo a leanas na príomhthoimhdí achtúireacha:

	2016	2015
An ráta méadaithe ar thuarastail	3.00%	3.00%
An ráta méadaithe ar phinsin atá á n-íoc	3.00%	3.00%
Ráta lascainithe	1.86%	2.55%
Ráta boilscithe	1.80%	1.40%

Mortlaíocht

62% de PNML00 i gcás na bhfear, le feabhsúcháin (féach thíos)

70% de PNML00 i gcás na bhfear, le feabhsúcháin (féach thíos)

Méadaítear fachtóirí bliantachta de 0.36% p.a. (Fir nach bhfuil i Scéim na gCéilí agus na Leanaí) go 0.30% p.a (Mná nach bhfuil i scéim na gCéilí agus na Leanaí agus Baill Scéim na gCéilí agus na Leanaí i gcás gach bliana idir 2016 agus an bhliain scoir.

Déantar foráil go sainráite sa bhonn mortlaíochta le haghaidh feabhsúchán ar ionchas saoil in imeacht ama, ionas go mbraitheadh an t-ionchas saoil tráth an scoir ar an mbliaín ina slánaíonn an comhalta aois scoir. Taispeántar sa tábla thíos ionchais saoil na gcomhaltaí a shlánóidh 65 bliain sna blianta 2016 agus 2036.

An bhliain ina slánaítear 65	2016	2036
Ionchas saoil – fir	21.1	23.6
Ionchas saoil – mná	23.6	25.7

Note 8: Costais Bhunaithe

	Nóta	2016 €	2015 €
Cíos agus muirir sheirbhíse*	18	1,674,373	1,669,289
Deisiúchán agus cothabháil		54,937	10,257
Árachas		28,408	25,061
Solas agus teas		91,028	92,719
Dímheas		193,801	130,466
Iomlán		<u>2,042,547</u>	<u>1,927,792</u>

* Áirítear ar fhigiúr €1,674,373, €2,211 de chostais siamsaíochta



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Note 7: Retirement Benefit Costs (continued)

(e) General description of the scheme (continued)

The principal actuarial assumptions were as follows:

	2016	2015
Rate of increase in salaries	3.00%	3.00%
Rate of increase in retirement benefits in payment	3.00%	3.00%
Discount rate	1.86%	2.55%
Inflation rate	1.80%	1.40%

Mortality

62% of PNML00 for males with improvements (see below).
70% of PNFL00 for females with improvements (see below).

Annuity factors increase by 0.36% p.a. (Males not in Spouses and Children's Scheme) to 0.30% p.a. (Females not in Spouses and Children's Scheme and Members of Spouses and Children's Scheme) for each year between 2016 and the year of retirement.

The mortality basis explicitly allows for improvements in life expectancy over time, so that life expectancy at retirement will depend on the year in which a member attains retirement age. The table below shows the life expectancy for members attaining age 65 in 2016 and 2036.

Year of attaining age 65	2016	2036
Life expectancy – male	21.1	23.6
Life expectancy – female	23.6	25.7

Note 8: Establishment Expenses

	Note	2016 €	2015 €
Rent and service charges*	18	1,674,373	1,669,289
Repairs and maintenance		54,937	10,257
Insurance		28,408	25,061
Light and Heat		91,028	92,719
Depreciation		193,801	130,466
Total		<u>2,042,547</u>	<u>1,927,792</u>

* €1,674,373 figure includes €2,211 entertainment expenses



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Nóta 9: Costais Oibriúcháin

	Nóta	2016 €	2015 €
Taisteal agus cothabháil*		167,533	157,391
Táillí dlí	16	3,776,395	2,298,439
Trealamh oifige agus páipéarachas		205,154	181,054
Teicneolaíocht faisnéise agus cumarsáide	17	367,179	307,464
Tionscadal Phlean IT TFC	17	367,457	387,628
Priontáil agus leabhair		14,922	15,934
Fógraí reachtúla		100,481	117,082
Earcú, oiliúint agus forbairt foirne agus comhdhálacha		125,177	136,709
Teileafón agus postas		103,798	99,062
Táillí agus seirbhísí comhairleach	17	377,213	255,410
Táillí iniúchóireachta		14,500	14,500
Soláthar le haghaidh Fiachas Amhrasach		27,010	0
Ilghnéitheach		6,303	5,951
Iomlán		5,653,122	3,976,624

*Bíonn €5,907 i gcostais taistil thar lear clúdaithe san figiúr €167,533

Nóta 10: Laghdú ar Luach na Sócmhainní Seasta

	Nóta	2016 €	2015 €
Dímheas maoine, innealra agus trealmh	12	193,801	130,466
		193,801	130,466



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Note 9: Operating Expenses

	Note	2016 €	2015 €
Travel and subsistence*		167,533	157,391
Legal fees	16	3,776,395	2,298,439
Office equipment and stationery		205,154	181,054
Information and communications technology	17	367,179	307,464
ICT Plean-IT Project	17	367,457	387,628
Printing and books		14,922	15,934
Statutory notices		100,481	117,082
Recruitment, staff training and development and conferences		125,177	136,709
Telephone and postage		103,798	99,062
Consultants' fees and services	17	377,213	255,410
Audit fees		14,500	14,500
Provision for Doubtful Debt		27,010	0
Sundries		6,303	5,951
Total		<u>5,653,122</u>	<u>3,976,624</u>

*€167,533 figure includes €5,907 foreign travel expenses

Note 10: Reduction in Value of Fixed Assets

	Note	2016 €	2015 €
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	12	193,801	130,466
		<u>193,801</u>	<u>130,466</u>



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Nóta 11: Cuntas Caipitil

	2016 €	2015 €
Iarmhéid tosaigh	349,882	152,306
Ioncam a leithdháileadh chun críocha caipitil (comhlán na ndiúscairtí sócmhainní)	357,862	328,042
Méid a scaoileadh tar éis sócmhainní seasta a bheith curtha de láimh	(680)	0
Amúchadh ar aon dul le dímheas sócmhainní	(193,801)	(130,466)
Iarmhéid deiridh	513,263	349,882

Nóta 12: Maoin, innealra & trealamh

	Áitreabh ar léas	Troscán & Feisteads	TFC & Trealamh Oifige	Tionscadal Plean-IT ¹	Iomlán
	€	€	€	€	€
Costas					
Ag 1 Eanáir	6,683,425	407,926	1,692,262	29,557	8,813,170
Breiseanna	0	63,070	89,864	204,928	357,862
Diúscairtí	<u>(200)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(49,069)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(49,269)</u>
Ag 31 Nollaig	<u>6,683,225</u>	<u>470,996</u>	<u>1,733,057</u>	<u>234,485</u>	<u>9,121,763</u>
Dímheas					
Ag 1 Eanáir	6,622,888	209,082	1,619,628	11,690	8,463,288
Muirear don bhliain	23,372	64,116	59,418	46,895	193,801
Diúscairtí	<u>(200)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(48,389)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(48,589)</u>
Ag 31 Nollaig	<u>6,646,060</u>	<u>273,198</u>	<u>1,630,657</u>	<u>58,585</u>	<u>8,608,500</u>
Glanluach na Leabhar					
Ag 1 Eanáir	60,537	198,844	72,634	17,867	349,882
Glangluaiseacht sa bhliain	<u>(23,372)</u>	<u>(1,046)</u>	<u>29,766</u>	<u>158,033</u>	<u>163,381</u>
Ag 31 Nollaig	<u>37,165</u>	<u>197,798</u>	<u>102,400</u>	<u>175,900</u>	<u>513,263</u>

¹ Tionscadal Plean-IT Project- sócmhainní faoi fhorbairt

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Note 11: Capital Account

	2016 €	2015 €
Opening balance	349,882	152,306
Income allocated for capital purposes (gross of asset disposals)	357,862	328,042
Amount released on disposal of fixed assets	(680)	0
Amortisation in line with asset depreciation	(193,801)	(130,466)
Closing balance	<u>513,263</u>	<u>349,882</u>

Note 12: Property, Plant & Equipment

	Leasehold Premises	Furniture & Fittings	IT & Office Equipment	Plean-IT Project ¹	Total
	€	€	€	€	€
Cost					
At 1 st January	6,683,425	407,926	1,692,262	29,557	8,813,170
Additions	0	63,070	89,864	204,928	357,862
Disposals	<u>(200)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(49,069)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(49,269)</u>
At 31st December	<u>6,683,225</u>	<u>470,996</u>	<u>1,733,057</u>	<u>234,485</u>	<u>9,121,763</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 st January	6,622,888	209,082	1,619,628	11,690	8,463,288
Charge for the year	23,372	64,116	59,418	46,895	193,801
Disposals	<u>(200)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(48,389)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(48,589)</u>
At 31st December	<u>6,646,060</u>	<u>273,198</u>	<u>1,630,657</u>	<u>58,585</u>	<u>8,608,500</u>
Net Book Value					
At 1 st January	60,537	198,844	72,634	17,867	349,882
Net movement for the year	<u>(23,372)</u>	<u>(1,046)</u>	<u>29,766</u>	<u>158,033</u>	<u>163,381</u>
At 31st December	<u>37,165</u>	<u>197,798</u>	<u>102,400</u>	<u>175,900</u>	<u>513,263</u>

¹ Plean-IT Project - assets in course of development

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Nóta 13: Infháltais

	2016 €	2015 €
Féichiúnaithe	181,739	77,772
Réamhíocaíochtaí	993,796	610,768
	<u>1,175,535</u>	<u>688,540</u>

Nóta 14: Iníoctha

Suimeanna chun bheith dlite laistigh de bhliain amháin

Nóta	2016 €	2015 €
Creidiúnaithe Trádála	526,581	525,252
Soláthar Dlí	2,495,000	1,054,000
Ioncam iarchurtha ó dheontas	2	189,325
Foráil ar Fhéich Amhrasaigh	27,010	0
Fabhruithe	462,918	627,626
	<u>3,700,834</u>	<u>2,468,588</u>

Nóta 15: 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 16: Costais Dlí

Mar a léirítear ag uimhir 9 sa Ráiteas ar na Beartais Chuntasaíochta, íocann an Bord costais dlí áirithe ar dtús agus féachtar le hiad a aisghabháil dá éis. Seo mar a bhí staid na gcostas inghnóthaithe sin sa bhliain 2016:

(a) Costais Dlí Inghnóthaithe

	2016 €	2015 €
Amuigh ag 1 Eanáir	1,594,919	1,216,084
Aisghafa i gcaitheamh na bliana ¹	(126,150)	(158,793)
Costais inghnóthaithe a tháinig chun cinn sa bhliain	729,522	446,756
Costais a díscríobhadh i gcaitheamh na bliana	(205,255)	(50,418)
Costais a athainmníodh i gcaitheamh na bliana ²	(172,055)	141,290
	<u>1,820,981</u>	<u>1,594,919</u>

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

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 athainmnithe anois de bhun cinntí cúirte

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Note 13: Receivables

	2016 €	2015 €
Debtors	181,739	77,772
Prepayments	993,796	610,768
	<u>1,175,535</u>	<u>688,540</u>

Note 14: Payables

Amounts falling due within one year

	2016 €	2015 €
Note		
Trade Creditors	526,581	525,252
Legal Provisions	2,495,000	1,054,000
Deferred Grant Income	2	189,325
Provision for Doubtful Debt	27,010	0
Accruals	462,918	627,626
	<u>3,700,834</u>	<u>2,468,588</u>

Note 15: 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 16: Legal Costs

As indicated at note 1(l) in the Statement of Accounting Policies, certain legal costs are initially borne by the Board and recovery is pursued. The situation in 2016 regarding these recoverable costs was as follows:

(a) Recoverable Legal Costs

	2016 €	2015 €
Outstanding at 1 st January	1,594,919	1,216,084
Recovered during year ¹	(126,150)	(158,793)
Recoverable costs arising during year	729,522	446,756
Costs written off during year	(205,255)	(50,418)
Costs re-designated during year ²	(172,055)	141,290
	<u>1,820,981</u>	<u>1,594,919</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

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Nóta 16: Costais Dlí (ar leanúint)

(b) Táillí dlí:

	2016 €	2015 €
Costais inghnóthaithe a tháinig chun cinn sa bhliain	729,522	446,756
Aisghafa i gcaitheamh na bliana	(126,150)	(158,793)
Glanchostais in-aisghafa	<u>603,372</u>	<u>287,963</u>
Costais neamh-in-aisghafa	2,166,356	1,797,930
Glanchostais neamh-in-aisghafa	1,006,667	212,546
	<u>3,776,395</u>	<u>2,298,439</u>

(c) Imréiteach na gluaiseachta i soláthar dlí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2016:

	2016 €
Soláthar dlí ag 1 Eanáir	1,054,000
Íocaíochtaí dlí a rinneadh i 2016	(491,677)
Athrú ar sholáthar amhail ag 31 Nollaig 2015.	37,677
Soláthar do chásanna a cinneadh i 2016.	1,145,000
Soláthar maidir le cásanna nár cinneadh go dtí seo.	750,000
Soláthar dlí amhail ag 31 Nollaig (Nóta 14)	<u>2,495,000</u>

Nóta 17: Táillí agus seirbhísí comhairleach

Fostaíonn an Bord Pleanála cigirí comhairleacha páirtaimseartha a n-íocatar táille in aghaidh an chás leo de réir rátaí atá faofa ag an Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil le toiliú an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe. Chomh maith leis sin, fostaíonn an Bord Pleanála comhairleoirí eile, de réir alt 124 den Acht, de réir mar is gá chun a fheidhmeanna a chomhlíonadh. I 2016, tuarascálaча ó chigírí comhairleacha ab ea 1.6% (2015: 1.2%) de na tuarascálaча ar fad ó chigírí agus b' ionann a dtáillí siúd, mar aon leis na costais ghaolmhara a ghabh le héisteachtaí ó bhéal a thaifeadfad, agus 76% nach mór (2015: 77%) de na táillí comhairleachta agus de na costais seirbhíse ar fad.

Íocadh €3,000 (2015: €1,800) de tháille le ball seachtrach amháin den Choiste Iníúchóireachta agus Riosca agus €983 (2015: €493) i bhfoirm chostais le beirt bhall sheachtracha den Choiste Iníúchóireachta agus Riosca. Áirítear na méideanna sin faoin gceannteideal "Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleacha".i Nóta 9.

Miondealú de Tháillí na gComhairleach agus Íocaíochtaí Seirbhísí (Nóta 9)	2016 €
Comhairleacht TFC ¹	60,582
Tionscadal Phlean IT TFC ²	367,457
Comhairleacht Pleanála ³	287,713
Comhairleacht Eagraíochtúil ³	89,500

¹ Tugtar an figiúr thusas laistigh d'iomlán Theicneolaíochta na Faisnéise agus na Cumarsáide: €367,179

² Tugtar na figiúirí thusas laistigh d'iomlán Phlean IT TFC: €367,457

³ Tugtar na figiúirí thusas laistigh d'iomlán Tháillí agus seirbhísí na gComhairleach: €377,213

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Note 16: Legal Costs (continued)

(b) Legal Fees:

	2016 €	2015 €
Recoverable costs arising during year	729,522	446,756
Recovered during year	(126,150)	(158,793)
Net recoverable costs	<u>603,372</u>	<u>287,963</u>
Non-recoverable costs	2,166,356	1,797,930
Non-recoverable applicant costs	1,006,667	212,546
	<u>3,776,395</u>	<u>2,298,439</u>

(c) Reconciliation of movement in Legal Provisions for the year ended 31st December 2016:

	2016 €
Legal provision as at 1 st January	1,054,000
Legal payments made in 2016	(491,677)
Change in provision as at 31 st December 2015	37,677
Provision for decided cases in 2016	1,145,000
Provisions relating to un-decided cases to date	750,000
Legal provision as at 31st December (Note 14)	<u>2,495,000</u>

Note 17: 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 Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform. 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 2016, 1.6% (2015: 1.2%) of all inspectors' reports came from consultant inspectors and their fees, along with associated costs relating to recording of oral hearings, accounted for 76% (2015: 77%) of all consultancy fees and services costs.

A fee amount of €3,000 (€1,800: 2015) was paid to one external member of the audit and risk committee and expenses amount of total €983 (€493: 2015) to two external members of the audit and risk committee. These amounts are included in the heading "Consultants' fees and services" in Note 9.

Breakdown of Consultants Fees and Services Payments (Note 9)	2016 €
ICT Consultancy ¹	60,582
ICT Consultancy Plean-IT Project ²	367,457
Planning Consultancy ³	287,713
Organisational Consultancy ³	89,500

¹ The above figure is within information and communications technology total: €367,179

² The above figures are within ICT Plean-IT Project total: €367,457

³ The above figures are within consultants' fees and services total: €377,213



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Nóta 18: Gealltanais i ndáil le léasaí

Tá an Bord Pleanála suite in áitreabhbhí ag 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhride, Baile Átha Cliath 1, agus foctar cíos ina leith ar léas 25 bliain ó Dheireadh Fómhair 2001.

An 31 Nollaig 2016 bhí na híos-íocaíochtaí léasa todhchaí seo ag an mBord Pleanála faoi léasaí oibriúcháin neamh-inchealaithe i gcás gach ceann de na tréimhsí seo a leanas:

	€'000
Iníoctha laistigh de bhliain	1,271
Iníoctha laistigh idir dhá bhliain agus cúig bliana	5,084
Iníoctha tar éis cúig bliana	6,350
	<u>12,705</u>

B'ionann agus €1,268,914 (2015: €1,250,000) íocaíochtaí léasa oibriúcháin a aithnítear mar chostas.

Leithdháileadh na costais maidir leis an bhfeistiú agus nithe áirithe eile, seachas gnáthcostais bunaithe agus oibriúcháin, chun críocha caipítill agus áiríodh iad faoi Áitreabh ar Léas sna Sócmhainní Seasta. Caitear sa tstí cheáanna le feabhsúcháin leanúnacha ar an áitreabhbhí.

Nóta 19: Leasa Chomhaltaí an Bhoird agus na Foirne

Faoi gCód Cleachtais maidir le Rialachas Comhlacthaí Stáit ceanglaítear cód iompair scríofa do Chomhaltaí an Bhoird. Tá Cód a chomhlíonann na treoirínte i bhfeidhm agus ar fáil ar shuíoh gréasáin an Bhoird (féach 5.1 den Chód Cleachtais leasaíthe maidir le Rialachas Comhlacthaí Stáit).

Anuas air sin, tá na comhaltaí agus baill áirithe den fhoireann faoi réir riachtanais na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifig Phoiblí, 1995 agus 2001, agus déantar ráitis bhliantúla i dtaobh sainleasanna incláraithe faoi na hAchtanna. I 2016 rinne gach comhalta ráiteas de réir na nAchtanna.

Ceanglaíonn forálacha an Acharta um Pleánáil agus Forbartha 2000 ar comhaltaí an Bhoird agus ar bhaill áirithe foirne dearbhú / nochtadh sainleasanna a dhéanamh.

De réir alt 147 d'Acht 2000 bíonn sé de dhualgas ar bhaill agus ar dhaoine áirithe foirne dearbhú reachtúil a dhéanamh maidir le sainleasanna áirithe. Coimeádann an Rúnaí clár sainleasanna de réir Alt 147 den Acht agus bíonn sé ar fáil don phobal le linn uaireanta oifige.

Baineann Alt 148 d'Acht na bliana 2000 le noctuithe maidir le leas airgid nó leas tairbhiúil in aon achomharc nó in aon ghnó eile a bhíonn le cinneadh ag an mBord Pleanála, nó a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ábhartha maidir leis. In 2016 ní dhearna comhaltaí nochtadh ar bith (0), ní dhearna an fhoireann nochtadh ar bith (0) ná ní dhearna sainchomhairleoirí nochtadh ar bith (0).

Faoi alt 150 den Acht um Pleánáil agus Forbairt 2000 tá cód cleachtais glactha ag an mBord Pleanála maidir le déileáil le coimhlíntí leasa agus muinín an phobail a chothú in iomláine na slí a sheoltar gnó an Bhoird. Baineann an cód le comhaltaí, le baill áirithe foirne agus le daoine eile a mbaineann an Bord leas as a gcuid seirbhísí. Sa bhliain 2016 rinne beirt (2) comhaltaí nochtadh, rinne seisear (6) ball foirne nochtadh agus ní dhearna aon chomhairleach (0) nochtadh.



Notes to the Financial Statements

for year ended 31st December 2016

Note 18: Lease Commitments

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.

At 31st December 2016 An Bord Pleanála had the following future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	€'000
Payable within one year	1,271
Payable within two to five years	5,084
Payable after five years	6,350
	<u>12,705</u>

Operating lease payments recognised as an expense were €1,268,914 (2015: €1,250,000).

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.

Note 19: Board Members and Staff Interests

The Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies requires a written code of conduct for Board members and employees. A code in compliance with the guidelines is in operation and is available on the Board's website (see 5.1 of the revised Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies).

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. In 2016, 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 2016, members made zero (0) disclosures, staff made zero (0) disclosures 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 2016, two (2) members made disclosures, six (6) staff made disclosures and zero (0) consultants made disclosures under the Code.



Nótaí leis an Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2016

Nóta 20: Imeachtaí Iar-Chlár Comhardaithe

Ní raibh aon imeacht iar-chlár comhardaithe ann

Nóta 21: Ceadú na Ráiteas Airgeadais

Cheadaigh Bord an Bhoird Phleanála na ráitis airgeadais an 24 Bealtaine 2017.



Notes to the Financial Statements for year ended 31st December 2016

Note 20: Post Balance Sheet Events

There are no post balance sheet events to report.

Note 21: Approval of the Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of An Bord Pleanála on 24th May 2017.



Tuarascáil An Ard-Reachtaire Cúntas agus Ciste

Tuarascáil le cur faoi bhráid Thithe an Oireachtas

An Bord Pleanála

Tá ráitis airgeadais an Bhoird Phleanála don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2016 iniúchta agam faoin Acht um Pleanál agus Forbairt 2000. Mar chuid de na ráitis airgeadais faightear an ráiteas ioncaim agus caiteachais, cúlchistí coimeádta, ráiteas ioncaim chuimsíthigh, ráiteas ar staid an airgeadais, an ráiteas ar shreabhadh airgid agus na nótaí gaolmhara. Ullmhaódh na ráitis airgeadais san fhoirm atá forordaithe faoi alt 117 den Acht um Pleanál agus Forbairt, 2000, agus de réir an chleachtais chuntasaíochta a nglactar leis go coitianta.

Freagrachtaí Bhaill an Bhoird

Tá sé de fhreagracht ar an mBord Pleanála na ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú agus a chinntíú go dtugann siad léiriú fírinneach agus cothrom agus go gcinntítear rialtacht na n-idirbheart.

Freagrachtaí an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste

Is é mo 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.

Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General

Report for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

An Bord Pleanála

I have audited the financial statements of An Bord Pleanála for the year ended 31 December 2016 under the Planning and Development Act 2000. The financial statements comprise the statement of income and expenditure and retained revenue reserves, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of financial position, the statement of cash flows and the related notes. The financial statements have been prepared in the form prescribed under Section 117 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Responsibilities of the Members 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 and for ensuring the regularity of transactions.

Responsibilities of the Comptroller and Auditor General

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

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



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

Raon 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 nochtadh 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 tstí a chuirtear na ráitis airgeadais i láthair, tríd is tríd.

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

Lena chois sin, léim an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil chun aon neamhréire ábhartha leis na ráitis airgeadais iniúchta a shainainthint agus chun eolas a aithint más é mo thuairim go bhfuil an t-eolas seo míchruinn nó go bhfuil an t-eolas seo ag teacht salach ar mo thaithí féin le linn an iniúchta. Má thagann aon mhíshonrú nó neamhréire ábhartha

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

Scope of audit of the financial statements

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

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

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

In addition, I read An Bord Pleanála's annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by me in the course of performing the audit. If I become aware of any apparent material



dealraitheach chun solais, breithním na himpleachtaí do mo thuarascáil.

Tuairim ar na ráitis airgeadais

Is í mo thuairim go dtugann na ráitis airgeadais:

- léiriú fírinneach agus cothrom ar shócmhainní ar dhileanais agus ar staid airgeadais an Bhoird Phleanála ag 31 Nollaig 2016 agus ar a ioncam agus ar a chaiteachas don bhliain 2016; agus
- a ullmhaíodh go cuí de réir an chleachtais chuntasáiochta a nglactar leis go coitianta.

Is í mo thuairim gur choinnigh an Bord Pleanála leabhair chuí chuntais i dtreo is gur féidir iniúchadh a dhéanamh i gceart agus go héasca ar na ráitis airgeadais. Tá na ráitis airgeadais ar aon dul leis na leabhair chuntais.

Nithe ar a thuairiscí de réir eisceachta

Tuairiscí de réir eisceachta más amhlaidh nach bhfuair mé gach faisinéis 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 chun na gcríocha a bhí ceaptha dó nó inar theip ar idirbheart géilleadh do na húdaráis arna rialú, nó
- nach bhfuil an fhaisnéis a tugadh i dtuarascáil bhliantúil an Bhoird Phleanála i gcomhréir le ráitis airgeadais ghaolmhara, nó de réir eolais a tháinig chun solais le linn an iniúchta, nó

misstatements or inconsistencies, I consider the implications for my report.

Opinion on the financial statements

In my opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of An Bord Pleanála as at 31 December 2016 and of its income and expenditure for 2016; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

In my opinion, the accounting records of An Bord Pleanála were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited. The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

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 if I find

- any material instance where money has not been applied for the purposes intended or where the transactions did not conform to the authorities governing them, or
- the information given in An Bord Pleanála's annual report is not consistent with the related financial statements or with the knowledge acquired by me in the course of performing the audit, or

- nach léiríonn an Ráiteas ar Rialú Inmheánach Airgeadais géilliúlacht an Bhóird Phleanála do Chód Cleachtais maidir le Rialú Comhlachtaí Stáit, nó
- má fhaighim go bhfuil nithe ábhartha eile ag baint leis an tstí ar seoladh gnó poiblí.
- 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
- there are other material matters relating to the manner in which public business has been conducted.

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



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

15 Meitheamh 2017

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



Patricia Sheehan
For and on behalf of the
Comptroller and Auditor General

15th June 2017





Aguisíní

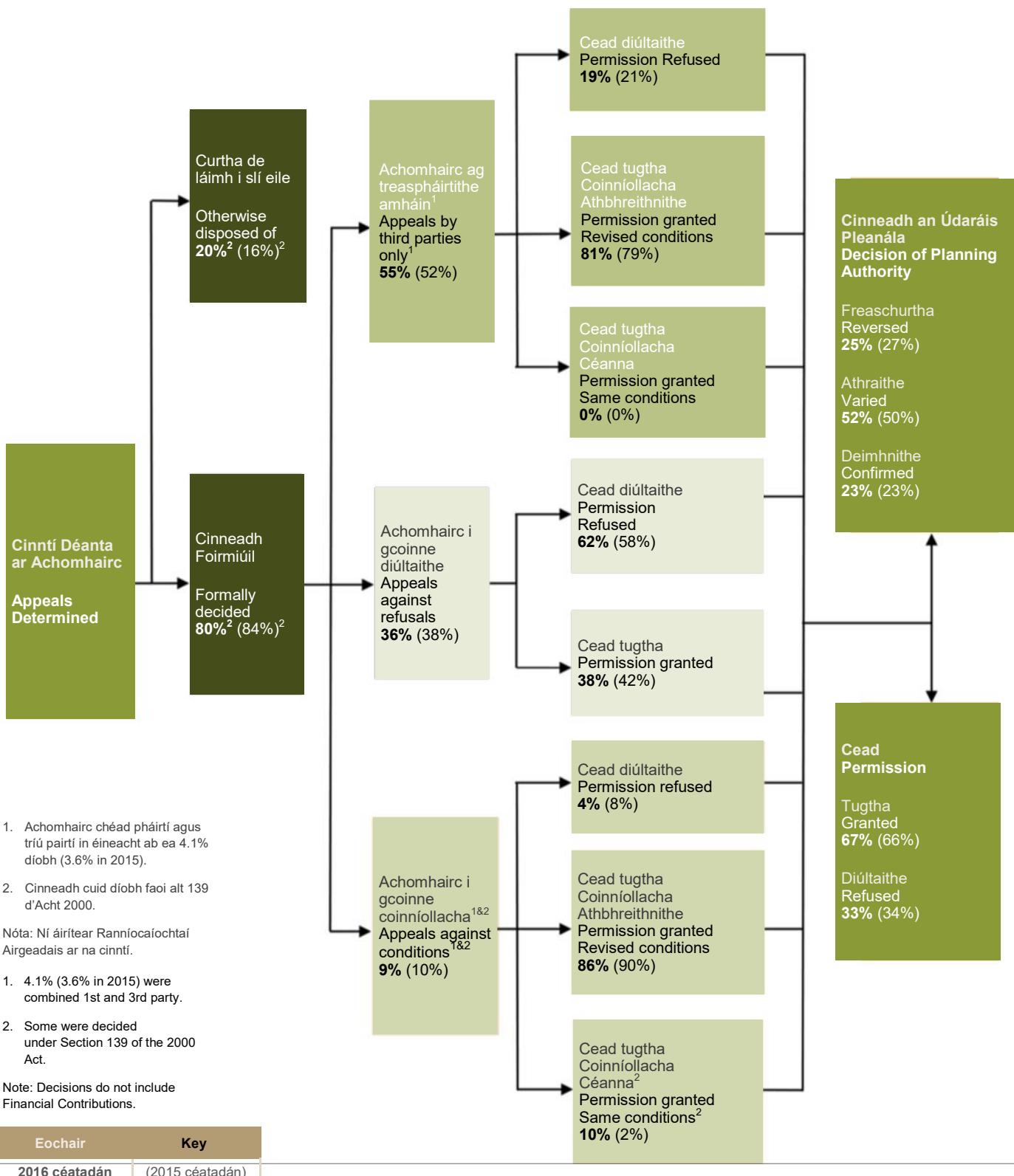
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Aguisín 1

Anailís ar Ghnáth Chinntí Achromhairc Phleanála



Appendix 1

Analysis of Normal Planning Appeal Decisions

Aguisín 2

Gnáth-Achomhairc Phleanála Faighte agus
Cinneadh Déanta ortha de réir Ceantair i 2016

Appendix 2

Normal Planning Appeals Received and
Decided by Area in 2016

	Faighte 2016 Received 2016				Cinneadh Déanta 2016 Decided 2016				
	An méid cinntí déanta ag údarás pleanála ²	An méid cinntí faoi achomharc chuig an mBord	% de chinntí faoi achomharc	Cinntí a achomharcadh mar % de na hachomhairc uile ³	Líon na gcinntí foirmiúil ³	% de chinntí an údarás pleanála deimhnithe	% de chinntí an údarás pleanála athraithe	% de chinntí an údarás pleanála aisiopaithe	
	No. of decisions made by planning authority ²	No. of decisions appealed	% of decisions appealed	Decisions appealed as a % of all appeals ³	No. of formal decisions ³	% of planning authority decisions confirmed	% of planning authority decisions varied	% of planning authority decisions reversed	
Contae¹ County Area¹									
Ceatharlach	Carlow	258	12	4.65%	0.7%	12	33.3%	50.0%	16.7%
An Cabhán	Cavan	499	13	2.61%	0.7%	8	0.0%	37.5%	62.5%
An Clár	Clare	760	35	4.61%	1.9%	38	7.9%	50.0%	42.1%
Corcaigh	Cork	2,737	142	5.19%	7.8%	97	18.6%	64.9%	16.5%
Dún na nGall	Donegal	1,255	45	3.59%	2.5%	39	20.5%	43.6%	35.9%
Dún Laoghaire / Ráth an Dúin	Dun Laoghaire / Rathdown	1,661	192	11.56%	10.5%	147	25.9%	53.1%	21.1%
Fine Gall	Fingal	1,078	109	10.11%	6.0%	87	23.0%	54.0%	23.0%
Gaillimh	Galway	1,260	63	5.00%	3.4%	29	37.9%	37.9%	24.2%
Ciarraí	Kerry	1,068	53	4.96%	2.9%	37	13.5%	48.6%	37.8%
Cill Dara	Kildare	1,051	90	8.56%	5.0%	63	38.1%	41.3%	20.6%
Cill Cheannáigh	Kilkenny	752	35	4.65%	1.9%	18	22.2%	55.6%	22.2%
Laois	Laois	459	16	3.49%	0.9%	8	0.0%	37.5%	62.5%
Liatróim	Leitrim	160	6	3.75%	0.3%	7	28.6%	28.6%	42.9%
An Longfort	Longford	263	10	3.80%	0.5%	6	0.0%	83.3%	16.7%
Lú	Louth	679	33	4.86%	1.8%	32	28.1%	43.8%	28.1%
Maigh Eo	Mayo	847	42	4.96%	2.3%	24	12.5%	58.3%	29.2%
An Mhí	Meath	1,085	62	5.71%	3.4%	53	26.4%	47.2%	26.4%
Muineachán	Monaghan	452	15	3.32%	0.8%	9	11.1%	77.8%	11.1%
Uibh Fhaillí	Offaly	332	17	5.12%	0.9%	15	20.0%	66.7%	13.3%
Ros Comáin	Roscommon	366	7	1.91%	0.4%	6	33.3%	50.0%	16.7%
Sligeach	Sligo	394	19	4.82%	1.0%	14	14.3%	57.1%	28.6%
Áth Cliath Theas	South Dublin	738	84	11.38%	4.6%	71	28.2%	49.3%	22.5%
Tiobraid Árann	Tipperary	849	29	3.42%	1.6%	22	13.6%	50.0%	36.4%
An Iamhí	Westmeath	409	16	3.91%	0.9%	13	30.8%	46.2%	23.1%
Loch Garman	Wexford	1,187	53	4.47%	2.9%	39	28.2%	41.0%	30.8%
Cill Mhantáin	Wicklow	903	102	11.30%	5.6%	79	30.4%	48.1%	21.5%
Cathair City									
Corcaigh	Cork	483	45	9.32%	2.5%	34	26.5%	55.9%	17.6%
Baile Átha Cliath	Dublin	2,376	367	15.45%	20.2%	302	20.5%	56.3%	23.2%
Gaillimh	Galway	303	37	12.21%	2.0%	30	26.7%	40.0%	33.3%
Cathair agus Contae City and County									
Luimneach	Limerick	988	42	4.25%	2.3%	33	24.2%	54.5%	21.2%
Port Láirge	Waterford	676	36	5.33%	2.0%	29	17.2%	62.1%	20.7%
Iomlán Total		26,328	1,827	6.94%	100.0%	1,401	23.2%	52.2%	24.6%

¹ 'Ceantar' is ea údarás Pleanála contae agus aon údarás Pleanála sa cheantar sin ach amháin comhairlí cathrach. ² Figíúir na gcinntí a rinne údarás pleanála, le caoinchead na Roinne Tithíochta, Pleanála, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil. ³ Ní áirítear ar na cinntí na 67 achomharc maidir le Ranníocaócht Airgeadais Amháin ná an 277 cinneadh a cuireadh de láimh ar shleite eile.

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 Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. ³ Decisions do not include the 67 Financial Contribution Only appeals nor 277 otherwise disposed cases.

Aguisín 3

Gnáth-Achomhairc Phleanála Faigthe de réir
Catagóire / Ceantar Forbartha 2016

Appendix 3

Normal Planning Appeals Received by
Development Category / Area 2016

																		lomlán Total
Contae	County Area																	Miscellaneous Ilighneitheach
		Talúin	Agriculture	Community Facilities	Education	Tionscal	Industry	Leisure / Sport Fóillíocht / Spórt	Residential Cónaithé	Transport	Utilities Fóntais	Wholesale Mórdhíola	Measctha	Mixed	Comharthaí Signs	Offices Oifigi	Retail Miondúil	lomlán Total
Ceatharlach	Carlow	2	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	12
An Cabhán	Cavan	6	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	13
An Clár	Clare	5	1	0	1	2	12	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	35
Corcaigh	Cork	3	4	5	3	8	98	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	142
Dún na nGall	Donegal	5	1	1	4	1	21	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	5	1	45
Dún Laoghaire / Ráth an Dúin	Dun Laoghaire / Rathdown	2	4	2	0	1	158	1	3	0	3	2	2	11	3	192		
Fine Gall	Fingal	3	2	1	4	1	76	4	2	0	6	0	3	7	0		109	
Gaillimh	Galway	7	1	1	1	1	32	2	9	0	1	0	1	5	2		63	
Ciarraí	Kerry	2	0	0	3	4	27	1	8	0	1	0	0	7	0		53	
Cill Dara	Kildare	5	3	2	2	1	56	1	5	0	4	0	0	11	0		90	
Cill Cheannáigh	Kilkenny	3	2	0	1	1	17	1	4	0	3	0	0	3	0		35	
Laois	Laois	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	2		16	
Liatróim	Leitrim	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0		6	
An Longfort	Longford	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	0		10	
Lú	Louth	1	0	0	1	4	17	2	2	0	1	0	0	4	1		33	
Maigh Eo	Mayo	5	0	0	1	1	18	2	8	0	3	0	2	1	1		42	
An Mhí	Meath	6	0	3	1	2	36	0	3	1	0	0	0	10	0		62	
Muineachán	Monaghan	1	1	0	2	1	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		15	
Uibh Fhailí	Offaly	1	1	2	2	1	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0		17	
Ros Comáin	Roscommon	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		7	
Sligeach	Sligo	3	1	0	0	0	11	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0		19	
Áth Cliath Theas	South Dublin	0	3	3	3	5	51	0	3	0	1	0	2	13	0		84	
Tiobraid Árann	Tipperary	3	3	0	0	2	7	0	9	0	0	0	0	5	0		29	
An Iamhí	Westmeath	1	0	1	0	1	8	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0		16	
Loch Garman	Wexford	8	2	0	3	1	19	1	14	0	0	0	2	3	0		53	
Cill Mhantáin	Wicklow	4	3	4	1	1	78	0	3	0	2	1	0	4	1		102	
Cathair	City																	
Corcaigh	Cork	0	1	0	1	0	33	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	6	1	45	
Baile Átha Cliath	Dublin	0	6	3	0	8	257	1	10	1	20	7	17	36	1		367	
Gaillimh	Galway	0	0	0	0	0	25	1	0	0	1	1	3	4	2		37	
Cathair agus Contae	City and County																	
Luimneach	Limerick	0	0	1	5	1	26	0	2	0	0	1	0	6	0		42	
Port Láirge	Waterford	7	1	0	1	1	15	1	5	0	0	0	0	4	1		36	
lomlán	Total	87	41	30	42	52	1,132	23	120	3	52	12	35	179	19	1,827		

Nota: San áireamh sna figiúiri taispeánta faoi 'Cónaithéach' san Agusín seo tá brúna, óstáin, tithe altranais agus a leithéid de lóistín. D'fhéadfadh aonaid chónaithé a bheith san áireamh chomh maith faoi chatagóir forbartha eile m.sh. Faoi 'Measctha'. De bhreis ar an Acht um Athchóiriú Rialtais Áitiúil 2014 rinneadh comhairlí cathrach / contae i Luimneach, Tiobraid Árann agus Port Láirge a chónascadh go hoifigiúil i gcás aon iarratais phleanála a taisceadh leo an 1 Meitheamh 2014 nó dá éis.

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'. Further to the Local Government Reform Act 2014 the formal merger of the city / county councils in Limerick, Tipperary and Waterford took place for any planning applications lodged with same on or after 1st June 2014.

Aguisín 4

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

Appendix 4

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

	Gnáth-Achomhairc Phleanála			Iarratais ar Fhorbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh Strategic Infrastructure Development Applications			Gach Cás Eile			Iomlán na gcásanna		
	Normal Planning Appeals						All Other Cases			Total Cases		
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
Year			% Within Statutory Objective Period ¹			% Within Statutory Objective Period ¹			% Within Statutory Objective Period ¹			% Within Statutory Objective Period ¹
2007	2,647	2,997	47%	56	39	40%	255	135	65%	2,980	3,183	48%
2008	1,056	4,133	20%	11	18	38%	167	285	37%	1,306	4,495	23%
2009	1,113	3,526	24%	5	26	16%	155	184	46%	1,312	3,778	26%
2010	1,838	1,072	65%	3	21	13%	146	91	62%	2,031	1,217	63%
2011	1,615	323	83%	6	23	21%	189	72	72%	1,873	453	81%
2012	521	915	36%	8	22	27%	154	93	62%	762	1,068	41%
2013	1,133	439	72%	5	16	24%	198 ²	397 ²	33% ²	1,387	866	62%
2014	1,144	240	83%	13	7	65%	232 ²	228 ²	50% ²	1,389	475	75%
2015	1,364	273	83%	3	5	38%	123	110	53%	1,560	406	79%
2016	1,426	319	82%	2	12	14%	121	105	53%	1,627	451	78%

Nótaí

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

¹ Is é an sprioc thréimhse reachtúil ná 18 seachtain i gcás achomhairc, tarchuir agus tionscadail na n-údarás áitiúil faighe ag an mBord faoin Acht 2000 agus 4 mhí i gcás achomhairc faoin Acht um Rialú Foirgniochta 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.

² Áirítear air Cásanna Athbhreithnithe Cairéil

Notes:

- A Number disposed of within statutory objective periods.
- B Number not disposed of within statutory objective periods.

¹ The statutory objective period is 18 weeks in the case of appeals, referrals and certain local authority project cases received by the Board under the 2000 Act, and 4 months in the case of appeals under 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.

² Includes Quarry Review Cases.

Aguisín 5

Foireann, Sainchomhairleoirí Seachtracha agus Gníomhairí Dlí mar atá ar an 31 Nollaig 2016

Appendix 5

Staff, External Consultants and Legal Agents as at 31st December 2016

Ba iad seo a leanas na fostaithe amhail ar an 31 Nollaig 2016:

The following staff were employed as of 31st December 2016:

Príomhoifigeach

Chief Officer

Loretta Lambkin

Stiúrthóir Pleanála

Director of Planning

Rachel Kenny

Stiúrthóir Gnóthaí Corparáideacha

Director of Corporate Affairs

Gerard Egan

Stiúrthóirí Cúnta Pleanála

Assistant Directors of Planning

Philip Green, Anne Marie O'Connor, Brendan Wyse

Oifigigh Riaracháin Shinsearacha

Senior Administrative Officers

Chris Clarke (Rúnaí / Secretary), Diarmuid Collins, Bríd Hill, Mary Holohan, Mary Kelly, Carol Moloney, Ellen Morrin, Paddy Tallon

Cigírí Pleanála Sinsearacha

Senior Planning Inspectors

Patricia Calleary, Paul Caprani, Una Crosse, Mary Crowley, Derek Daly, Philip Davis, Jane Dennehy, John Desmond, Michael Dillon, Pauline Fitzpatrick, Breda Gannon, Leslie Howard, Stephen Kay, Suzanne Kehely, Ciara Kellett, Mary Kennelly, Mairead Kenny, Karla McBride, Dolores McCague, Deirdre MacGabhann, Conor McGrath, Kevin Moore, Sarah Moran, Stephen O'Sullivan, Tom Rabbette

Oifigigh Fheidhmiúcháin Shinsearacha

Senior Executive Officers

David Curran, Barry Devine, Pierce Dillon, Michael Donlan, Marcella Doyle, Gavin Duffy, Jane Gilvarry, Josephine Hayes, Gráinne Kelly, Anne Killian, Nora Ryan, Siobhán White

Cigirí Pleanála Planning Inspectors

Angela Brereton, Siobhan Carroll, Auriol Considine, Caryn Coogan, Lorraine Dockery, Donal Donnelly, Emer Doyle, Fiona Fair, Niall Haverty, Karen Hamilton, Gillian Kane, Joanna Kelly, Colin McBride, Daire McDevitt, Hugh Mannion, Bríd Maxwell, Kenneth Moloney, Hugh Morrison, Rónan O'Connor, Stephen Rhys Thomas, Robert Speer, Patricia Young

Oifigigh Fheidhmiúcháin Executive Officers

Síle Bannon, Miriam Baxter, Frances Barrett, Edward Brennan, Bronwyn Byrne, Sarah Byrne, Philip Canny, Muirfosa Cassells, Cora Cunningham, Kieran Doherty, Neil Doherty, Rita Donnelly, Thomas Egan, James Fagan, Nóirín Finnegan, Regina Fitzgerald, Rob Forde, Seamus Grant, Anna Howard, Desmond Kennedy, Violet Kennedy, Fergal Kilmurray, Patricia Leggett, Sinéad McInerney, Bríd McManus, Aisling Matthews, Nichola Meehan, Sue Morel, Carmel Morgan, Wayne Moss, Helen Murphy, Myriam O'Neill, Mairead Oglesby, Lisa Quinn, Kieran Somers, Brid Tiernan, Mary Tucker, Patricia Wall, Colm Walsh

Cúntóirí Riaracháin Administrative Assistants

Lita Clarke, Bill Coleman, Roslyn Collins, Ian Conroy, Stephen Deighan, Caroline Dennis, Marie Doyle, Julie Anne Dunne, Siobhan Gavin, Josephine Halpin, Ciaran Hand, Erica Kearns, Anna Kelsh, Richard Kennedy, Rita Kiernan, Rebekah Lawless, Mary Ledwith, Niall Lennon, Yvonne McCormack, Shaun McGee, Mary McGrath, Leonard Mangan, Mark Masterson, Orla Moloney, Susan Moloney, David O'Hara, Aisling Reilly, James Roe, Chloe Rogers, Fergal Ryan, Lianna Slowey, Stephen Sutton, Maeve Williams

Fostaíodh na daoine seo a leanas sa bhliain 2016:

The following were engaged during 2016:

Sainchomhairleoirí Seachtracha External Consultants

Richard Arnold, Daniel Bastreri, Byrne O'Cléirigh, Carr Communications, Dr. Raymond Connolly, Martin Davidson, Menno Elkena, esri Ireland, Howard Fearn, Des Fortune, Professor J. Fredsoe, Teri Hayes, Maurice Johnson, Jer Keohane, Mazars, Mentoring Connections, Michael Mohan, Patrick Moran, Eoin O Cofaigh, Eoin O'Herlihy, opensky Data Systems, PWC, RedDog Design, Michiel Reneerkens, Michael Slattery, Padraic Thornton, Colm Traynor, Willis

Gníomhairí Dlí Legal Agents

Barry Doyle and Company
Philip Lee



Gluais

AD	Acmhainní Daonna
AE	An tAontas Eorpach
BCS	Bainistíocht Chomhshaoil Saoráidí
BFFT	Bainistíocht Feidhmíochta trí Fhorbairt agus Tacaíochta
CBC	Córas Bainistíocha Cásanna
CBS	Cásanna Bonneagair Straitéisigh
CFG	Córais Faisnéise Geografaí
CFS	Crios Forbartha Straitéisigh
CP	Cigire Pleanála
CPS	Cigire Pleanála Sinsearacha
CR	Cúntóir Riaracháin
CR	Ceistneoir Réamhcháiliúcháin
CRTAA	Córas Reatha Téimh, Aeraithe agus Aerchóirithe
FGL	Forbairt Ghairmiúil Leanúnach
FST	Forbairt Straitéiseach Tithíochta
GCC	Ghníomhaireacht um Chosaint Comhshaoil
IT	Iarratas ar Thairiscintí
MC	Measúnú Cuí
MT	Meamram Tuisceana
MTT	Measúnú Tionchair Timpeallachta
OCÉ	Orduithe Ceannaigh Éigeantaigh
OF	Oifigeach Fheidhmiúcháin
OFS	Oifigeach Fheidhmiúcháin Shinsearach
ORS	Oifigeach Riaracháin Shinsearach
RFF	Rátáil Fuinnimh Foirgnimh
RTN	Ráiteas Tionchair Natura
RTT	Ráiteas Tionchair Timpeallachta
SCP	Stiúrthóir Cúnta Pleanála
SO	Spriocmhúnla Oibriúcháin
TFC	Teicneolaíocht na Faisnéise agus na Cumarsáide
TLC	Tionscadail Leasa Choitinn
TÚÁ	Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúil
ÚFIÉ	Údarás Fuinnimh Inmharthana na hÉireann

Glossary

AA	Administrative Assistant
AA	Appropriate Assessment
ADP	Assistant Director of Planning
BER	Building Energy Rating
CMS	Case Management System
CPD	Continuous Professional Development
CPO	Compulsory Purchase Order
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EO	Executive Officer
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EU	European Union
FEM	Facilities Environmental Management
GIS	Geographic Information System
HR	Human Resources
HVAC	Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning
ICT	Information Communication Technology
LAP	Local Authority Project
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NIS	Natura Impact Statement
PCI	Project of Common Interest
PI	Planning Inspector
PMDS	Performance Management through Development and Support
PQQ	Pre-Qualification Questionnaire
RFT	Request for Tender
SAO	Senior Administrative Officer
SDZ	Strategic Development Zone
SEAI	Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
SEO	Senior Executive Officer
SHD	Strategic Housing Development
SID	Strategic Infrastructure Development
SPI	Senior Planning Inspector
TOM	Target Operating Model



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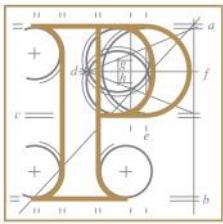
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- Neamhspleáchas agus Neamhchlaontacht
- Gairmiúlachas agus Ionracas
- Rannpháirtíocht agus Tréadhearcacht
- Meas, Dínit, Comhionannas agus Cothromaíocht
- Sásrheirbhís do Chustaiméirí agus Nuálaíocht
- Dea-bhainistíocht Chomhshaoil
- Sláinte agus Sábháilteacht

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In seeking to fulfil its mission and mandate An Bord Pleanála will be guided by the following core organisational values:

- Independence and Impartiality
- Professionalism and Integrity
- Participation and Transparency
- Respect, Dignity, Equality and Fairness
- Excellent Customer Service and Innovation
- Good Environmental Management
- Health and Safety



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