

Provision of information to members of the Oireachtas by An Bord Pleanála

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Query Number	Date Received	Acknowledged	Deputy / Senator	Query Subject	Query	Substantive Reply Issued	Substantive Reply	Language	Quarter	Year
OIR/19/001	16/01/2019	18/01/2019	Deputy Catherine Murphy TD	SID/LAP Case (Live); Decided Case	To ask the Minister for Housing; Planning and Local Government the number of properties and land acquired by each local authority in the past two years to date using CPOs by local authority and location of the property and or lands in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.	31/01/2019	<p>An Bord Pleanála's role in relation to Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) is limited to adjudicating on the question of whether the proposed compulsory acquisition (to be effected by way of a CPO) is or is not to be authorised in circumstances where such a CPO is submitted to it for confirmation by the relevant local authority and where valid objections are made and not withdrawn to the CPO. In a substantial number of such cases no objections are received or objections made are subsequently withdrawn. In both of those circumstances, the Board has no further role in the process and simply return the CPO to the local authority and the local authority can proceed to itself confirm or annul its own CPO.</p> <p>In addition, it should be noted that the compulsory acquisition process beyond the above stages involves a number of further steps that must be undertaken and completed by the local authority before the compulsory acquisition is effected (this applies even where a CPO confirmation application is assented to by the Board after considering objections). If these additional steps are not undertaken by the local authority the compulsory acquisition cannot proceed. The Board has no involvement in or knowledge of these further steps.</p> <p>Accordingly, An Bord Pleanála does not hold the information requested.</p> <p>It appears likely to An Bord Pleanála that only each individual local authority will hold the requested information relevant to its own area.</p>	EN	Q1	2019