

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

Quarter 4 2018 : 1 October 2018 to 31 December 2018

Query Number	Date Received	Acknowledged	Deputy / Senator	Query Subject	Query	Substantive Reply Issued	Substantive Reply	Language	Quarter	Year
OIR/18/009	18/10/2018	22/10/2018	Peadar Tóibín TD	Administration; Other	Whether you have land in County Meath; the location of same; the use to which the land is put; the location of the land that is vacant, not in use or being used for agricultural purposes; the land which has been made available to Meath County Council or other housing agencies for the purpose of house building; and the amount of this land that could be made available for housing.	26/10/2018	An Bord Pleanála does not hold any land. Your query later asks about vacant lands in Co. Meath. For your information Meath County Council maintains a vacant site register for the county under the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act. Queries about sites on their register, or lands that may be available or could be made available for social housing in the county can be addressed to Meath County Council.	EN	Q4	2018
OIR/18/010	01/11/2018	05/11/2018	Brendan Griffin TD	Appeal Case (Live)	Current position of an appeal in Co. Kerry. [Details supplied].	05/11/2018	I have contacted our appeals processing section and an Inspector's report for this case has been received and the case is currently at Board level. The continuing delay is due to a current backlog of cases and the Board regrets the delay. [Details supplied for case officer for this case]. Case officer has been requested to notify you when a decision is made on this case.	EN	Q4	2018
OIR/18/011	21/11/2018	23/11/2018	Senator Mark Daly	Appeal Case (Live); Decided Case; Administration	Is there a timeline of how long appeals should be in the system for and when decisions should be given?	12/12/2018	<p>Under section 126 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, An Bord Pleanála has a statutory objective to determine normal planning appeals within 18 weeks of receipt of the appeal. Furthermore, under Section 37J of the Act, the Board has an objective to make decisions on applications for strategic infrastructure development within a period of 18 weeks, beginning on the last day for making submissions or observations.</p> <p>Where the Board does not consider it possible or appropriate to reach a decision within 18 weeks (e.g. because of the particular complexities of a case or the requirement to hold an oral hearing), it will inform the parties of the reasons for this, and will indicate when it intends to make its decision.</p> <p>The Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 provided for streamlined arrangements to enable planning applications for strategic housing developments, of 100 housing units or more or student accommodation developments of 200 bed spaces or more, to be made directly to the Board for determination within a period of 16 weeks.</p> <p>The comprehensive Report of the Independent Review Group on the operations of An Bord Pleanála, published in March 2016, identifies over 100 recommendations, including recommendations to change the statutory objective timeframes for the work of the Board. A high-level implementation group, with representatives from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the Board, has been established to oversee implementation of the Review Group recommendations, some of which may require legislative underpinning. The recommendations in relation to the statutory objective periods within which the Board is expected to make decisions, including decisions on projects involving substantial investment in the economy, are being considered in this context.</p>	EN	Q4	2018