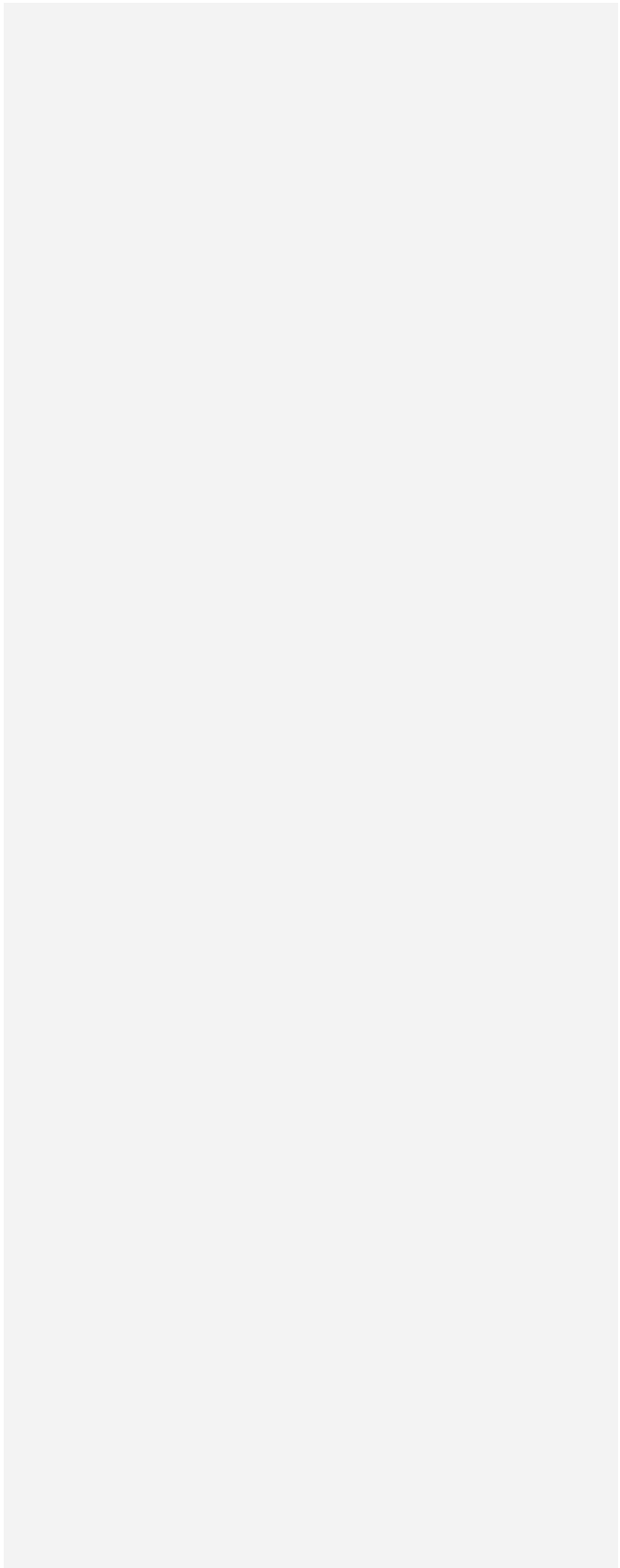
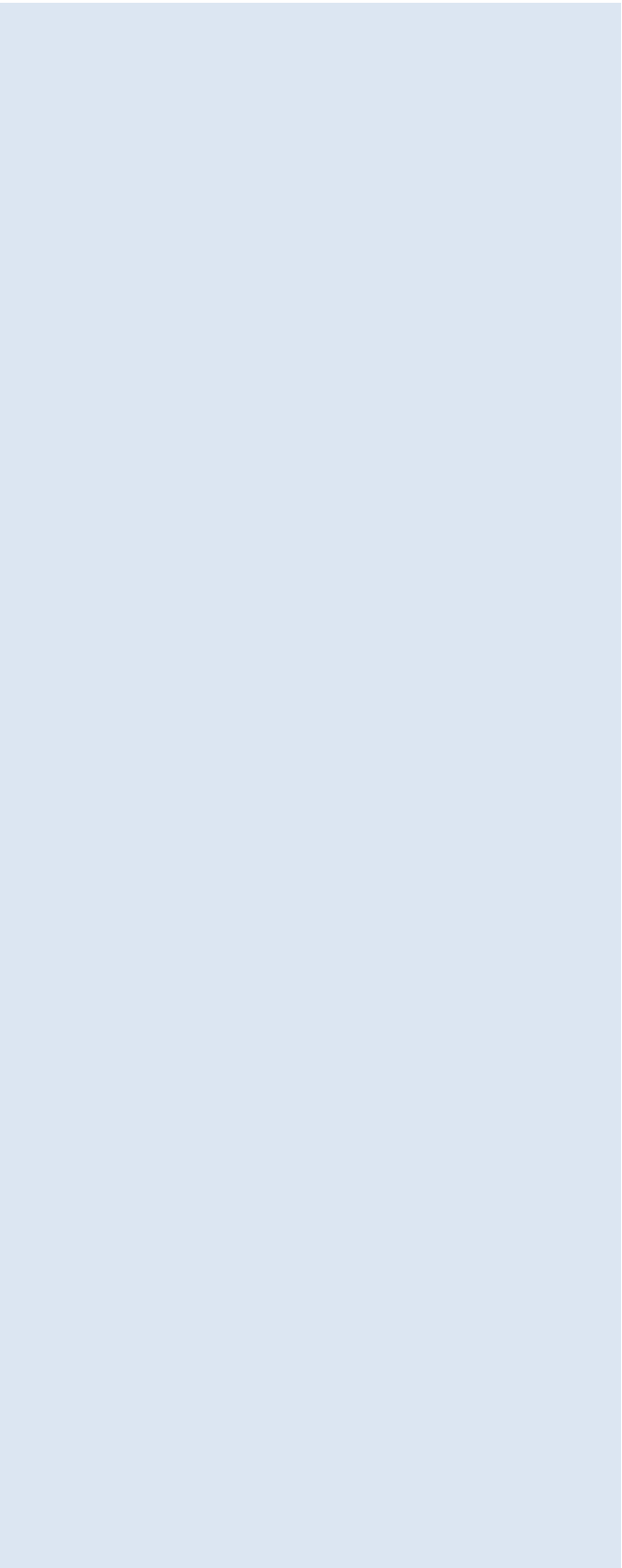
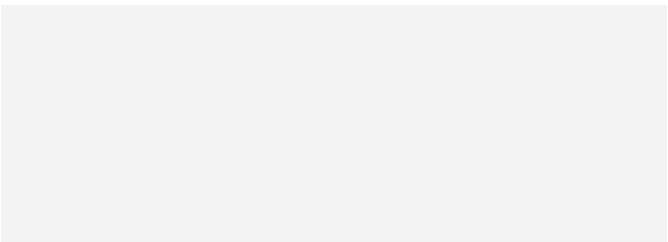
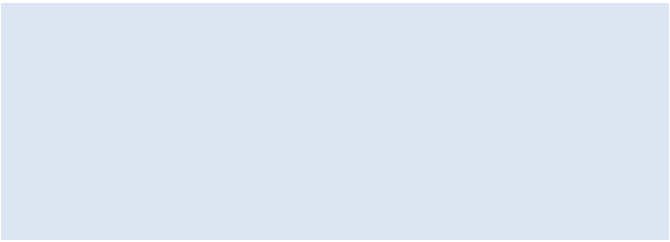


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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

COMHALTAÍ AN BHOIRD



1 John O'Connor

Chairperson/ Cathaoirleach

2 Brian Hunt

Deputy Chairperson/ Leas Chathaoirleach

3 Karl Kent

4 Angela Tunney

5 Jane Doyle

6 Brian Swift

7 Mary MacMahon

8 Conall Boland

9 Margaret Byrne

10 Mary Bryan

CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

The downward trend in the intake of cases, particular planning appeals, continued in 2010 with the result that the total number of cases of all types on hand at year end was reduced to under 1,000 for the first time in many years. A number of large infrastructure applications were progressed during the year. Costs throughout the organisation were scrutinised in detail and kept to the minimum level possible. We continued to review corporate governance to ensure it is in line with best practice and Government guidance.

Workload and Performance in 2010

The following gives an overview of the Board's workload and performance in 2010:

- Intake of new cases 2,850 - down 25% on 2009.
- Cases determined 3,248 - down 36% on 2009.
- 18 week statutory objective met in 63% of cases, compared to 26% in 2009.

The rate of compliance with the time objective improved progressively during the year and in the final quarter 70% of cases were determined within the 18 week period.

Other noteworthy features in 2010

The rate of reversal of local planning authority decisions appealed showed an increase - 36% in 2010 compared to 34% in 2009.

53% of planning appeals lodged with the Board came from third parties, a slight decrease on recent years.

Invalid appeals constituted 8.2% (7.7% in 2009) of all appeals determined, with invalid fee (3.4%), late appeals (2%) and third party appeals with no acknowledgement (1.9%) being the main reasons. Appeals withdrawn as a percentage of the intake decreased to 3.8% (5.3% in 2009).

There were 51 applications for leave to appeal by third parties of which 20% succeeded.

Strategic Infrastructure

Of the 9 formal decisions on non-local authority strategic infrastructure projects in 2010, 3 were made within the statutory objective period of 18 weeks following the holding of oral hearings. Unfortunately the sheer scale and complexity of some projects, the need to ensure meaningful public participation and, on occasion, the need to request and analyse further information results in it not being possible to determine some cases within the 18 week period. By end April 2011, 2 further decisions had been made in these cases (the cases in question include controversial cases such as Metro North and the Corrib Gas Pipeline).

RAITEAS AN CHATHAOIRLIGH

Lean an treocht anuas i líon na gcásanna, go háirithe na n-achomharc pleanála, sa bhliain 2010 ionas go raibh líon iomlán na gcásanna de gach cineál a bhí fós idir lámha ag deireadh bliana go faoi bhun 1,000 den chéad uair le blianta fada. Rinneadh dul chun cinn i roinnt iarratas mórbhonneagair i gcaitheamh na bliana. Coimeádadh súil ghéar ar gach costas ar fud na heagraíochta agus laghdaíodh iad a mhéid ab fhéidir. Bhí an rialachas corparáideach faoi athbhreithniú i gcónaí féachaint an raibh sé ar aon dul leis an gcleachtas is fearr agus le treoir an Rialtais.

Ualach Oibre agus Feidhmíocht sa bhliain 2010

Gheofar foramharc ar ualach oibre agus ar fheidhmíocht an Bhoird sa bhliain 2010 ón mhéid seo a leanas:

- Glacadh le cásanna nua 2,850 – laghdú de 25% ar 2009.
- Cásanna cinnte 3,248 – laghdú de 36% ar 2009.
- Comhlíonadh an cuspóir reachtúil 18 seachtaine i 63% de chásanna, i gcomparáid le 26% sa bhliain 2009.

Cuireadh feabhas suntasach ar chomhlíonadh an chuspóra ama i gcaitheamh na bliana agus sa ráithe dheireanach cinneadh 70% de chásanna laistigh den tréimhse 18 seachtaine.

Gnéithe eile ar dhíol suntais iad sa bhliain 2010

Chonacthas laghdú sa ráta aisiompaithe ar chinntí údaráis áitiúla – 36% sa bhliain 2010 i gcomparáid le 34% sa bhliain 2009.

Achomhairc phleanála ó thríú páirtithe ab ea 53% de na hachomhairc phleanála a lóisteáladh leis an mBord, rud arbh ionann agus laghdú beag ar bhlianta beaga anuas.

B'ionann agus 8.2% (7.7% sa bhliain 2009) céatadán na gcinntí ne-amhbhailí de na cinntí ar fad, agus ba iad táille neamhbhailí (3.4%), achomhairc dhéanacha (2%) agus achomhairc thríú páirtithe nár ad-mhaíodh (1.9%) na príomhchúiseanna a bhí leo. Thit líon na n-achomharc aistarraingthe mar chéatadán de na hachomhairc ar fad go 3.8% (5.3% sa bhliain 2009).

Rinneadh 51 iarratas ar chead achomhairc ag tríú páirtithe ar éirigh le 20% díobh.

Bonneagar straitéiseach

Den aon chinneadh 9 foirmiúil ar thionscadail bhonneagair straitéisigh sa bhliain 2010 nár bhain le húdaráis áitiúla, rinneadh 3 cinn díobh laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil d'18 seachtaine tar éis na héisteachta ó bhéal. Ar an drochuair níorbh fhéidir cásanna áirithe a chinneadh laistigh den spriocthréimhse 18 seachtaine i ngeall ar scála agus ar chastacht na dtionscadal sin, ar an ngá le cinntiú go raibh an pobal páirteach ar shlí lánbhrioch agus, anois is arís, ar an ngá a bhí le faisnéis bhreise a lorg agus a anailísiú. Faoi dheireadh mhí an Mhárta 2011, bhí dhá chinneadh eile déanta sna cásanna seo (ar na cásanna sin bhí cásanna conspóideacha Metro North agus Phiblíne Gháis na Coiribe).

Since the commencement of the Strategic Infrastructure Act in January, 2007 the Board has entered into 189 pre-application consultations with prospective applicants, 155 of which have concluded – 326 pre-application consultation meetings have been held in this period and a total of 46 formal applications have been received. In the same period the Board has also received a total of 97 local authority strategic infrastructure project applications, including major road projects.

Planning appeals can also involve proposed development which would be deemed major infrastructure and these appeals continue to be prioritised by the Board. In 2010 the Board received 127 and disposed of 188 such appeals, 33% of which were disposed of within 18 weeks.

In the present economic climate the Board is conscious of the need to process cases relating to major infrastructural projects and those with job-creation potential in the shortest possible timeframe. Procedures have been put in place to achieve this.

Current Trends and Outlook

The early months of 2011 have shown a continuing low level of intake. Approximately 79% of all cases are being determined within the statutory time objective and generally those cases not meeting this timeline involve particular reasons, such as an oral hearing, a request for further information, raising of new issues or invitation to amend the proposed development. The Board's strategic target is to decide 90% of cases within the timeline and there is a continuing focus on attaining that target as quickly as possible. This is reflected in the Annual Plan for 2011 which has been adopted by the Board.

Resources and Structures

Like other areas of the public sector the Board is required to operate off a reduced budget for 2011 – in this regard the Board's grant from central exchequer funds has been reduced by approximately 5% from that pertaining in 2010 (to €12.829 million). This cut allied to significant reductions in fee income and an embargo on recruitment of replacement staff poses a significant challenge to the Board in meeting its overall remit. However I remain confident that the members and staff of the Board will continue to give their full commitment to a continued focus on delivering on our performance objectives and making An Bord Pleanála a first-class public service organisation. Except in a small number of cases where specialist input is required, the Board has ceased to use outside consultants. The Board's past policy of meeting the peak in workload by engaging fee-per-case inspectors considerably reduces the impact of the decline in activity on the permanent staff complement.

Ó tháinig an tAcht um Bonneagar Straitéiseach i bhfeidhm in Eanáir 2007 tá an Bord tar éis dul i gcomhairle ar 189 ócáid roimh an iarratas le hiarrthóirí ionchasacha, ar tugadh 155 díobh chun críche – tionóladh 326 cruinniú comhairliúcháin réamhiarratais sa tréimhse sin agus fuarthas 46 iarratas foirmiúil. Sa tréimhse chéanna fuair an Bord 97 iarratas ó údarais áitiúla ar thionscadail a bhain le bonneagar straitéiseach, lena n-áirítear mórthionscadail bóthair.

Is féidir le forbairt bheartaithe a d'aicmeofaí mar bhonneagar tábhachtach a bheith mar chuid de na hachomhairc phleanála sin agus tugann an Bord tús áite do na hachomhairc sin i gcónaí. Fuair an Bord 127 iarratas den sórt sin sa bhliain 2010 agus cuireadh 188 achomharc den sórt sin de láimh; ba é 33% an céatadán a cuireadh de láimh sa chéad 18 seachtaine.

Agus cúrsaí geilleagracha faoi mar atá, tá an Bord meabhrach ar an ngá atá le cásanna a bhaineann le mórthionscadail bhonneagair agus tionscadail a d'fhéadfadh poist a chruthú a phróiseáil a luaithe is féidir. Tá nósanna imeachta ceaptha againn chun é sin a dhéanamh.

Treochtaí agus Dearcadh Reatha

Sna chéad mhíonna den bhliain 2011 bhí líon na gcásanna nua íseal i gcomórtas le blianta eile. Cinntear tuairim is 79% de chásanna laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil agus is iondúil go mbíonn cúis ar leith ann nach gcomhlíontar an sprioc sna cásanna eile, cúiseanna mar éisteacht ó bhéal, iarratas ar fhaisnéis bhreise, saincheisteanna nua a bheith tarraingthe anuas nó cuireadh á thabhairt chun forbairt bheartaithe a leasú. Is é sprioc straitéiseach an Bhoird 90% de chásanna a chinneadh laistigh den spriocthréimhse agus tá gach iarracht á déanamh chun an sprioc sin a bhaint amach a luaithe is féidir. Bunaíodh an Plean Bliantúil don bhliain 2011, atá glactha ag an mBord, ar an sprioc sin.

Acmhainní agus Struchtúir

Dála réimsí eile den earnáil phoiblí táthar ag iarraidh ar an mBord a fheidhmeanna a chomhlíonadh ar bhuiséad laghdaithe don bhliain 2011 – laghdaíodh deontas an Bhoird ón státchiste de 25% nó mar sin ar an méid a fuarthas a bhliain 2010 (to €12.829 milliún). Dúshlán mór is ea é don Bhord a shainordú a chur i gcrích i bhfianaise an chiorraithe sin agus i bhfianaise an laghdaithe mhóir ar tháillí agus an lánchoisc ar earcú foirne athsholáthair. Mar sin féin, táim muiníneach go mbeidh baill agus foireann an Bhoird chomh díograiseach céanna agus a bhí riamh mar gheall ar chuspóirí feidhmíochta an Bhoird Phleanála a bhaint amach agus eagraíocht seirbhíse poiblí den chéad scoth a dhéanamh den Bhord. Ní bhaineann an Bord úsáid a thuilleadh as comhairleoirí sheachtracha, ach sa líon beag cásanna ina mbíonn gá le hionchur speisialtóra. Bhíodh sé de nós ag an mBord cigirí a fhóstu ar bhonn táille in aghaidh an cháis nuair a théadh an t-ualach oibre os cionn tairseach áirithe, rud a mhaolaíonn éifeacht an laghdú ar ghíomhaíocht ar an fhoireann bhuan.

Improving the Organisation

The Board is fully cognisant of the Government programme for the on-going transformation of the Irish Public Service arising from the Report of the Task Force on the Public Service and is continuing to organise its operations and human resources to align with the approaches set out in the programme. Achievement of a higher overall level of compliance with the statutory objective time period of 18 weeks is a top priority for the Board and its internal performance targets for teams and individuals include the achievement of the necessary internal time lines for processing of cases to facilitate compliance with the overall objective. Clear performance measurement is on-going with the necessary feedback and appraisal systems in place to drive performance to the levels required to meet our overall objectives. Internal staff mobility and flexibility in work practices facilitate staff moving to areas of the organisation on an on-going basis as the need arises in line with work flow demands.

The Irish Language

The Board welcomes the use of the Irish Language by those doing business with us and encourages and supports staff to become fluent in the language. The scheme under section 11 of the Official Languages Act 2003 detailing the services provided through Irish has been reviewed.

Public Confidence

The Board's three core principles of independence, impartiality and openness are embedded in our Mission Statement and objectives and underpinned by legislation. We are always mindful that public confidence depends on the integrity and quality of our decision-making and the professionalism with which we carry out our functions. There is a statutory code of conduct for all Board members, staff and consultants, which places stringent obligations on members and employees of the Board to declare interests and conduct themselves generally in a way that reinforces public confidence. This code is being reviewed and improved in the light of experience and general government guidance. It is the Board's policy to adopt the most open approach possible in its relations with the public and we operate a completely open file system once cases are determined. As our decisions can relate to major developments, it is only natural that some of them give rise to public controversy. However, the Board considers it proper to maintain long established practice of not engaging in discussion on individual cases because of the quasi-judicial nature of our functions and to avoid the risk of prejudicing future cases.

Complaints/ Post Decision Correspondence

As part of our increased focus on customer service, the Board operates a system of considering complaints/ post decision correspondence received in relation to cases determined. 234 such items were received in 2010 and 220 responses issued in the year. There is a system of feedback at all levels within the organisation so that we can learn from issues raised and improve procedures where necessary.

An Eagraíocht a Fheabhsú

Tá an Bord Pleanála ar an eolas go hiomlán faoi chlár an Rialtais chun seirbhís phoiblí na hÉireann a chlauchtú go leanúnach ag éirí as Tuarascáil an Tascfhórsa ar an tSeirbhís Phoiblí agus tá a oibríochtaí agus a acmhainní daonna á n-eagrú i gcónaí aige le go mbeidh siad ar aon dul leis an gcineál cur chuige atá leagtha amach sa chlár. Tosaíocht de chuid an Bhoird is ea é bheith in ann an spriocthréimhse reachtúil 18 seachtaine a bhaint amach níos minice. Chun géilliúlacht don mhórchuspóir sin a éascú, tá sé ar cheann de na spriocanna inmheánacha feidhmíochta d'fhoirne agus do dhaoine aonair na spriocdhátaí inmheánacha maidir le próiseáil cásanna a bhaint amach. Tá tomhas soiléir leanúnach á dhéanamh ar fheidhmíocht, agus tá córais riachtanacha aiseolais agus breithmheasa i bhfeidhm leis an bhfeidhmíocht a thiomáint i dtreo na leibhéil is gá chun ár mórchuspóirí a bhaint amach. Tá córas soghluaisteachta/solúbthachta i bhfeidhm don fhoireann freisin sa chaoi is gur féidir le baill foirne bogadh i gcónaí go dtí áiteanna san eagraíocht ina bhfuil gá leo chun obair a dhéanamh.

An Ghaeilge

Cuireann an Bord fáilte rompu siúd a fhéachann lena gcuid gnó a dhéanamh linn i nGaeilge, agus spreagtar agus tacaítear leis an bhfoireann chun líofacht a bhaint amach sa teanga. Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar an scéim a shonraíonn na seirbhísí ba chóir a bheith ar fáil trí Ghaeilge faoi Alt 11 d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003.

Muinín an Phobail

Tá trí bhunphrionsabal an Bhoird, mar atá, neamhspleáchas, neamhchlaontacht agus oscailteacht, ina ndlúthchuid dár Ráiteas Misin agus dár gcuspóirí, agus tacaítear leo sa reachtaíocht. Is feasach dúinn i gcónaí go mbraitheann muinín an phobail ar shláine agus ar chaighdeán na gcinntí a dhéanaimid, agus ar a ghairmiúla agus a chomhlíonaimid ár bhfeidhmeanna. Tá cód iompair reachtúil ann do chomhaltaí, d'fhoireann agus do chomhairleoirí uile an Bhoird, cód a leagann diandualgais ar chomhaltaí agus ar fhostaithe an Bhoird a sainleasanna a fhógairt agus iad féin a iompar ar bhealach a chhothaíonn muinín an phobail. Tá an cód sin á athbhreithniú agus á fheabhsú i bhfianaise thaithí agus i bhfianaise treoir ghinearálta an rialtais. Tá sé mar bheartas ag an mBord a bheith chomh hoscailte agus is féidir agus muid ag plé leis an bpobal, agus feidhmímid de réir córais ina mbíonn na comhaid ar oscailt i gcónaí don phobal ón uair a dhéantar cinneadh faoi chásanna.

Ós rud é go bhféadfadh baint a bheith ag ár gcinntí le hábhair thábhachtacha, ní haon ionadh é go gcothódh cuid acu conspóid phoiblí. Measann an Bord, áfach, gur cuí cloí leis an gcleachtas seabhunaithe agus gan páirt a ghlacadh i ndíospóireacht faoi chásanna ar leith, toisc nádúr gar-bhreithiúnach ár bhfeidhmeanna agus ionas nach ndéanfar dochar do chásanna sa toadhchál.

Gearáin/Comhfhreagras Iar-Chinnidh

Mar chuid den iarracht a dhéanaimid chun seirbhísí don chustaiméir a fheabhsú, tá córas i bhfeidhm ag an mBord chun breithniú a dhéanamh ar ghearáin faoi na cásanna a cinneadh. Fuarthas 234 gearán sa bhliain 2010, agus eisíodh 220 freagra ar ghearáin le linn na bliana. Tá córas aiseolais ann ag gach leibhéal den eagraíocht, sa chaoi is gur féidir linn foghlaim ó na saincheisteanna a ardaítear agus chun feabhas a chur ar ár ngnáthaimh nuair is gá sin.

Accounts

Appendix 9 contains the Board's audited accounts for 2010. Expenditure decreased from €24,172,529 in 2009 to €21,439,852 in 2010 (a decrease of 11.30%). In 2010, fee income together with costs recouped from local authorities on infrastructure projects was €3,297,674 which represented 15.38% of the total costs of the Board's operations (18.19% in 2009). In 2010, income amounted to €21,662,212 leaving a surplus for the year of €222,360. There was an incoming deficit of €324,766 which left a cumulative deficit of €102,406.

Valediction and Thanks

This is my final annual report as I reach the end of my eleven years of service as Chairperson of An Bord Pleanála. It has been a great privilege to serve in that capacity. Over that period the Board's role in Irish society has increased in importance and scope and I am happy that, in the overall, it has discharged its public duties in an effective and reasonably efficient manner, never motivated by anything other than the public good. I believe that I leave the organisation in a situation where it is fit for purpose to continue to set high standards in decision-making in relation to planning and the environment and to provide an efficient public service in the future under the direction of a new chairperson who has my best wishes. I have always been impressed by the respect that is constantly shown from all quarters for the independence and impartiality of the Board. This is due, in no small measure, to the exemplary conduct and dedication of past and present members and staff. During 2010, 3 Board members ended their service with the Board. I wish Brian Hunt, who served as deputy chairperson for 8 years, Margaret Byrne who was a member for over 15 years and Mary Bryan well in their retirements and future careers.

I wish to thank the previous Ministers for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, the previous Minister of State with responsibility for planning, the current Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government Mr. Phil Hogan TD and the Minister for State with responsibility for Planning Mr. Willie Penrose TD and officials of the Department for their support for the Board. Thanks are also due to the various consultants who provide an invaluable service to the Board, the management and officials of planning authorities for their cooperation and to the Board's legal advisers.

Finally I wish to express my great appreciation and thanks to all who have served with me, both as members and staff in the Board over the past 11 years.



John O'Connor
Chairperson
25 May 2011

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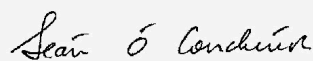
Gheofar in Agusín 9 cuntais iniúchta an Bhoird don bhliain 2010. Tháinig laghdú ar chaiteachas ó €26,291,462 sa bhliain 2009 go €24,172,529 sa bhliain 2010 (laghdú de 11.30%). Sa bhliain 2009, bhí an t-ioncam ó tháillí, móide na costais a fuarthas ar ais ó údarais áitiúla ar thionscadail bhonneagair, cothrom le €2,333,065, arbh ionann é agus 15.38% de chostais iomlán oibriúcháin an Bhoird (18.19% sa bhliain 2009). Sa bhliain 2010 b'ionann an t-ioncam agus €21,662,212, rud a d'fhág barrachas de €222,360 don bhliain. Bhí easnamh isteach de €324,766 ann, rud a d'fhág easnamh carnach de €102,406.

Slán agus Buíochas

Seo é an tuarascáil bhliantúil dheiridh uaim agus mé ag tarraingt ar aon bhliain déag de sheirbhís a bheith curtha isteach agam mar Chathaoirleach ar an mBord Pleanála. Ba mhór an phribhléid é fónamh sa chail sin. Mhéadaigh tábhacht agus scóip ról an Bhoird i sochaí na hÉireann le linn na tréimhse sin agus táim sásta, tríd is tríd, gur chomhlíon sé a dhualgais phoiblí go héifeachtach agus go réasúnta éifeachtúil gan de spreagadh againn riamh ach leas an phobail. Creidim go bhfuil an eagraíocht atá á fhágáil agam oiriúnach don fheidhm lenar ceapadh é agus go leanfaidh sí uirthi d'ardchaighdeán chinnteoireachta a leagan síos maidir le pleanáil agus an timpeallacht, agus gur seirbhís phoiblí éifeachtach a bheith inti sa todhchaí faoi stiúir cathaoirligh nua a nguim gach rath air nó uirthi. Chuaigh sé i bhfeidhm orm riamh a leithéid de mheas a thaispeánann gach duine ar neamhspleáchas agus ar neamhchlaontacht an Bhoird. Toradh é sin, a bheag nó a mhór, ar an iompar gan locht agus ar dhílseacht na gcomhaltaí agus na foirne reatha agus san am atá caite. D'éirigh triúr comhalta den Bhord amach as an mballraíocht den Bhord le linn na bliana 2010. Guím gach rath ina dtréimhse scoir agus ina saolré feasta ar Brian Hunt, a bhí ina leaschathaoirleach ar feadh ocht mbliana, ar Margaret Byrne, a bhí ina comhalta ar feadh cúig bliana déag agus ar Mary Bryan.

Is mian liom buíochas a ghabháil leis na hiar-Airí Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil, leis an iar-Aire Stáit atá freagrach as pleanáil, leis an Aire reatha Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, Phil Hogan, T.D., agus leis an Aire Stáit atá freagrach as Pleanáil, Willie Penrose, T.D., agus le hoifigigh na Roinne as a dtacaíocht don Bhord. Is cúig go ngabhaimid buíochas, freisin, leis na comhairleoirí éagsúla a thugann seirbhís den scoth don Bhord, leis an lucht bainistíochta agus le hoifigigh na n-údarás pleanála as a gcomhoibriú, agus le comhairleoirí dlí an Bhoird.

Mar fhocal scoir is mian liom ardmheas a léiriú ar na daoine ar fad a d'fhóin liom, mar chomhaltaí agus mar bhaill foirne an Bhoird san aon bhliain déag seo caite, agus mo bhuíochas a ghabháil leo.



Seán Ó Conchúir
Cathaoirleach
25 Bealtaine 2011

ALL CASES

GACH CÁS

Figures 1 to 5 contain key performance indicators in relation to all casework received and disposed of by the Board in 2010. A breakdown of casework by reference to normal planning appeals, local authority projects and other cases is provided in Figures 6 to 13.

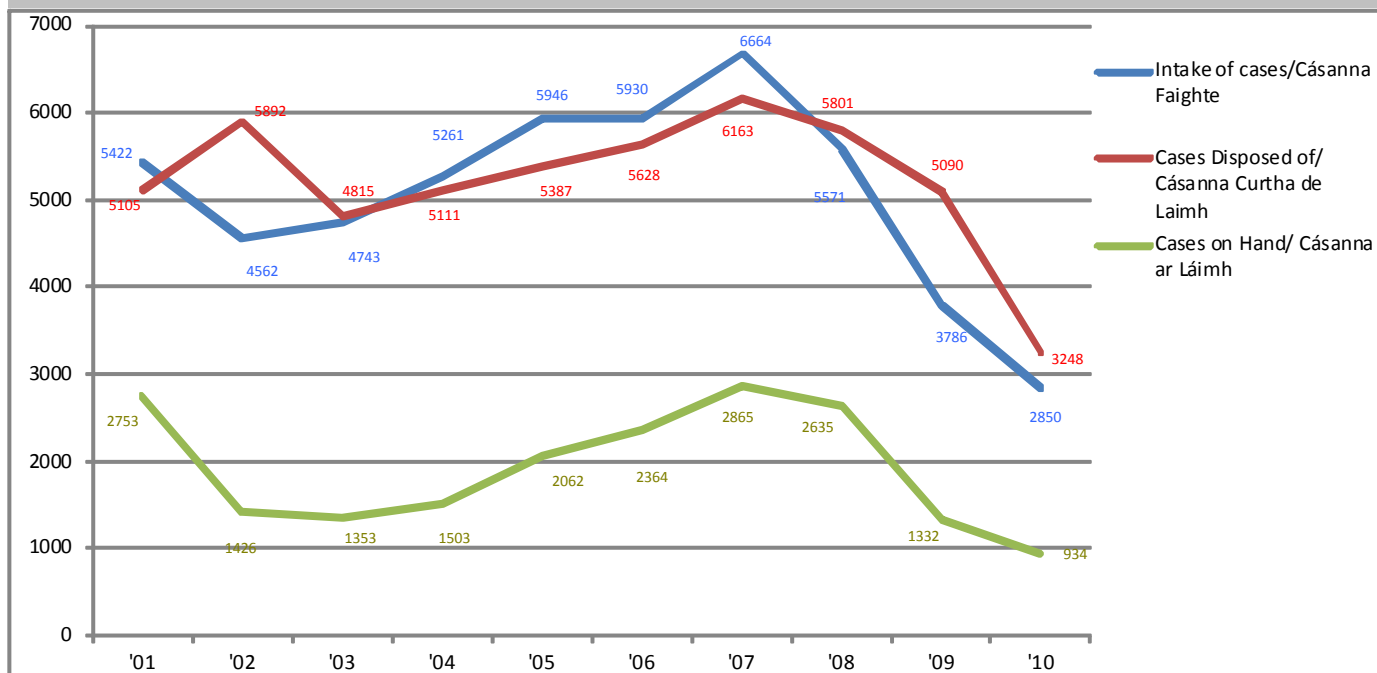
I bhFíoracha 1 go 5 gheofar na príomhtháscairí feidhmíochta maidir le gach cásobair dá bhfuarthas agus dár chuir an Bord de láimh i 2010. Cuirtear miondealú den chásobair ar fail i bhFíoracha 6 go 13, le tagairt do ghnáthachomhairc phleanála, do thionscadail údaráis áitiúil agus do chásanna eile.

FIGURE 1

Trend in intake, disposal and cases on hands 2001 to 2010

FIGIÚR 1

Claonadh i gcásanna a fuarthas, a cuireadh de láimh agus a bhí idir lámha 2001 go dtí 2010



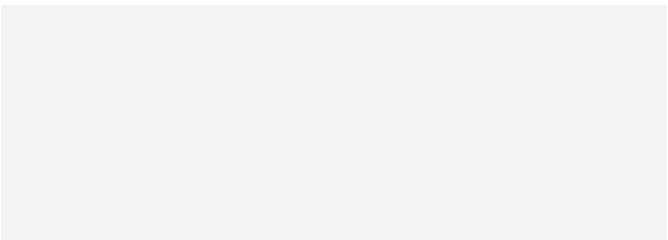
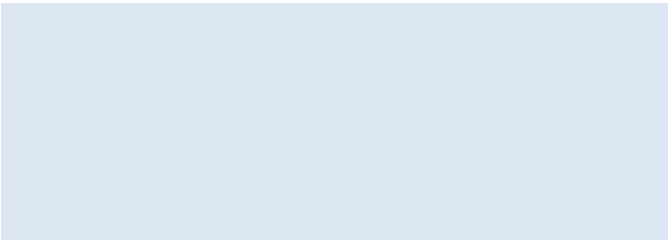


FIGURE 2 Summary of all Cases		FIGIÚR 2 Achoimre Gach Cás		
		2010	2009	Méadú/(laghdú) % Increase/(decrease)
On hands at start	Idir lámha ag an tús	1,332	2,636	(49%)
Received	Faighte	2,850	3,786	(25%)
Disposed of	Curtha de láimh	3,248	5,090	(36%)
On hands at end	Idir lámha ag an deireadh	934	1,332	(30%)
Disposed of within statutory objective period	Curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil	63%	26%	-
Average time taken (weeks)	Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí)	20	23	(13%)

Statutory objective periods for determining cases

Provisions in the Planning, Building Control and Water Pollution Acts and Regulations made under these Acts set down as an objective of the Board a requirement to ensure that appeals and certain other matters are determined within specified periods of time.

In most cases, this is 18 weeks; 4 months applies to some cases while in others no statutory objective time period applies. It is a strategic objective of the Board to determine 90% of all cases which come before it within eighteen weeks/four months regardless of whether or not a statutory objective period applies.

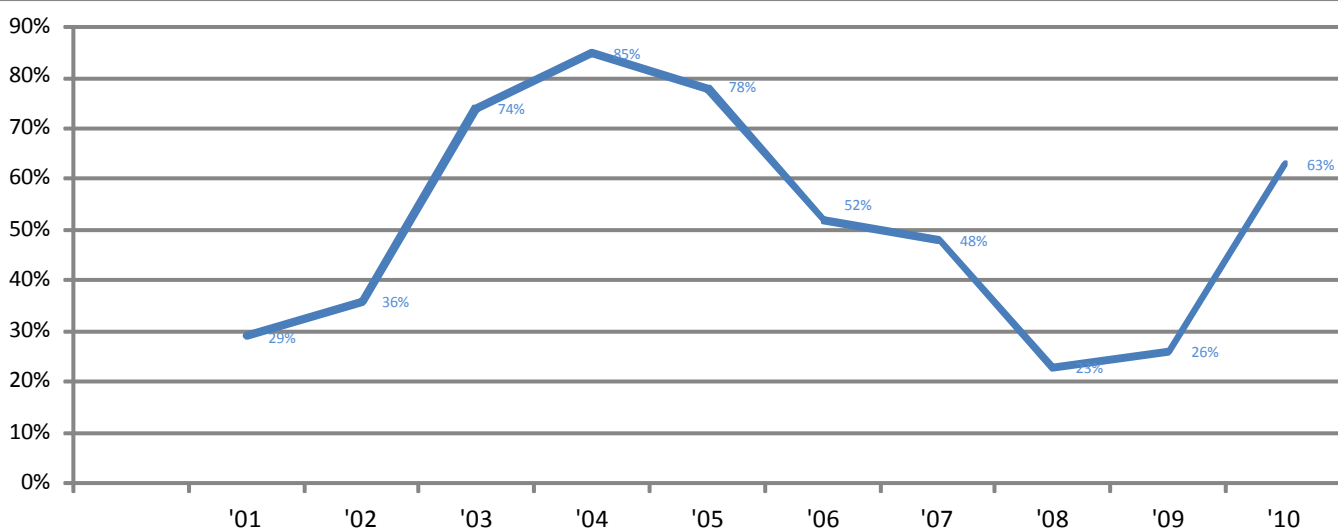
Spriocthréimhsí reachtúla le cásanna a chinneadh

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

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

FIGURE 3

**Percentage of cases determined within statutory objective period
2001 to 2010**



During 2010, the Board complied with the statutory requirement that notice in writing be served on the parties to a case where it would not be possible or appropriate to determine the case within the statutory objective period. Figure 4 gives details of the number of weeks it took to decide cases from 2001 to 2010.

FIGIÚR 3

**Céatadán de chásanna a chinntíodh laistigh den sprioc
thréimhse reachtúil 2001 go dtí 2010**

Le linn 2010, chlóigh an Bord leis an riachtanas reachtúil go dtabharfaí fógra i scríbhinn do na páirtithe i gcás áit nach féidir nó nach bhfuil sé oiriúnach cinneadh a dhéanamh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil. Tugann Figiúr 4 sonraí faoi líon na seachtain a thóg sé cinneadh a dhéanamh i gcásanna ó 2001 go dtí 2010.

FIGURE 4

Average time taken to dispose of cases (weeks)

FIGIÚR 4

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

Bliain	Gnáth Achomhairc Phleanála	Forbairtí Bonneagair Straitéisigh	Cásanna Eile	Iomlán
Year	Normal planning appeals	Strategic Infrastructure Development Cases	Other cases	All
2001	25	-	21	25
2002	23	-	20	23
2003	14	-	13	16
2004	14	-	9	14
2005	15	-	10	15
2006	18	-	14	18
2007	20	16	13	19
2008	24	30	27	24
2009	23	35	25	23
2010	19	46	23	20

Oral hearings

Appeals and referrals are generally dealt with on the basis of written submissions from the parties together with a site inspection by an inspector appointed by the Board. Oral hearings are generally held in relation to applications for Strategic Infrastructure Development. The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing of any case whether or not a hearing is requested.

In 2010 the number of oral hearing requests in relation to normal planning appeals was 56 and the number of hearings held was 9.

Éisteachtaí ó bhéal

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

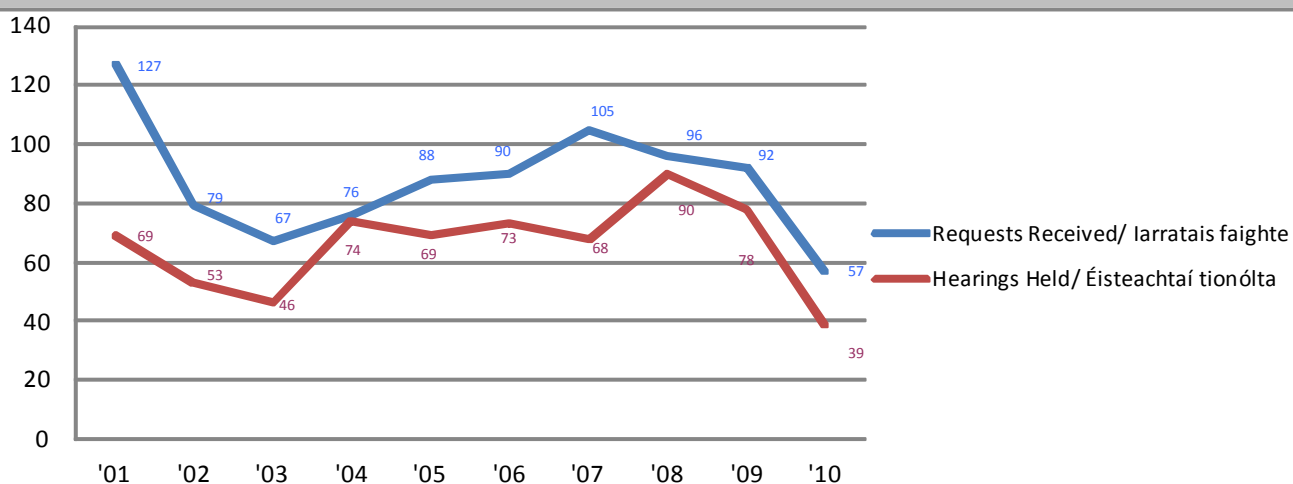
Sa bhliain 2010 ba é 56 an líon iarratas ar éisteacht ó bhéal i dtaca le gnáthachomhairc phleanála agus 9 líon na n-éisteachtaí a reachtáladh.

FIGURE 5

FIGIÚR 5

Oral Hearings of all cases

Éisteachtaí béil maidir le gach cás



Inspectors' Reports and Recommendations

In 2010, the number of formal decisions made with Inspectors' reports were 2,705. The number of Inspectors' recommendations not generally accepted by the Board was 392 (14.5%) compared to 588 (13.7%) in 2009.

Tuarascálacha agus Moltaí na gCigirí

Sa bhliain 2010 ba é 2705 an líon cinntí foirmiúla a rinneadh le tuarascálacha Cigirí. Ba é 392 (14.5%) líon moltaí na gCigirí nár ghlac an Bord leo i gcoitinne i gcomparáid le 588 (13.7%) sa bhliain 2009.

NORMAL PLANNING APPEALS

Introduction

Normal planning appeals i.e. under section 37 of the 2000 Planning Act (and under section 26 of the 1963 Planning Act for old planning cases) accounted for 88% of the intake of cases in 2010. Normal planning appeals arise from decisions by planning authorities on applications for permission for the development of land.

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

GNATH ACHOMHAIRC PHLEANALA

Tús Eolais

Ba ghnáthachomhairc phleanála .i. achomhairc faoi alt 37 den Acht Pleanála 2000 (agus faoi alt 26 d'Acht Pleanála 1963 i gcás seanchásanna pleanála) 88% de na cásanna a glacadh sa bhliain 2010. Tagann gnáthachomhairc phleanála de chinntí ag údaráis phleanála ar iarratais ar chead chun talamh a fhorbairt.

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

FIGURE 6

Summary of appeals

FIGIÚR 6

Achoimre na nAchomhairc

		2010	2009	(laghdú) %
				Increase/(decrease) %
On hands at start	Idir lámha ag an tús	1,147	2,348	(51%)
Received	Faighte	2,505	3,438	(27%)
Disposed of	Curtha de láimh	2,910	4,639	(37%)
On hands at end	Idir lámha ag deireadh	742	1,147	(35%)
Disposed of within statutory objective period	Curtha de láimh laistigh de sprioc thréimhse reachtúil	63%	24%	-
Average time taken (weeks)	Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí)	19	23	(17%)

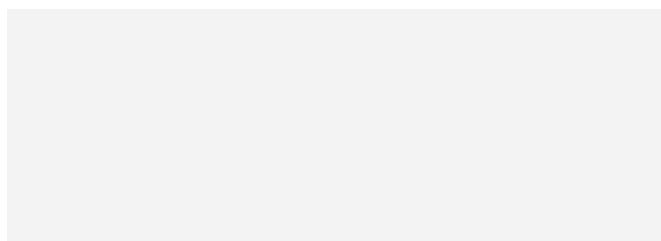
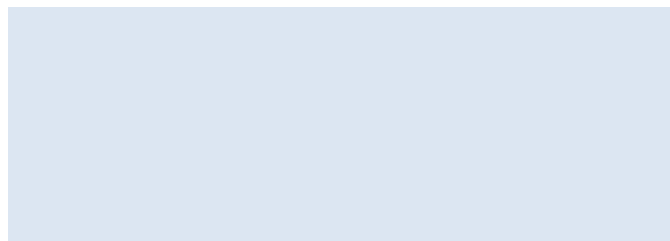
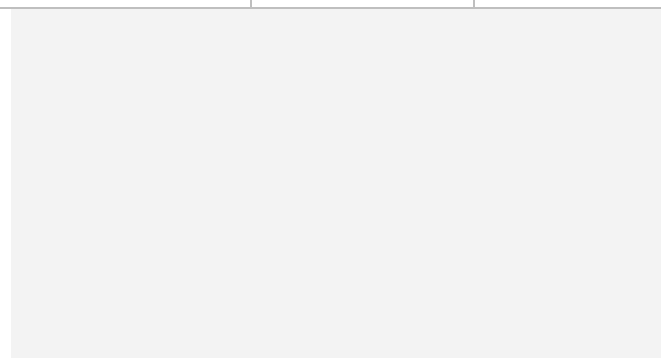
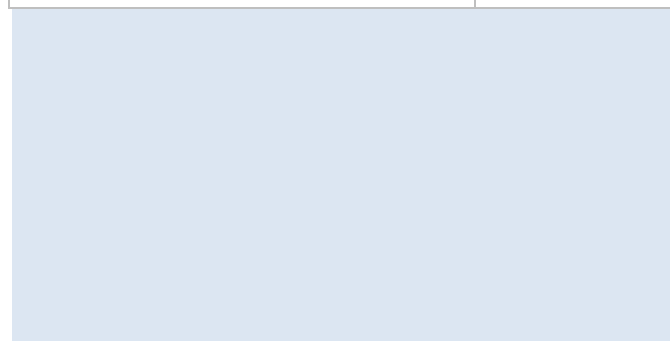


FIGURE 7		FIGIÚR 7	
Analysis of appeals disposed of and analysis of invalid cases		Anailís ar achomhairc a cuireadh de láimh agus anailís ar chásanna neamhbhailí	
Appeals Disposed of	Achomhairc curtha de láimh	2010	2009
Formally	Go foirmeálta	2,517	3,990
Otherwise	Ar bhealaí eile	393	649
- Invalid All	- Neamhbhailí iomlán	238	357
· late	- Déanach	59	91
· no acknowledgement	- gan admháil	55	80
· incorrect fee, no fee	- táille mícheart, gan táille	100	125
· name/address of appellant/agent	- ainm/seoladh achomharcóir/gníomhaire	10	38
· grounds/subject	- bonn/ábhar	6	10
· hours	- uaireanta	1	4
· other	- eile	7	9
- Appeal withdrawn by appellant (section 140(1) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc aistarraingthe ag an achomharcóir (alt 140 (1) den Acht 2000)	95	173
- Application withdrawn by applicant (section 140(1) of 2000 Act)	- Iarratas aistarraingthe ag an iarratasóir (alt 140(1) den Acht 2000)	54	77
- Appeal dismissed (section 133 of the 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 133 den Acht 2000)	0	1
- Appeal dismissed (section 138(1)(a)(i) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 138(1)(a)(i)) den Acht 2000)	2	8
- Appeal dismissed (section 138(1)(b) of the 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 138(1)(b) den Acht 2000)	2	22
- Appeal declared withdrawn (section 140(2) of 2000 Act)	- Fógraíodh gur aistarraingíodh an achomharc (alt 1 40 (2) den Acht 2000)	0	10
- Application declared withdrawn (section 140(2) of 2000 Act)	- Fógraíodh gur aistarraingíodh an t-iarratas (alt 1 40 (2) den Acht 2000)	2	0
- Otherwise disposed of	- Curtha de láimh i slí eile	0	1
Total	iomlán	2,910	4,639



Invalid Appeals

The rate of invalid appeals in 2010 increased from 7.7% in 2009 to 8.2% of the total disposed.

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

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

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

Appeals by Area

An analysis of planning application decisions, appeals and appeal decisions for each county and city area is shown in Appendix 3. Overall, the number of appeals received as a percentage of planning authority decisions on planning applications was 8.70%, compared to 9.0% in 2009. Dublin City Council (17.8%), Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council (16.9%), and Fingal County Council (13.5%) had the highest levels of decisions appealed. Areas with the highest rate of appealed decisions overturned by the Board were Donegal (56.4%), Carlow (56.0%), and Roscommon (53.3%) while those with the lowest rate of appealed decisions overturned were Galway City Council (11.1%), Limerick City Council (22.7%) and South Dublin County Council (26.6%).

Achomhairc Neamhbhailí

Mhéadaigh ráta na n-achomharc neamhbhailí sa bhliain 2010 ó 7.7% sa bhliain 2009 go 8.2% den iomlán a cuireadh de láimh.

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

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

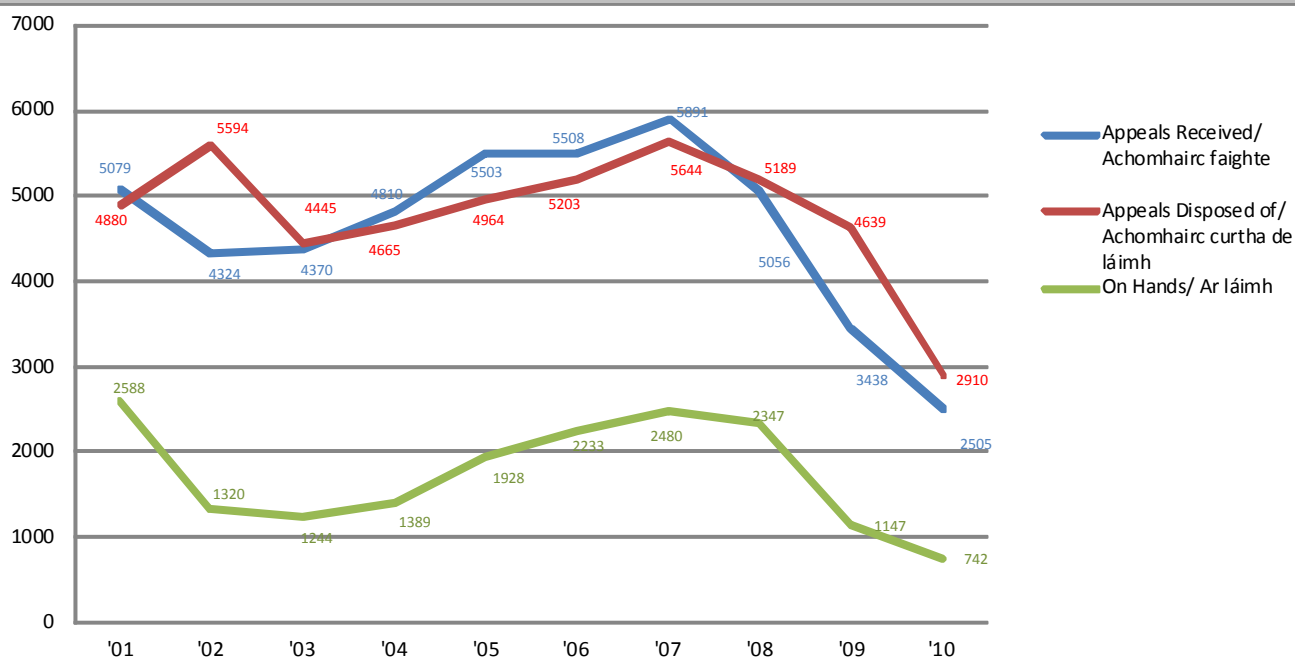
Ainm agus seoladh: Ní mór d'achomharc ainm agus seoladh an achomharcóra a lua agus ainm agus seoladh an duine, más ann dó, atá ag gníomhú ar a s(h)on.

Achomhairc de réir Ceantair

Sin aguisín 3, is féidir anailís a fháil mar gheall ar cinní iarratais phleanála, achomhairc agus cinní achomharc, faoin gach údarás contae agus cathrach an iomlán, b'ionann líon na n-achomharc a fuarthas agus céatadán 8.7% de na cinní a rinne údaráis áitiúla faoi iarratais ar phleanáil 9.0% a bhí ann in 2009. Bhí na leibhéil is airde achomharc ar cinní ag Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath (17.8%), Dún Laoghaire / Ráth an Dúin (16.9%), ag agus ag Fine Gall (13.5%) Is iad seo a leanas na ceantair inar chuir an Bord an líon is mó cinní achomharctha ar ceal: Dún na nGall (56.4%), Cheatharlach (56.0%) agus Ros Comáin (53.3%). Ba iad na ceantar leis an líon is lú cinní achomharctha a chuir an Bord ar ceal ná Chathair na Gaillimhe (11.1%), Chathair Luimnigh (22.7%) agus Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas (26.6%).

FIGURE 8
Appeals received, disposed of and on hands 2001 to 2010

FIGIÚR 8
Achomharc a fuarthas, a cuireadh de láimh 2001 go dtí 2010



Major Infrastructure Appeals

The number of major infrastructure appeals received during 2010 was 127. The number disposed of was 188, of which 33 % were disposed of within the statutory objective period. The average time taken to dispose of major infrastructure appeals was 29 weeks. The following are the broad criteria that are currently applied in deciding whether a planning appeal should receive major infrastructural status:

- National, regional and/or local projects of significant economic potential;
- Development of significant employment potential;
- Large scale industrial/commercial/retail/residential/tourism projects including mixed use projects;
- Large scale urban redevelopment/regeneration projects;
- Tall buildings (normally in excess of 15 storeys);
- 200+ unit housing developments;
- Large scale retirement homes/villages;
- Large energy generation and transmission projects. Normally transmission lines in excess of 15km only.
- Significant windfarm projects (normally in excess of 15 turbines);
- Large scale landfill, waste projects (normally in excess of 20ha. working area) waste water treatment, incinerators;
- Large scale mining/major quarrying projects (normally excess of 20ha. working area);
- Strategic Development Zones;
- Major medical/health facilities including hospitals and major medical centres and extensions to such facilities;
- New school buildings/educational facilities and extensions to existing facilities (permanent or temporary);
- New significant transportation infrastructure including rail way stations, river quays, airport infrastructure, roads infrastructure and service areas;
- Large scale sports stadia and /or sports/leisure facilities;
- Other cases whether through scale, nature, significant public interest or importance justify priority MIA status.

Achomhairc um Mórbonneagar

Ba é 127 an líon achomharc maidir le mórbonneagar a fuarthas sa bhliain 2010. Ba é 188 an líon a cuireadh de láimh, ar cuireadh 33% díobh de láimh laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil. Ba é 29 seachtain an meántréimhse a thóg sé achomhairc maidir le mórbonneagar a chur de láimh. Seo a leanas na critéir leathana a chuirtear i bhfeidhm i láthair na huaire agus cinneadh á dhéanamh cibé acu ar cheart stádas mórbonneagair a thabhairt d'achomharc pleanála:

- Tionscadail náisiúnta, réigiúnacha agus/nó áitiúla a bhfuil gealladh mór eacnamaíoch fúthu;
- Forbairt a bhfuil gealladh mór fostaíochta fúithi;
- Tionscadail thionsclaíocha /thráchtála/mhiondiola/chónaithe/turasóireachta ar an mórchoir lena n-áirítear tionscadail ilchineálacha;
- Athfhorbairt/athchóiriú uirbeach ar an mórchoir
- Foirgnimh arda (os cionn 15 urlár de ghnáth);
- Forbairtí tithíochta de 200+ teach; Tithe/sráidbhailte scoir ar an mórchoir;
- Tionscadail ghiniúna agus tarchuir fuinnimh ar an mórchoir.
- Línte tarchuir os cionn 15km amháin, de ghnáth.
- Tionscadail mhóra feirm ghaoithe (os cionn 15 tuirbín de ghnáth);
- Tionscadail líonta talún, tionscadail dramhaíola (os cionn 20 heicteár de limistéar oibre de ghnáth), tionscadail chóireála dram huisce, loisceoirí ar an mórchoir;
- Tionscadail mhóra mianadóireachta/cairéalaithe (os cionn 20 heicteár de limistéar oibre de ghnáth);
- Criosanna Forbartha Straitéisí;
- Mórshaoráidí míochaine/sláinte lena n-áirítear ospidéal agus mórionaid mhíochaine agus leathnú ar na saoráidí sin;
- Foirgnimh nua scoile/saoráidí oideachais agus leathnú ar shaoráidí atá ann cheana (idir bhuan agus shealadach);
- Bonneagar suntasach nua iompair, lena n-áirítear stáisiúin iarnróid, céanna abhann, bonneagar aerfoirt, bonneagar bóithre agus limistéir sheirbhíse;
- Staideanna spóirt agus/nó saoráidí spóirt/áineasa ar an mórchoir;
- Cásanna eile cibé acu ar bhonn scála, nádúir, leas suntasach poiblí nó tábhachta a thuilleann stádas tosaíochta MIA dá bharr.

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

Submission of documents to the Board by Planning Authorities

In 2010, planning authorities submitted the planning file and other documents in relation to appeals to the Board within the statutory period of two weeks in 83% of appeals (82% in 2009).

Rural Housing

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government launched the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines in April 2005. As the guidelines are issued under section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 the Board must have regard to them. An analysis of the outcome of appeals relating to one-off rural houses is contained in Appendix 2.

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

Doiciméid á gcur ar aghaidh chuig an mBord ag Údaráis Phleanála

Sa bhliain 2010 chuir údaráis phleanála an comhad pleanála agus na doiciméid eile a bhain le hachomhairc chuig an mBord laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil coicise in 83% d'achomhairc (82% sa bhliain 2009).

Tithíocht Tuaithe

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

STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE CASES

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

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

In 2010, the Board determined 7 applications for permission for strategic infrastructure development specified in the Seventh Schedule to the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. The Board also decided 1 electricity application and 1 railway application. An oral hearing was held in relation to 7 cases. The average time to determine the above cases was 50 weeks from the date of lodgement of the application.

FIGURE 9 Strategic Infrastructure Cases (excluding Local Authority Cases)

	Received	Concluded	On-hands
	2010	2010	end 2010
Consultation Requests	39	38	39
Applications	7	11	10
Scoping Requests	2	0	4
Alteration/Ammendment Requests	2	2	1
Total	50	51	54

In respect of the 11 applications concluded in 2010, 9 were formally determined by the Board and 2 were withdrawn. Of the 9 decisions, 3 (33%) were made within the statutory objective time period. 8 cases were the subject of approval decisions (subject to conditions) while 1 was refused approval.

CASANNA BONNEAGAIR STRAITÉISIGH

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

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

Sa bhliain 2010, chinn an Bord seacht n-iarratas ar chead chun bonneagair straitéiseach a fhorbairt, faoi mar atá sonraithe sa Seachtú Sceideal den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000 leasaithe. Chinn an Bord iarratas leictreachais amháin chomh maith. Reáchtáladh éisteacht ó bhéal maidir le seacht gcás. Ba é 50 seachtain an meántréimhse a thóg sé na cásanna thuas a chinneadh ó dháta lóisteála an iarratais.

FIGIÚR 9 Cásanna Bonneagair Straitéisigh (Seachas Cásanna Údaráis Áitiúil)

	Faighte	Críochnaithe	Ar lAimh,
	2010	2010	deireadh 2010
Iarrataí ar Chomhairliúchán	39	38	39
Iarratais	7	11	10
Iarrataí Scoípe	2	0	4
Iarrataí ar Athrú/Leasú	2	2	1
Iomlán	50	51	54

I gcás an aon iarratas déag a tugadh chun críche sa bhliain 2010, chinn an Bord naoi gcinn díobh go foirmiúil agus aistarraingíodh an dá cheann eile. De na naoi gcinneadh, rinneadh trí cinn díobh (33%) laistigh den spriochttréimhse reachtúil. Bhí ocht gcás mar ábhar le cinntí formheasa (faoi réir coinníollacha) agus diúltaíodh cead sa chás eile.

FIGURE 10**Local Authority Strategic Infrastructure Cases**

	Received	Concluded	On-hands
	2010	2010	end 2010
Applications	20	17	28
Scoping Requests	0	3	2
Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Cases	4	4	3
Alteration/Amended Re-requests	0	1	1
EIS Exemption	1	0	1
Total	25	25	35

In respect of the local authority cases concluded in 2010, 12% were determined within the statutory objective period. Of the 17 applications concluded 11 were approved subject to conditions, 4 were refused approval and 2 were invalid. 12 of the decisions related to major road projects, 8 of which were approved. In the environmental impact assessment screening cases, an environmental impact statement was required in 1 case and not required in 1 case.

Operation of Strategic Infrastructure Division

The Strategic Infrastructure Division of the Board comprised the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and three other members (Margaret Byrne, Angela Tunney and Karl Kent). Following the end of Margaret Byrne's term of office, Jane Doyle was appointed.

In non-local authority strategic infrastructure cases prospective applicants are required to engage in pre-application consultations with the Board and in 2010 the Board received 39 requests for such consultations. A record of all such consultations is maintained by the Board and becomes publicly available when the consultations are concluded. In certain cases the Board has a mandatory function to decide whether a proposed development is or is not strategic infrastructure.

FIGURE 11**Pre-Application Consultations**

	2010	Since Jan
		2007
Received	39	181
Meetings Held	79	308
Concluded	38	142

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

	Faighte	Críochnaithe	Ar lAimh,
	2010	2010	deireadh 2010
Iarratais	20	17	28
Iarrataí Scoipe	0	3	2
Cásanna Scagtha um Mheasúnú Tionchar Timpeallachta	4	4	3
Iarrataí ar Athrú/Leasú	0	1	1
	1	0	1
Iomlán	25	25	35

Maidir leis na cásanna údaráis áitiúil a tugadh chun críche sa bhliain 2010, cinneadh 12% díobh laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil. De na seacht n-iarratas déag a tugadh chun críche formheasadh aon cheann déag faoi réir coinníollacha, diúltáíodh cead i gceithre chás agus iarratais neamhbhailí ab ea dhá cheann díobh. Bhain ocht gcinn de na cinní le mórtionscadail bóthair, ar ceadaíodh seacht gcinn díobh. Sna cásanna scagtha a bhain le measúnú tionchair timpeallachta, b'éigean ráiteas tionchair timpeallacht a sholáthar i gcás amháin agus níorbh éigean é i gcás amháin eile.

Feidhmiú na Rannóige um Bonneagar Straitéiseach

Bhí Rannóg um Bonneagar Straitéiseach an Bhoird comhdhéanta den Chathaoirleach, den Leasathaoirleach agus de thriúr bhall eile (Margaret Byrne, Angela Tunney and Karl Kent). Tar éis Margaret Byrne a bheith críochnaithe leis an mBord, ceapadh Jane Doyle.

I gcásanna de bhonneagar straitéiseach nach mbaineann le húdaráis áitiúla ceanglaítear ar iarrthóirí ionchais dul i gcomhairle leis an mBord sula ndéantar an t-iarratas agus sa bhliain 2010 fuair an Bord 39 iarratas ar chomhairliúcháin den sórt sin. Coimeádann an Bord taifead de gach comhairliúcháin den sórt sin agus cuirtear ar fáil don phobal é nuair a bhíonn na comhairliúcháin tugtha chun críche. I gcásanna áirithe tá feidhm shainordaitheach ag an mBord cinneadh a dhéanamh cibé acu an bonneagar straitéiseach is ábhar d'fhorbairt bheartaithe nó nach ea.

FIGIÚR 11**Comhairliúcháin Réamh-Iarratais**

	2010	Ó Eanáir 2007
Faighte	39	181
Cruinnithe reáchtáilte	79	308
Críochnaithe	38	142

Of the 38 cases concluded in 2010, 8 were deemed strategic infrastructure, 18 were deemed not strategic infrastructure and 12 were withdrawn/consultations closed.

Other Local Authority Projects

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

FIGURE 12

Local Authority Projects other than Strategic Infrastructure

	Received	Concluded	On-hands
	2010	2010	end 2010
Compulsory Acquisition CPO	29	20	15
Compulsory Acquisition Derelict Sites	1	1	0
Other Local Authority Projects	1	4	0
Total	31	25	15

Of the compulsory acquisition cases concluded in 2010, 2 cases were approved without modifications, 2 were approved with modifications and 1 was refused approval. There were 11 informal decisions e.g. where no objections were received in CPO cases, 4 applications were withdrawn and 1 application was late. The other local authority project cases concluded in 2010 relate to local authority development approval applications lodged prior to classification of such cases as strategic infrastructure. Of the 25 cases disposed in 2010, 80% were concluded within the statutory objective period.

De na 38 gcás a tugadh chun críche sa bhliain 2010, measadh gur bonneagar straitéiseach ab ábhar d'ocht gcinn, in ocht gcás déag eile measadh nár bhonneagar straitéiseach ab ábhar dóibh agus aistarraingíodh dhá chás déag nó scoireadh an comhairliúcháin.

Tionscadail Eile Údaráis Áitiúil

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

FIGIÚR 12

Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúil nár Bhonneagair Straitéiseach iad

	Faighte 2010	Críochnaithe 2010	Ar laimh, deireadh 2010
Sealbhú Éigeantach CPO	29	20	15
Sealbhú Éigeantach Láithreán Tréigthe	1	1	0
Tionscadail Údaráis Áitiúil Eile	1	4	0
lomlán	31	25	15

Ar na cásanna faoi shealbhú éigeantach a críochnaíodh in 2010, faomhadh 2 chás gan aon mhionathrú, 2 gcinn le mionathruithe, agus diúltaíodh faomhadh do 1 cinn. Rinneadh 11 chinneadh neamhfhoirmiúla, .i. nuair nach ndearnadh agóid in aghaidh chásanna OCÉ (ordú ceannaigh éigeantach), agus 4 aistarraingíodh iarratas agus bhí ceann amháin déanach. Baineann na cásanna eile ó údaráis áitiúla a críochnaíodh in 2010 le hiarratais ar fhaomhadh d'fhorbairt údaráis áitiúil a lóisteáladh sular cinneadh gur bhain cásanna dá shórt leis an mbonneagar straitéiseach. Ar na 25 cás a críochnaíodh in 2010, críochnaíodh 80% díobh laistigh den spriocthréimhse reachtúil.

OTHER CASES

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

Apart from normal planning appeals and local authority projects, other functions have been assigned to the Board under the Planning Acts; the Building Control Acts 1990 and 2007; the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977 to 2007; and the Air Pollution Act 1987. A summary of the various cases which came before the Board in 2010 is set out in Figure 13.

CASANNA EILE

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

Tá feidhmeanna eile tugtha don Bhord seachas gnáth achomhairc phleanála agus tionscadail údarás áitiúil, faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála; An tAcht um Rialú Foirgníochta 1990 agus 2007, na hAchtanna Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú Uisce) 1977 i 2007; agus an tAcht um Thruailliú Aeir 1987. Tá achoimre de na cásanna a tháinig faoi bhráid an Bhoird i 2010 leagtha amach i bhFigiúr 13.

FIGURE 13

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

FIGIÚR 13

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

		Disposed of in Year/ Curtha de láimh sa Bhlian						
		On hands start of year	Received in the Year	Sub-total	Formally decided	Otherwise disposed	All	On hands end of year
		Idir Lámha ag tús na bliana	Faighthe sa bhlian	Fo-iomlán	Cinntí foirmiúla	Curtha de láimh i slí eile	Gach	Idir Lámha ag deireadh na bliana
Planning Acts	Achtanna Pleanála							
Leave to Appeal	Cead Achomharc	2	51	53	45	7	52	1
Referrals	Tarchuir	56	149	205	101	40	141	64
Determinations ¹	Cinntí 1	2	0	2	2	0	2	0
Section 254 Licences	Ceadúnais Rannóg 254	0	4	4	3	0	3	1
EIS Exemption	Díolúine ó RMT	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Control of Quarries (section 261)	Rialú Cairéal (alt 261)	4	0	4	4	0	4	0
Subtotal	Fo-iomlán	65	204	269	156	47	203	66
Building Control Acts	Achtanna um Rialú Foirgníochta							
Fire Safety Certificate	Teastas Sábháilteachta Tine	12	9	21	17	1	18	3
Disability Access Certificate	Deimhniú Rochtana Mhíchumais	0	18	18	0	3	3	15
Subtotal	Fo-iomlán	12	27	39	17	4	21	18
Water Pollution Acts	Achtanna um Thruailliú Uisce							
Discharge to water	Curtha chuig Uisce	8	5	13	8	3	11	2
Discharge to sewers	Curtha chuig Séarachas	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
Subtotal	Fo-iomlán	8	6	14	9	3	12	2
Air Pollution Act	Acht um Thruailliú Aer							
Air emission	Scaoileadh aer	1	2	3	1	0	1	2
Total	Iomlán	86	239	325	183	54	237	88

¹ 146 (62%) of the 237 cases were disposed of within 18 weeks/4 months, as appropriate. 1 These cases relate to the 1963 to 1999 Planning Acts.

¹ 146 (62%) de na 237 cásanna curtha de láimh laistigh de 18 seachtaine/4 mí, mar is cuí. 1 Baineann roinnt de na cásanna sin leis na hAchtanna Pleanála 1963 go 1999.

HUMAN RESOURCES

ACMHAINNÍ DAONNA

The Board wishes to acknowledge the invaluable contribution made to the organisation by its staff, its main asset. It recognises their commitment and dedication to the Board's pursuit of providing its stakeholders with a high quality and efficient service. The Board's authorised staffing complement at the end of 2010, exclusive of Board members, was 172. The average number of staff employed during 2010 was 155, (159 in 2009). The following staff were employed as at 31st December 2010.

Is mian leis an mBord aitheantas a thabhairt don obair rithábachtach a dhéanann an fhoireann don eagraíocht. Isí an fhoireann an acmhainn is luachmhaire atá ag an mBord. Aithníonn an Bord go bhfuil an fhoireann tiomanta do sprioc na heagraíochta a bhaint amach, is é sin, seirbhís éifeachtach ar ardchaighdeán a sholáthar dá pháirtithe leasmhara. Bhí 172 duine fostaithe ar fhoireann údairithe an Bhoird ag deireadh 2010, gan comhaltai an Bhoird a chur san áireamh. 155 duine ba ea an meánlíon a bhí fostaithe ann in 2010 (159 in 2009). Bhí na baill foirne seo a leanas fostaithe ar an 31ú Nollaig 2010.

Chief Officer* / Príomhoifigeach*

Padraic Thornton.

Director of Corporate Affairs* / Stiúrthóir Gnóthaí Corparáideacha*

Gerard Egan.

Secretary* / Rúnaí*

Chris Clarke.

Director of Planning* / Stiúrthóirí Pleanála*

Des Johnson.

Assistant Directors of Planning* / Stiúrthóirí Pleanála*

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

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Senior Planning Inspectors/ Cigirí Pleanála Sinsearacha

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

Planning Inspectors/ Cigirí Pleanála

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

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Administrative Assistants / Cúntóirí Riaracháin

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

Consultants, Advisers and Part-Time Consultant Inspectors

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

During 2010, the Board retained, under section 124 of the 2000 Planning Act, the services of professional consultants to advise it on specialist matters arising in certain cases.

The Board also engaged part-time consultants (PTCs), mostly engineers with appropriate experience, to conduct oral hearings and make reports and recommendations in relation to certain cases. As a result of an initiative from the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and local Government, a small number of local authority planners were made available to the Board to report on ordinary planning appeals on a fee-per-case basis.

Figure 14 shows the number of reports received from part-time consultant inspectors in 2010. The number of reports received from these inspectors in 2010 represented 1.8% of all reports received, (34% in 2009).

Comhairligh, Comhai rleoirí agus Cigirí Comhairleacha Páirtaimseartha

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

Le linn 2010, rinne an Bord, faoi alt 124 d'Acht Pleanála 2000, seirbhísí comhairligh ghairmiúla a fhostú chun comhairle a thabhairt ar shainchúrsaí a d'éirigh in achomhairc áirithe.

Bhíodh sainchomhairleoirí páirt-aimseartha, fostaithe ag an Bhord chomh maith, innealtóirí le taithí oiriúnach don chuid is mó, chun éisteacht ó bhéal a thionóladh, agus tuarascálacha agus moltaí a dhéanamh le haghaidh cásanna éagsúla. De thoradh tionscnamh ón aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúla, cuireadh roinnt bheag de na pleanálaithe ó na húdaráis Áitiúla ar fáil don Bhord, chun tuarascálacha a dhéanamh ar achomharc phleanála le haghaidh táille in aghaidh gach cás.

Léiríonn figiúr 14 an líon tuarascálacha faighte ó sainchomhairleoirí páirtaimseartha sa bhliain 2010. Is ionadaíocht de 2.36% é seo de na tuarascálacha iomlán faighte, (34% sa bhliain 2009).

FIGURE 14

Report by Part-time Consultant Inspectors

		2010	2009	Méadú/(laghdú) % Increase/(decrease) %
FPC Inspectors	CigiríTC	22	1,268	(98%)
PTC Inspectors	CigiríCPT	24	79	(70%)
TOTAL	Iomlán	46	1,354	(97%)

FIGIÚR 14

Tuairiscí faighte ó Chigirí Comhairleora Páirtaimseartha

Local Authority Planners

Patricia Devlin, Stewart Logan, Matthew McAleese, Susan McHugh, Máire O’Connor, Jane O’Donoghue, Tim Walsh.

Professional Consultants

David M. Ball, Pamela Bartley, Shane Bennet, Denis Cunningham, Martin Davidson, Raymond J.Connolly, Luke Fegan, Des Fortune, Maurice Johnson, David Kelly, Jerome Keohane, Don Menzies, Donal O’Callaghan, Thomas O’Connor, Eoin O’Herlihy, Gerry Sexton, Michael Slattery, Colm Traynor, Nigel Wright.

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

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of An Bord Pleanála is comprised of an external Chairperson, Jim Hehir a former Managing Director of the Housing Finance Agency, with two executive members of the Board, Jane Doyle & Brian Swift and operates under formal terms of reference. Following the end of Margaret Byrne’s term of office, Jane Doyle was appointed. Under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies, the Committee may review any matter relating to the internal controls of the Board. It reviews the annual financial statements and internal audit reports, approves the internal audit plans, and advises the Board on the operation of the internal audit function. During 2010, the Committee met seven times. In addition, the members underwent training facilitated by the Institute of Public Administration on their role as audit committee members. The Chairperson meets regularly with the Chairperson of the Board. In the Audit Committee’s Annual Report for 2010 which issued in April 2011, the Committee expressed satisfaction with the internal financial controls operated by the Board. The external auditors met with the Committee to review the results of the annual audit of the Board’s financial statements. A statement on the system of Internal Financial Controls is in Appendix 7.

Pleanálaithe ó Údaráis Áitiúla

Patricia Devlin, Stewart Logan, Matthew McAleese, Susan McHugh, Máire O’Connor, Jane O’Donoghue, Tim Walsh.

Comhairligh Ghairmiúla

David M. Ball, Pamela Bartley, Shane Bennet, Denis Cunningham, Martin Davidson, Raymond J.Connolly, Luke Fegan, Des Fortune, Maurice Johnson, David Kelly, Jerome Keohane, Don Menzies, Donal O’Callaghan, Thomas O’Connor, Eoin O’Herlihy, Gerry Sexton, Michael Slattery, Colm Traynor, Nigel Wright.

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

Tá an choiste iniúchadh don Bhord Pleanála comhdhéanta de Cathaoirleach seachtrach, Jim Hehir, a bhíodh ina Stiúrthóir Bainistíochta an Ghníomhaireacht Airgeadais Tithíochta, agus beirt chomhaltaí feidhmiúcháin den Bhord, Jane Doyle agus Brian Swift. Feidhmíonn an choiste seo faoi théarmaí tagartha foirmiúla. De réir an Chóid Chleachtais do Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit, féadfaidh an Coiste athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar aon ábhar a bhaineann le rialaithe inmheánacha an Bhoird. Déanann sé athbhreithniú ar na ráitis airgeadais bliantúla agus tuarascálacha iniúchta inmheánaigh, chomh maith le ceadúnas a thabhairt do na pleannanna iniúchta inmheánaigh, agus tugann sé comhairle don Bhord maidir le hoibriú na feidhme iniúchta inmheánaigh. Bhuaill an Coiste le chéile seacht n-uaire i rith an bhliain 2010. Ina theannta sin, cuireadh na baill faoi oiliúint ag an Foras Riaracháin Poiblí maidir lena ról mar bhaill an choiste iniúchadh. Casann an Cathaoirleach don choiste go rialta le Cathaoirleach an Bhoird. I dtuarascáil bhliantúil don choiste iniúchta i 2010, a eisíodh i mí Aibreáin 2011, léirigh an Coiste sástacht le na rialaithe inmheánacha airgeadais atá i bhfeidhm ag an mBord. Bhuaill na hiniúcháirí seachtracha le chéile leis an gCoiste chun athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar torthaí an iniúcadh bliantúil de ráitis airgeadais an Bhoird. Tá ráiteas ar an gcóras Rialú Airgeadais Inmheánach tugtha in Aguisín 7.

FINANCE

Fees

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

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

Gross receipts from appeal fees in 2010 amounted to €1,841,579 of which (€221,750) was refunded where appeals were found to be late or otherwise invalid. Gross receipts from strategic infrastructure development applications in 2010 amounted to €2,000,000 of which (€109,029) was refunded where the cost of processing the application was less than the fee. A provision of (€954,000) is included in the Financial Statements to reflect future refunds on undecided applications as at the end of 2010.

In 2010, net receipts from fees represented about 15.38% of total expenditure (18.19% in 2009).

Income and expenditure

In 2010, total expenditure amounted to €21,439,852 while income amounted to €21,662,212 leaving a surplus for the year of €222,360. There was an incoming deficit of €324,766 which left a cumulative deficit of €102,406. The accounts are reproduced in Appendix 9. Certification under the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act, 1997 is in Appendix 6.

Members’ salaries and expenses

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

AIRGEADAS

Táillí

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

Tá táillí iníoctha, leis, ag daoine/comhlachtaí áirithe nach páirtithe iad, ar a dtugtar “breathnóirí” de ghnáth, i gcás aighneachtaí nó tuairimí a chuirtear faoi bhráid an Bhoird.

B’ionann agus €1,841,579 an t-ioncam comhlán ó tháillí achomhairc sa bhliain 2010, ar aisíocadh (€221,750) de i gcás achomharc a bhí déanach nó neamhbhailí. B’ionann agus €2,000,000 an t-ioncam comhlán ó iarratais chun bonneagar straitéiseach a fhorbairt sa bhliain 2010, ar aisíocadh (€109,029) de i gcásanna inarb ísle ná an táille an costas a ghabh leis an iarratas a phróiseáil. Rinneadh soláthar de (€954,000) sna Ráitis Airgeadais chun aisíocaíochtaí todhchaí ar iarratais neamhchinnte amhail ag deireadh 2010 a léiriú.

Sa bhliain 2010, b’ionann agus 15.38% den chaiteachas iomlán (18.19% sa bhliain 2009) an glanioncam ó tháillí.

Ioncam agus caiteachas

Sa bhliain 2010, b’ionann agus €21,439,852 an caiteachas iomlán agus €21,662,212 an t-ioncam iomlán, rud a thug barrachas de €222,360 don bhliain. Bhí easnamh de €324,766 ag tús na bliana, rud a d’fhág easnamh carnach de €102,406. Atáirgtear na cuntais in Aguisín 9. Gheofar deimhniú faoin Acht um Íoc Pras Cuntas, 1997, in Aguisín 6.

Tuarastail agus costais na gcomhaltaí

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

EVALUATION OF 2010 PERFORMANCE

The central element of the 2010 Annual Plan was the intention to finalise clearance of the residue of the backlog of cases and to improve the compliance rate with the statutory time objective up to 75% compliance for the year. In reviewing the end of year outcome the Board has noted that the end of year annualised compliance rate was 63% which fell short of the intended target. However, in the last three months of 2010 the average monthly compliance rate was 70% and present results for 2011 are indicating a further significant improvement to approximately 80% (end April, 2011). In this respect a number of factors hampered better progress on this target including an on-going process of adjustment to the fact that in-house inspectorate resources were almost exclusively relied upon to undertake inspection/report duties on caseload intake (the use of fee-per-case consultants having been effectively discontinued in mid-2009). Furthermore in 2010 the Board had to process a number of very complex strategic infrastructure cases which engaged a large amount of Board and Inspectorate resources in terms of time and personnel and this had a knock-on effect on the capacity available to satisfactorily resolve the statutory objective compliance deficit and the final element of clearance of the backlog of cases in the system. It should also be noted that for the bulk of 2010 there were only 8 serving Board Members out of the approved complement of 10 in addition to a number of vacancies in the approved staff complement.

In respect of clearance of older cases the Board is satisfied that the issue of the backlog which was a feature over the last number of years was to a large degree resolved by end 2010 and should be completely eradicated by early 2011 – the number of cases on hand at the end of 2010 at less than 1,000 is evidence of the progress made in this regard (in comparison there were 2,636 cases on hand at the end of 2008).

The start of year projected intake for 2010 was 3,600 and the actual intake was a total of 2,849 cases. This level of intake impacted on the projected fee income during the year although the degree of shortfall in same was much less than that experienced in 2009 – in 2010 there was a net shortfall in appeal cases fees of €364,000 over the original budget projections. In reviewing the budgetary situation for 2010 the Board notes that the overall budgeted expenditure total of €16,909,000 was only exceeded by a relatively small amount (the total expenditure being €17,010,000). As a demand led organisation the Board recognises that variances in expenditure and income are an expected feature of its budgetary process. The most significant variance in expenditure within the budget was in legal fees which is traditionally very volatile and thus hard to predict – the 2010 outcome was caused primarily by payment of outstanding costs to parties who were successful in challenging the Board and were awarded costs in conjunction with the unforeseen completion of certain cases within the year (thus generating additional unscheduled costs for 2010). The additional expenditure in legal fees over that budgeted was €334,000. On the Income side and in addition to the drop in Appeal Fee income there was also a shortfall in predicted legal cost recovery of €331,000.

MEASTÓIREACHT AR AN FHEIDHMÍOCHT LE LINN 2010

Ba é mír lárnach Phlean Bliantúil na bliana 2010 an intinn socruithe a thabhairt chun críche chun an riaráiste cásanna a ghlanadh agus an ráta géilliúlachta don spriocthréimhse reachtúil a mhéadú go 75% don bhliain iomlán. Agus toradh dheireadh na bliana á athbhreithniú thug an Bord ar aird gurbh é 63% an ráta géilliúlachta bliantúilaithe, rud a chiallaigh nár sroicheadh an sprioc. Ach sna trí mhí dheireanacha den bhliain 2010 ba é 70% an meánráta géilliúlachta míosúil agus léiríonn na torthaí láithreacha don bhliain 2011 feabhas suntasach eile go beagnach 80% (deireadh Eanáir, 2011). Chuir tosca éagsúla bac ar fheabhas i dtreo na sprice sin, lena n-áirítear an gá a bhí le glacadh leis go rabhthas ag brath go huile is go hiomlán nach mór ar acmhainní na cigireachta inti chun dualgais chigireachta/tuairiscithe a chomhlíonadh i dtaca leis an riar cásanna a glacadh (cuireadh deireadh go héifeachtach leis an gcóras de chomhairleoirí a íocadh in aghaidh an cháis i lár na bliana 2009). Thairis sin, sa bhliain 2010 b'éigean don Bhord roinnt cásanna thar a bheith casta a bhain le bonneagar straitéiseach a phróiseáil, rud a d'ídigh mórchuid d'acmhainní an Bhoird agus den Chigireacht ó thaobh ama agus pearsanra de agus bhí tionchar aige sin ar na hacmhainní a bhí ar fáil chun an t-easnamh i gcomhlíonadh na spriocthréimhse reachtúla a chúiteamh agus chun an chuid dheireanach den riaráiste cásanna sa chóras a ghlanadh. Ba cheart a thabhairt ar aird chomh maith nach raibh ach ochtar Ball reatha den Bhord as an líon formheasta de dheichniúr ag fónamh i gcaitheamh fhormhór den bhliain 2010 agus bhí roinnt folúntas sa líon foirne formheasta, leis.

Maidir le glanadh na gcásanna is sine tá an Bord sásta gur ghné é an riaráiste a bhain leis na blianta a ghabh roimhe seo agus go raibh sé glanta nach mór faoi dheireadh 2010 agus gur dócha go mbeidh sé glanta go hiomlán go luath sa bhliain 2011 – is léir ón méid cásanna idir lámha ag deireadh na bliana 2010 a bhí faoi bhun 1,000 an dul chun cinn a rinneadh sa mhéid sin (i gcomparáid leis sin bhí 2,636 cás idir lámha ag deireadh na bliana 2008).

Ba é 3,600 an líon cásanna nua réamh-mheasta ag tús na bliana 2010 agus ba é 2,849 an líon cásanna a glacadh iarbhair. Bhí tionchar ag an leibhéal cásanna nua sin ar an ioncam réamh-mheasta ó tháillí i gcaitheamh na bliana cé gur lú an gannchion sa bhliain 2010 ná sa bhliain 2009 – ba é €364,000 an gannchion glan i dtáillí ó chásanna achomhairc sa bhliain 2010 i gcomparáid leis an méid réamh-mheasta sa bhuiséad. Agus staid an bhuiséid á hathbhreithniú don bhliain 2010 tugann an Bord ar aird nár sáraíodh iomlán an chaiteachais bhuiséadaigh tríd is tríd de €16,909,000 ach de mhéid fiorbheag (ba é €17,010,000 an caiteachas iomlán). Mar eagraíocht a fhreagraíonn d'éileamh aithníonn an Bord go gcaithfear a bheith ag súil le héagsúlacht i gcaiteachas agus in ioncam laistigh den phróiseas buiséadach. Ba i dtáillí dlí a chonacthas an éagsúlacht ba shuntasáil i gcaiteachas laistigh den bhuiséad; réimse luaineach ab ea é sin riamh agus is deacair méideanna a thuar ann – ba é an phríomhchúis le toradh na bliana 2010 ná costais a bhí gan íoc a íocadh le páirtithe ar éirigh leo dúshlán a chur faoin mBord agus ar dámhadh costais ina leith agus cásanna áirithe a tugadh chun críche gan choinne i gcaitheamh na bliana (as ar tháinig costais bhreise neamhsceidéalta don bhliain 2010). Ba é €334,000 an caiteachas breise ar tháillí dlí thar an méid a cuireadh san áireamh sa bhuiséad. Ó thaobh loncaim de agus le cois an laghdaithe in ioncam ó Tháillí Achomhairc bhí gannchion bhreise de €331,000 sa mhéid a aisghabhadh ó chostais dlí i gcomórtas leis an mhéid a bhí sa bhuiséad.

This deficit only became apparent in late 2010 as promised payment in a number of cases did not in fact materialise thus reflecting the prevailing difficult and uncertain economic environment.

Another significant expenditure feature of 2010 was unanticipated additional expenditure on specialist consultants in the Metro North and Corrib Gas Field cases where further information had to be analysed and oral hearings reconvened (there was a €72,000 excess expenditure over budget in this area). The Board also had an incoming accumulated deficit of €325,000 at the start of 2010. The above set of circumstances accordingly left the Board facing a significant deficit towards year end. Following on-going consultations with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government the Board received a supplementary Grant payment of €536,000 in December 2010 which enabled it record a zero balance within the year and a reduction in its accumulate deficit to €197,000.

The Board is satisfied that the significant reduction in non-pay expenditure by it over the period 2008-2010 (a 43% reduction) is evidence of its commitment to ensuring stringent control of expenditure in the present tight budgetary circumstances. The Board however is concerned that while its pay liability has been reduced by the application of centrally imposed pay reductions for all Board members and staff and the application of the embargo on filling vacant posts the Board's pension liabilities continue to be a structural impediment to overall remuneration reduction. This matter has been brought to the attention of the Board's parent Department on numerous occasions in the past year and it is hoped that same can be addressed in an appropriate fashion by that Department in 2011 – the overrun of €82,000 in the remuneration for 2010 was caused by emergence of an additional unforeseen pension liability arising for payment during the year.

The Board is satisfied that the effect of the continued embargo on recruitment allied to the existing levels of vacant posts and the discontinuation of fee-per-case consultants in all but a few specialist cases (with occasional use of some local authority personnel) and cessation of all paid overtime and seasonal temporary employment has resulted in a leaner and more appropriately sized organisation to match prevailing economic circumstances and levels of intake. The Board will however continuously review this matter in the course of 2011 having regard to the prevailing levels of intake and to other relevant considerations including additional work arising from the Planning and Development (Amendment) Act 2010.

Continued use of in-house resources to deliver training and staff development programmes was progressed in 2010 as was the internal redeployment of administrative staff to ICT to facilitate progression of the Board's ICT developmental project. The Board is satisfied that significant progress in upgrading its ICT hardware and infrastructure was achieved in 2010.

Níor tháinig an gannchion sin chun solais go dtí go déanach sa bhliain 2010 nuair a theip ar íocaíochtaí a bhí geallta i gcásanna áirithe teacht i gcrích de dheasca na ndeacrachtaí agus na héiginnteachta sa timpeallacht eacnamaíochta.

Gné shuntasach eile i gcaiteachas na bliana 2010 ba ea an caiteachas breise neamhthuartha ar chomhairleoirí speisialtóra i gcásanna Metro North agus Gáscheantar na Coiribe mar a raibh sé riachtanach faisnéis bhreise a anailísiú agus éisteachtaí ó bhéal a aththionóil (ba é €72,000 an róchaiteachas sa réimse seo). Bhí easnamh carnach de €325,000 ag an mBord ag tús na bliana 2010. Dá réir sin chiallaigh na tosca thuas go raibh an Bord i ngleic le heasnamh suntasach i dtreo dheireadh na bliana. Tar éis dul i gcomhairle go leanúnach leis an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil fuair an Bord íocaíocht deontais fhorlíontaigh de €536,000 i mí na Nollag 2010 a chumasaigh dó iarmhéid nialais a chlárú don bhliain agus a easnamh carnach a laghdú go €197,000.

Tá an Bord sásta gur fianaise é an laghdú suntasach a rinne sé ar chaiteachas neamhphá sa tréimhse 2008-2010 (laghdú de 43%) ar a ghealltanais dianrialú a dhéanamh ar chaiteachas sa timpeallacht bhuiséadach ghann ar airgead atá i réim faoi láthair. Cúis imní don Bhord is ea é, áfach, gur laghdaíodh a dhliteanas pá trí laghduithe pá a chur i bhfeidhm go lárnach i gcás gach comhalta den Bhord agus na foirne ar fad agus glanchoisc a chur ar fholúntais phoist a líonadh ach go bhfuil dliteanais phinsin an Bhoird ina bhac struchtúrach i gcónaí ar iarrachtaí chun an t-íomlán a chaitear ar luach saothair a laghdú. Cuireadh an t-ábhar imní sin faoi bhráid Roinn tuismitheora an Bhoird go minic sa bhliain a ghabh thart agus tá súil gur féidir leis an Roinn réiteach sásúil a fháil ar an fhadhb sin sa bhliain 2011 – ba é dliteanas breise pinsin nach raibh coinne leis a tháinig le bheith iníochta i gcaitheamh na bliana ba chúis leis an róchaiteachas ar luach saothair sa bhliain 2010.

Tá an Bord sásta go bhfuil an eagraíocht níos gainne anois ar bharrachas agus ar mhéid cuí do na himthosca eacnamaíochta atá i réim agus do leibhéal na gcásanna nua atá ag teacht isteach de thoradh an lánchoisc ar earcaíocht mar aon le leibhéal láithreach na bpost folamh agus an deireadh a cuireadh le comhairleoirí a íocadh in aghaidh an cháis seachas i bhfíorbheagán cásanna speisialtóra (agus an úsáid ócáideach a bhaintear as pearsanra áirithe údarais áitiúil) agus an deireadh a cuireadh le ragobair íochta agus le fostaíocht shealadach shéasúrach. Leanfaidh an Bord, áfach, d'athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar an ábhar seo i gcúrsa 2011 ag féachaint do leibhéal na gcásanna nua agus do na rudaí eile nár mhór a chur san áireamh lena n-áirítear obair bhreise a thiocfaidh den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2010.

Rinneadh dul chun cinn sa bhliain 2010 i dtaca le hacmhainní inti a úsáid chun cláir oiliúna agus forbartha a sholáthar don fhoireann mar ab amhlaidh i gcás foireann a ath-íomlannú go himmheánach sa rannóg TFC chun go bhféadfaí dul chun cinn a dhéanamh le tionscadal forbartha TFC an Bhoird. Tá an Bord sásta go ndearnadh dul chun cinn suntasach sa bhliain 2010 maidir lena chrua-earraí agus a bhonneagar TFC a uasghrádú.

In respect of Corporate Governance issues the Board is continuing to progress those matters identified as necessary to ensure full compliance with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies.

In this regard the target of full compliance by end 2010 was not met due largely to delays arising from national industrial action in the early to mid-part of the year which prevented the necessary staff consultation via Partnership and employer/union channels on a range of items including the Strategy Statement, the Customer Service Action Plan and the Policy/Code on Confidential Disclosures. The necessary consultation process was however completed by the end of 2010 and the finalisation of these items is now expected in early 2011. A revised draft Code of Conduct for Board Members and Staff is currently the subject matter of internal consultation and it is anticipated that it will be adopted early in 2011.

The review of Board's Irish Language Scheme was completed by the Board in 2010 and is currently the subject of correspondence with the relevant Department of State.

The Board's initiatives in improving Environmental Performance continued in 2010 and have provided a platform to advance significant improvements in energy savings and carbon emission reduction over the coming years.

Maidir le saincheisteanna Rialachais Chorporáidigh tá dul chun cinn á dhéanamh ag an mBord i gconaí sna nithe a aithníodh mar nithe atá riachtanach chun lánghéilliúlacht don Chód Cleachtais um Rialú Comhlachtaí Stáit a chinntiú.

Sa mhéid seo níor comhlíonadh an sprioc seo ina iomláine roimh dheireadh na bliana 2010 i ngeall a mhór ar mhoill a tháinig de ghníomhaíocht náisiúnta thionsclaíoch idir thús agus lár na bliana a chiallaigh nárbh fhéidir an comhairliú foirne riachtanach a dhéanamh trí chainéil Chomhpháirtíochta agus fostóir/ceardchumainn ar raon míreanna lena n-áirítear an Ráiteas Straitéise, an Plean Gníomhaíochta Seirbhíse do Chustaiméirí agus an Beartas/Cód ar Rudaí faoi Rún a Nochtadh. Bhí an próiseas riachtanach comhairliúcháin tugtha chun críche faoi dheireadh na bliana 2010 agus tá súil go mbeidh na míreanna sin tugtha chun críche go luath sa bhliain 2011. Tá dréacht-Chód Iompair leasaithe do chomhaltaí an Bhoird agus don Fhoireann mar ábhar le comhairliú inmheánach i láthair na huaire agus meastar go nglacfar é go luath sa bhliain 2011.

Chríochnaigh an Bord an t-athbhreithniú ar Scéim Ghaeilge an Bhoird sa bhliain 2010 agus i láthair na huaire tá sé mar ábhar le comhfhreagras leis an Roinn Stáit lena mbaineann.

Leanadh de thionscnaimh an Bhoird chun Feidhmíocht Chomhshaoil a fheabhsú sa bhliain 2010 agus tá bealaí aitheanta acu ina bhféadfaí laghdú mór a dhéanamh sna blianta atá romhainn ar an méid fuinnimh a

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

During 2010, High Court judicial review proceedings arising from the Board's decisions and procedures in relation to appeals and other matters were instituted in 13 cases. In the course of the year proceedings were discontinued, dismissed or withdrawn against the Board in 16 cases. Leave applications for judicial review were refused in 5 cases.

There were no judgments issued by the Supreme Court.

Access to Information

The Planning Acts, the Freedom of Information Act and Access to Information on the Environment Regulations provide for access to certain information on the Board's operations. Casework files are available for inspection free of charge on the third working day after the case is decided and copies of documents can be purchased. The Board's decision order and direction and the Inspector's report are also available on the Board's website.

The number of public access requests for casework files was 764 in 2010.

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

IMEACHTAÍ DLÍ

Le linn na bliana 2010, tionscnaíodh imeachtaí athbhreithnithe breithiúnaigh san Ard-Chúirt maidir le cinntí agus nósanna imeachta an Bhoird i dtaobh achomharc agus ábhar eile i dt trí cinn déag de chásanna. I gcúrsa na bliana scoireadh, díbheadh nó tarraingíodh siar imeachtaí i gcoinne an Bhoird i sé cinn dhéag de chásanna. Diúltaíodh iarratais cheada ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach i gcúig chás.

Níor eisigh an Chúirt Uachtarach breithiúnas ar bith.

Teacht ar Fhaisnéis

Foráiltear sna hAchtanna Pleanála, san Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise agus sna Rialacháin um Theacht ar Fhaisnéis ar an gComhshaol le haghaidh teacht ar chineálacha áirithe faisnéise maidir le hoi-bríochtaí an Bhoird.

Cuirtear comhaid chásóibre ar fáil lena n-íniúchadh saor in aisce ar an tríú lá oibre tar éis an cás a bheith cinnte agus is féidir cóipeanna de na doiciméid a cheannach. Bíonn ordú agus treoir chinneadh an Bhoird agus tuarascáil an Chigire ar fáil chomh maith ar shuíomh Gréasáin an Bhoird.

Ba é 764 líon na n-iarratas ar theacht phoiblí ar chomhaid chásóibre sa bhliain 2010.

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

Figure 15
Freedom of Information - Breakdown of Requests
Saoráil Faisnéise – Miondealú ar Iarratais

Figiúir 15

		2010	2009
On hands at start of year	Ar láimh ag tosach na bliana	0	0
Requests received	Iarratais faighte	9	16
Granted/Partially granted	Tugtha/Tugtha i bpáirt	5	6
Withdrawn or dealt with outside FOI	Aistarraingthe nó déileáilte le lasmuigh de SF	0	0
Refused	Diúltaithe	3	10
On hands at end of year	Ar láimh ag deireadh na bliana	1	0

CUSTOMER SERVICES & COMPLAINTS

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

In 2010, the Board received 234 letters in relation to decided cases and replied to 220. The total number of response letters issued on decided cases in 2010 was 241. This figure includes responses to letters received in 2009 and other miscellaneous correspondence relating to decided cases.

The nature of the correspondence was varied. The following breakdown is based on the main reason for a contact. It is designed to illustrate the main reasons for correspondence, but it is often the case that the correspondence contains elements of several types of contact. For example, queries where interpretation and enforcement are involved.

Number of cases disputing decision	58
Number of cases requiring interpretation	48
Number of cases regarding enforcement issues	44*
Number of cases regarding miscellaneous issues	84

*Note that the Board is often contacted about cases where a person considers that the Board's decision is not being correctly implemented. This is a matter for the planning authority as the Board has no role in enforcement matters. As the Board can only direct the person to the planning authority with such queries, anyone with an interest in such matters should contact the planning authority directly.

SEIRBHISI/GEARAIN CUSTAIMEARA

De réir ár bPlean Gníomhaíochta um Sheirbhís do Chustaiméirí, tá córas ag an mBord chun déileáil le fiosruithe mar gheall ar an gcaighdeán seirbhíse a chuirtear ar fáil agus ceisteanna eile is spéis leis an bpobal i gcoitinne, agus chun anailís agus tomhas a dhéanamh ar líon na ngearán nó na n-iarratas a fuarthas. Ní córas é an córas s'againne a dearadh chun achomharc eile a sholáthar in aghaidh chinneadh an Bhoird ar an achomharc pleanála.

Sa bhliain 2010 fuair an Bord 234 litir maidir le cásanna a bhí cinnte agus tugadh freagra ar 220 díobh. Ba é 241 an líon iomlán de litreacha freagartha a eisíodh sa bhliain 2010 ar chásanna a bhí cinnte. San áireamh sa líon sin bhí freagraí ar litreacha a fuarthas sa bhliain 2009 agus comhfhreagras ilchineálach eile maidir le cásanna a bhí cinnte.

B'éagsúil an cineál comhfhreagrais a fuarthas. Tá an miondealú seo a leanas bunaithe ar an bpríomhchúis teagmhála. Dearadh é leis na príomhchúiseanna leis an gcomhfhreagras a léiriú, ach is minic a bhíonn míreanna de chineálacha éagsúla teagmhála i gceist i gcomhfhreagras. Samplaí díobh sin is ea ceisteanna a chlúdaíonn idir léirmhíniú agus fhorfheidhmiú.

An líon cásanna ina n-agóidtear in aghaidh cinnidh	58
An líon cásanna ina mbíonn léirmhíniú de dhíth	48
An líon cásanna ina luaitear saincheisteanna forfheidhmiúcháin	44*
An líon cásanna ina luaitear saincheisteanna ilghnéitheacha	84

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

CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES

The Board is obliged to keep itself informed of the policies of certain bodies whose functions have a bearing on proper planning and sustainable development. These include Ministers of the Government and planning authorities.

The Board continued its ongoing practice of maintaining contact with public authorities and other representative organisations whose functions impact on the planning process. During 2010, the Board met with the National Asset Management Agency, The Midland Regional Authority, The Association of County & City Councils, The Irish Concrete Federation, The Engineers of Ireland, The Society of Chartered Surveyors, Irish Planning Institute, Irish Wind Energy Association, and The Joint Committee on the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

COMHAIRLE LE COMHLACHTAÍ EILE

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

Lean an Bord dá chleachtas leanúnach de theagmháil a bheith aige le húdaráis áitiúla agus le heagraíochtaí ionadacha eile a bhfuil tionchar ag a bhfeidhmeanna ar an bpróiseas planála. Le linn 2010, bhí cruinnithe ag an mBord leis na comhlachtaí seo a leanas: An Ghníomhair-eacht Náisiúnta um Bainistíocht Sócmhainní, Údarás Réigiúnach Lár na Tíre, Cumann Comhairlí Contae is Cathrach, Cónaidhm Choincréite na hÉireann, Institiúid Innealtóirí Éireann, Cumann Suirbhéirí Cairte, Institiúid Pleanála na hÉireann, Cumann Fuinneamh Gaoithe na hÉireann, Gníomhaireacht Forbartha Tionscail na hÉireann, an Comhchoiste Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Overview of Energy Usage in 2010

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

In 2010 the Board consumed 597,830 kWh of energy consisting totally of electricity.

Actions Undertaken in 2010

In 2010 the Board undertook a range of initiatives to improve our energy performance, including:

1. Installation of time clocks in lobbies and basement;
 - The estimated savings are projected to be 8,388 kWh of annual electricity savings in the lobby areas.
 - The estimated savings are projected to be 8,256 kWh of annual electricity savings in the basement.
2. Installation of partial building lighting upgrade in November in conjunction with Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland which is expected to yield 135,829 kWh of annual electricity savings and CO₂ savings based on the kW savings of 31,799 kg;
3. Occupancy control is provided for a number of individual offices in respect of air conditioning and lighting which resulted in 12,578 kWh of annual savings.

Actions Planned for 2011

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

1. Install more energy efficient LED type lamps in lift lobby areas to replace existing fluorescent fittings.
2. Installing time clock for water heaters in all washrooms which will regulate the hot water temperature.
3. Installing sensor mechanisms in the gents washrooms to reduce water consumption.
4. Installing rain water harvesting system for water usage in areas such as flushing toilets, basement cleaning and window cleaning.

ÉIFEACHTÚLACHT FUINNIMH

Foramharc ar Ídiú Fuinnimh sa bhliain 2010

Leictreachas is ea a sholáthraíonn gach riachtanas cumhachta ar an láthair de chuid an Bhoird Phleanála. Áirítear ar na príomhsheirbhísí soilsiú, aerchóiriú agus gnáthchumhacht oifige, cumhacht ceaintín agus seirbhísí uisce te agus fuar. D'ídigh an Bord 597,830kWh fuinnimh sa bhliain 2010, arbh é leictreachas an t-íomlán.

Bearta a Glacadh sa bhliain 2010

Thug an Bord faoi raon tionscnamh sa bhliain 2010 chun ár bhfeidhmíocht fuinnimh a fheabhsú, lena n-áirítear:

1. Amchloig a shuiteáil i bhforhallaí agus in íosligh;
 - Meastar go spárálfar 8,388 kWh leictreachais gach bliain sna limistéir forhalla dá bharr.
 - Meastar go spárálfar 8,256 kWh leictreachais san íoslach gach bliain dá bharr.
2. Rinneadh uasghrádú páirteach ar shoilsiú an fhoirgnimh i mí na Samhna i gcomhar le hÚdarás Fuinnimh Inmharthana na hÉireann agus meastar go spárálfaidh sé sin 135,829kWh leictreachais gach bliain agus go spárálfar 31,799 kg de CO₂ dá bharr.
3. Cuirtear rialú áititheora ar fáil i roinnt oifigí aonair ó thaobh aerchóiriú agus soilsiú de, rud a spáráil 12,578kWh ar bhonn bliantúil.

Gníomhartha Beartaithe don bhliain 2011

Tá ar intinn againn ár bhfeidhmíocht fuinnimh a fheabhsú tuilleadh mar seo a leanas:

1. Breis lampaí tíosacha ar fhuinneamh de chineál LED a shuiteáil i bhforhalla an ardaitheora in áit na bhfeisteas fluaraiseach atá ann faoi láthair.
2. Na téitheoirí uisce sna seomraí níoscháin ar fad a fheistiú le hamchlog a rialóidh teocht an uisce the.
3. Meicníochtaí braiteora a shuiteáil i seomra níoscháin na bhfear chun ídiú uisce a laghdú.
4. Córas sábhála uisce báistí a shuiteáil chun uisce a sholáthar chun leithris a shruthlú agus íosligh agus fuinneoga a ghlanadh.

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Normal Planning Appeals received and decided by area in 2010

AGUISÍN 3

Gnáth achomhairc phleanála faighte agus cinneadh déanta ortha de réir cheantair i 2010

		No. of decisions made by planning authority ²	No. of decisions appealed to Board	% of decisions appealed to Board	Decisions appealed as a % of all appeals to Board	% of planning authority decisions confirmed by Board	% of planning authority decisions varied by Board	% of planning authority decisions reversed by the Board
		Méid Cinntí déanta ag údarás phleanála ²	Méid cinntí achomharc don Bhord	% de chinntí faoi achomharc	Cinntí achomharctha mar% de gach achomharc don Bhord	% de chinntí an údaráis phleanála deimhnithe ag an mBord	% de chinntí an údaráis phleanála athraithe ag an mBord	% de chinntí an údaráis phleanála freaschuirthe ag an mBord
County Area ¹ Contae								
Carlow	Ceatharlach	365	31	8.5%	1.2%	0.0%	44.0%	56.0%
Cavan	An Cabhán	424	31	7.3%	1.2%	14.3%	45.7%	40.0%
Clare	An Clár	1,050	74	7.0%	3.0%	19.4%	40.3%	40.3%
Cork	Corcaigh	3,069	195	6.4%	7.8%	20.9%	39.0%	40.1%
Donegal	Dún na nGall	1,693	76	4.5%	3.0%	10.3%	33.3%	56.4%
Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown	Dún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin	1,180	200	16.9%	8.0%	29.8%	42.4%	27.8%
Fingal	Fine Gall	982	133	13.5%	5.3%	30.8%	39.7%	29.5%
Galway	Gaillimh	1,647	111	6.7%	4.4%	11.7%	38.8%	49.5%
Kerry	Ciarraí	1,300	116	8.9%	4.6%	28.8%	29.7%	41.5%
Kildare	Cill Dara	1,188	111	9.3%	4.4%	33.7%	39.3%	27.0%
Kilkenny	Cill Chainnigh	708	37	5.2%	1.5%	12.9%	38.7%	48.4%
Laois	Laois	501	27	5.4%	1.1%	11.5%	57.7%	30.8%
Leitrim	Liatroim	228	14	6.1%	0.6%	36.8%	10.5%	52.6%
Limerick	Luimneach	944	66	7.0%	2.6%	40.9%	24.2%	34.8%
Longford	An Longfort	216	13	6.0%	0.5%	16.7%	38.9%	44.4%
Louth	Lú	735	55	7.5%	2.2%	19.3%	31.6%	49.1%
Mayo	Maigh Eo	1,079	79	7.3%	3.2%	14.5%	38.2%	47.4%
Meath	An Mhí	1,168	67	5.7%	2.7%	31.7%	30.2%	38.1%
Monaghan	Muineachán	577	21	3.6%	0.8%	0.0%	63.2%	36.8%
North Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh	495	40	8.1%	1.6%	46.2%	26.9%	26.9%
Offaly	Uíbh Fhailí	459	38	8.3%	1.5%	27.8%	44.4%	27.8%
Roscommon	Ros Comáin	516	47	9.1%	1.9%	11.1%	35.6%	53.3%
Sligo	Sligeach	477	24	5.0%	1.0%	27.3%	30.3%	42.4%
South Dublin	Áth CliathTheas	771	102	13.2%	4.1%	30.4%	43.0%	26.6%
South Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Theas	578	44	7.6%	1.8%	20.5%	50.0%	29.5%
Waterford	Port Láirge	486	56	11.5%	2.2%	33.9%	33.9%	32.2%
Westmeath	An Iarmhí	462	32	6.9%	1.3%	39.1%	26.1%	34.8%
Wexford	Loch Garman	1,397	70	5.0%	2.8%	13.8%	38.5%	47.7%
Wicklow	Cill Mhantáin	975	113	11.6%	4.5%	31.0%	31.7%	37.3%
City Cathair								
Cork	Corcaigh	427	56	13.1%	2.2%	22.6%	46.8%	30.6%
Dublin	BaileÁthaCliath	1,951	348	17.8%	13.9%	21.6%	49.2%	29.2%
Galway	Gaillimh	343	30	8.7%	1.2%	33.3%	55.6%	11.1%
Limerick	Luimneach	224	29	12.9%	1.2%	31.8%	45.5%	22.7%
Waterford	Port Láirge	174	19	10.9%	0.8%	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Total	Iomlán	28,789	2,505	8.7%	100.0%	24.0%	39.6%	36.4%

1. 'Area' is a county planning authority and all other planning authorities in that area except city councils.

2. Figures of decisions made by planning authorities courtesy of the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government.

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

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

APPENDIX 4

NORMAL PLANNING APPEALS RECEIVED BY DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY/AREA

AGUISÍN 4

GNÁTH ACHOMHAIRC PHLEANÁLA FAIGHTE DE RÉIR CATAGÓIRE/CEANTAIR FORBARTHA

County	Contae	Agriculture	Comm Fac	Education	Industry	Leis/Sport	Residential	Transport	Utilities	Wholesale	Mixed	Signs	Other	Retail	Misc	Total
Carlow	Ceatharlach	1	2	0	1	0	13	1	1	0	4	0	0	8	0	31
Cavan	An Cabhán	1	1	0	2	1	7	2	10	0	0	0	1	6	0	31
Clare	An Clár	1	5	2	6	5	39	2	8	0	1	1	0	4	0	74
Cork	Corcaigh	8	4	2	7	7	117	2	12	0	7	0	1	21	7	195
Donegal	Dún na nGall	5	1	0	3	0	50	1	6	0	3	0	0	5	2	76
Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown	Dún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin	1	11	7	1	6	140	0	4	0	8	2	3	17	0	200
Fingal	Fine Gall	1	9	3	0	5	83	1	7	0	6	0	2	15	1	133
Galway	Gaillimh	3	6	0	2	6	64	2	14	0	7	0	0	5	2	111
Kerry	Ciarraí	5	3	0	0	1	62	0	24	0	7	0	0	13	1	116
Kildare	Cill Dara	0	1	0	5	5	47	9	5	0	7	1	1	27	3	111
Kilkenny	Cill Chainigh	0	1	0	2	0	22	0	6	0	1	0	0	5	0	37
Laois	Laois	1	2	1	0	2	9	1	2	0	3	0	0	6	0	27
Leitrim	Liatroim	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	14
Limerick	Luimneach	4	1	0	3	2	40	0	8	0	2	0	0	5	1	66
Longford	An Longfort	0	0	0	0	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	13
Louth	Lú	0	3	2	2	1	22	0	2	0	7	0	1	11	4	55
Mayo	Maigh Eo	0	3	1	3	0	36	1	23	0	3	0	0	9	0	79
Meath	An Mhí	4	5	1	5	1	36	1	3	0	3	1	2	4	1	67
Monaghan	Muineachán	2	1	0	1	1	4	1	6	0	1	0	0	4	0	21
North Tipp	Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh	1	2	0	4	2	20	0	3	0	2	0	0	5	1	40
Offaly	Uíbh Fhailí	3	1	0	4	2	18	1	5	0	2	0	0	1	1	38
Roscommon	Ros Comáin	4	1	0	3	2	23	2	4	0	1	2	0	5	0	47
Sligo	Sligeach	0	2	0	0	0	13	0	3	0	1	0	3	2	0	24
South Dublin	Áth Cliath-Theas	0	5	6	0	2	63	2	3	0	6	2	4	7	2	102
South Tipp	Tiobraid Árann Theas	5	6	0	2	1	15	2	4	0	2	0	0	6	1	44
Waterford	Port Láirge	1	2	0	1	1	32	0	8	0	2	0	2	7	0	56
Westmeath	An Iarmhí	1	1	0	2	0	19	0	4	0	2	0	1	2	0	32
Wexford	Loch Garbh	0	4	1	2	1	42	1	1	0	5	0	1	8	4	70
Wicklow	Cill Mhantáin	1	6	1	4	3	82	1	5	0	0	1	1	8	0	113
City	Cathair															
Cork	Corcaigh	0	2	1	0	2	30	1	1	0	7	0	4	7	1	56
Dublin	Baile Átha Cliath	1	19	4	1	10	220	6	6	0	20	7	7	43	4	348
Galway	Gaillimh	0	1	0	0	0	20	1	0	0	1	0	2	5	0	30
Limerick	Luimneach	0	1	1	1	3	17	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	29
Waterford	Port Láirge	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	1	0	3	0	0	2	1	19
Total	Iomlán	54	112	33	67	73	1,423	48	193	0	126	19	36	284	37	2,505

Note: Figures shown under 'Residential' in this Appendix includes units in hostels, hotels, nursing homes and similar types of accommodation. Residential units may also be included under other development categories e.g. under 'Mixed'.
Nóta: San áireamh sna figiúirí taispeánta faoi 'Cónaitheach' san Aguisín seo tá brúnna, óstáin, tithe altranaís agus a leithéidde lóistín. D'fhéadfadh aonaidchónaithe a bheith san áireamh chomh maith faoi chatagóirí forbartha eile m.sh. faoi Measctha '.

APPENDIX 5

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

AGUISÍN 5

ACHOIMRE DO GACH CÁS CURTHA DE LÁIMH TRÍ THAGAIRT DO SPRIOC THRÉIMHSE REACHTÚIL

Bliain	Gnáth Achomhairc Phleanála			Iarratais Forbarthaileith Bonneagair Straitéisigh			Gach Cás Eile			Iomlán na gcásanna		
	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
Normal Planning Appeals				Strategic Infrastructure Development Applications			All Other Cases			Total Cases		
Year	A	B	% Within Statutory Objective Period ¹	A	B	% Within Statutory Objective Period ¹	A	B	% Within Statutory Objective Period ¹	A	B	% Within Statutory Objective Period ¹
2001	1,403	3,477	29%	-	-	-	60	64	48%	1,482	3,567	29%
2002	1,957	3,637	35%	-	-	-	91	66	58%	2,068	3,736	36%
2003	3,278	1,167	74%	-	-	-	219	59	79%	3,526	1,256	74%
2004	3,995	670	86%	-	-	-	271	50	84%	4,357	754	85%
2005	3,879	1,085	78%	-	-	-	233	58	80%	4,210	1,177	78%
2006	2,660	2,543	51%	-	-	-	194	118	62%	2,934	2,694	52%
2007	2,647	2,997	47%	56	39	40%	255	135	65%	2,980	3,183	48%
2008	1,056	4,133	20%	11	18	38%	167	285	37%	1,306	4,495	23%
2009	1,113	3,526	24%	5	26	16%	155	184	46%	1,312	3,778	26%
2010	1,838	1,072	65%	3	21	13%	146	91	62%	2,031	1,217	63%

Notes:

A Number disposed of within statutory objective periods.

B Number not disposed of within statutory objective periods.

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

Nótaí:

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

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

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

APPENDIX 6

PROMPT PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS ACT 1997

The Board comes within the scope of the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997, as amended by the European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations 2002. The payment practices of the Board are reported on below for the year ended 31 December 2010 in accordance with section 12 of the Act.

1. It is the Board's policy to comply with the relevant provisions of the Act and, in particular, to ensure that all invoices are paid promptly. Specific procedures are in place that enable it to track all invoices and ensure that payments are made before the due date. Invoices are registered daily and payments are made as required to ensure timely payments. In 2010, the Board did not set or agree payment periods outside the terms of the Act.
2. The system of internal control incorporates such controls and procedures as are considered necessary to ensure compliance with the Act. This system includes accounting and computer controls designed to ensure the identification of invoices and contracts for payment within the payment periods required by the Act. Reports are produced that identify unpaid outstanding invoices and these reports are reviewed regularly at a senior level.
3. The procedures referred to at 1 and 2 above are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material non-compliance with the Act. The Board is satisfied that its procedures have operated adequately in the main and that no remedial action is required.

AGUISÍN 6

AN TACHT UM ÍOC PRAS CUNTAS 1997

Tagann an Bord faoi chuimsiú an Acht um Íoc Pras Cuntas 1997, arna leasú ag Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Íocaíocht Dhéanach in Idirbhearta Tráchtála) 2002. Tuairiscítear cleachtais íocaíochta an Bhoird thíos don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2010 de réir alt 12 den Acht.

1. Is é beartas an Bhoird géilleadh d'fhorálacha ábhartha an Achta agus, go háirithe, chun a chinntiú go n-íoctar gach sonrasc go pras. Tá nósanna imeachta sonracha i bhfeidhm a chumasaíonn dó gach sonrasc a rianú agus a chinntiú go ndéantar íocaíochtaí roimh an dáta dlite. Cláraítear sonraisc go laethúil agus déantar íocaíochtaí de réir mar is gá chun íocaíochtaí tráthúla a chinntiú. Sa bhliain 2010 níor shocraigh ná níor aontaigh an Bord tréimhsí íocaíochtaí lasmuigh de théarmaí an Achta.
2. Corpraítear sa chóras rialaithe inmheánaigh na rialuithe agus na nósanna imeachta a mheastar atá riachtanach chun géilliúlacht don Acht a chinntiú. Áirítear ar an gcóras sin rialuithe cuntasáíochta agus ríomhaire a dearadh chun a chinntiú gur féidir sonraisc agus conarthaí dlite a shainaithint laistigh de na tréimhsí íocaíochta a leagtar síos don Acht. Táirgtear tuarascálacha a shai naithníonn sonraisc neamhíochta agus athbhreithnítear na tuarascálacha sin go tráthrialta ar leibhéal sinsearach.
3. Dearadh na nósanna imeachta dá dtagraítear ag 1 agus 2 thuas chun dearbhú réasúnta ach ní dearbhú amach is amach a sholáthar in aghaidh neamhghéilliúlacht ábhartha don Acht. Tá an Bord sásta gur oibrigh a nósanna imeachta go leordhóthanach ar an iomlán agus nach bhfuil aon bheart ceartaitheach de dhíth.

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

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

• Total number of late payments in excess of €320	0.00
• Total value of late payments in excess of €320	0.00
• Total value of all late payments (A)	0.00
• Total value of all payments (B)	€6,372,254.00
• (A) as a % of (B)	0%
• Total amount of interest paid on late payments	0.00

Since 1 January 2010 there have been no material developments insofar as the Board's compliance with the Act is concerned.

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

Nochtann athbhreithniú mionsonraithe ar na taifid don bhliain na nithe seo a leanas:

• An líon iomlán d'íocaíochtaí déanacha os cionn €320	0.00
• Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí déanacha os cionn €320	0.00
• Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí déanacha ar fad (A)	0.00
• Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí ar fad (B)	€6,372,254.00
• (A) mar % de (B)	0%
• Méid iomlán an úis a íodadh ar íocaíochtaí déanacha	0.00

Ón 1 Eanáir 2010 níor tharla aon fhorbairtí ábhartha maidir le géilliúlacht an Bhoird don Acht.

APPENDIX 7

STATEMENT ON SYSTEM OF INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROL

Responsibility for System of Internal Financial Control

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

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

Key Control Procedures

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

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

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

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

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

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

AGUISIN 7

RAITEAS FAOI RIALU INMHEANACH CONTROL AIRGEADAIS

Freagracht as an gCóras Rialaithe Airgeadais Inmheánaigh

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

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

Eochair-Nósanna Imeachta Rialaithe

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Board has an internal audit function which operates in accordance with the Framework Code of Best Practice set out in the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies. The work of internal audit is informed by analysis of the risk to which the body is exposed, and the annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. The analysis of risk and internal audit plans are endorsed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board. At least annually, the Internal Auditor provides the Audit Committee with a report of internal audit activity. The report includes the Internal Auditor's opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the system of internal financial control.

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

Annual Review of Controls

I confirm that in the year ending 31st December 2010, the Board has conducted a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial controls.



John O'Connor
Chairperson

12 May 2011

Tá feidhm iniúchta inmheánaigh ag an mBord a fheidhmíonn de réir an Chreachtóid Dea-Chleachtais atá leagtha amach sa Chód Cleachtais um Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit. Bíonn anailís na bpríacal airgeadais dá nochtar an Roinn mar bhunús eolais lena cuid oibre agus bíonn a pleananna bliantúla iniúcháireachta inmheánaí, a cheadaímhse, bunaithe ar an anailís seo. Formhuíonn an Coiste Iniúcháireachta agus faomhann an Bord an anailís ar na pleananna riosca agus iniúchta inmheánaigh. Ar a laghad uair sa bhliain, soláthraíonn an tIniúcháir Inmheánach tuarascáil ar ghníomhaíocht iniúchta inmheánaigh don Bhord. Áirítear an tuarascáil sin tuairim an Iniúcháir Inmheánaigh ar leordhóthanacht agus ar éifeachtúlacht an chórais de rialú inmheánach airgeadais.

Bunaítear monatóireacht agus athbhreithniú an Bhoird ar an gcóras rialaithe inmheánaigh airgeadais ar obair an iniúcháir inmheánaigh, ar an gCoiste Iniúcháireachta a mhaoirsíonn obair an iniúcháir inmheánaigh, ar obair na mbainisteoirí feidhmiúcháin laistigh den Bhord a bhfuil freagracht orthu as an gcreat rialaithe airgeadais a fhorbairt agus a chothabháil agus ar ráitis an Ard-Reachtair Ciste agus Cuntas ina litir bhainistíochta nó ar thuairiscí eile.

Athbhreithniú Bliantúil ar Rialuithe

Deimhním go ndearna an Bord athbhreithniú ar éifeachtúlacht an chórais de rialú inmheánach airgeadais don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2009.



Seán Ó Conchúir
Cathaoirleach

12 Bealtaine 2011

APPENDIX 8

STATEMENT ON REMUNERATION AND MEMBERS' FEES

General

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

Members' Fees and Expenses

The salary of the Chairperson, under section 105(14)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, is set at the same salary as is paid to a judge of the High Court. In 2010 the salary of the post of Deputy Chairperson was set at a rate equivalent to a maximum of the salary scale for an Assistant Secretary in the Civil Service. The salary of other members is set at a rate equivalent to the minimum of the Assistant Secretary scale in the Civil Service. All salaries referred to were subject to reductions as set out in the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (No. 1) and (No. 2) Acts 2009.

The Chairperson is paid a fixed car allowance and a representational allowance at levels sanctioned by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 1994. The total remuneration of the Chairperson is set out in note 4 to the financial statements.

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

There are no fees paid to Board Members.



John O'Connor
Chairperson



Karl Kent
Deputy Chairperson

12 May 2011

AGUISIN 8

RAITEAS FAOI LUACH SAOTHAIR AGUS TAILLI NA GCOMHALTAÍ

Nithe Ginearálta

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

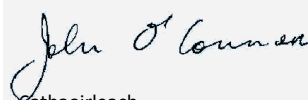
Tairllí agus Costais na gComhaltaí

Tá tuarastal an Chathaoirligh, faoi alt 105(14)(a) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, socraithe ag an leibhéal céanna tuarastail a íoctar le breitheamh Ard-Chúirte. Tá tuarastal do phost an Leas-Chathaoirligh socraithe ag ráta atá cothrom leis an uasmhéid tuarastail do Rúnaí Cúnta sa Státseirbhís. Tá tuarastail comhaltaí eile socraithe ag ráta atá cothrom leis an íosmhéid do Rúnaí Cúnta sa Státseirbhís. Baineadh laghaide de reir hAcht Fin etc o gach tuaristail ata luaite.

Íoctar liúntas socraithe gluaisteáin agus liúntas ionadaíochta leis an gCathaoirleach ag leibhéal a d'fhaomhaigh an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil sa bhliain 1994. Gheofar luach saothair iomlán an Chathaoirligh leagtha amach i nóta 4 leis na ráitis airgeadais.

Cháiligh ball amháin do chostais speisialta. I gceist sna costais, a d'fhaomhaigh an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil le toiliú an Aire Airgeadais, bhí taisteal ó bhaile an chomhalta go Baile Átha Cliath, agus cóiríocht i mBaile Átha Cliath.

Ní íoctar tairllí le Comhaltaí an Bhoird.



Cathaoirleach
John O'Connor



Karl Kent
Leaschathaoirleach

12 Bealtaine 2011

APPENDIX 9

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Board's Responsibilities

Section 117(1) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 requires the Board to prepare financial statements in such form as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, after consultation with the Minister for Finance. In preparing those financial statements, the Board is required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, and
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Board is responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Board and which enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with section 117(1) of the 2000 Act. The Board is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Board and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The books of account are kept at the Board's headquarters at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.



John O'Connor
Chairperson



Karl Kent
Deputy Chairperson

12 May 2011

AGUISIN 9

RAITIS AIRGEADAIS

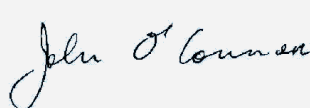
Ráiteas ar Fhreagrachtaí an Bhoird

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

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

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

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



John O'Connor
Chairperson



Karl Kent
Deputy Chairperson

12 May 2011

Statement of Accounting Policies

1. General:

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

Under the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2010, the Board is responsible for the determination of applications for strategic infrastructure development , appeals and certain other matters. The Board is also responsible for dealing with appeals under the Building Control Acts 1990 and 2007, the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977 to 2007 and the Air Pollution Act 1987.

2. Basis of Preparation:

The financial statements are prepared under the accruals method of accounting, except as otherwise indicated, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles under the historical cost convention. Financial reporting standards recommended by the recognised accountancy bodies are adopted, as they become operative.

3. Oireachtas Grant:

Oireachtas grants are accounted for on a cash receipt basis.

Ráiteas na mBeartas Cuntasaíochta

1. Nithe Ginearálta

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

Faoi na hAchtanna um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 go 2010, tá sé de fhreagracht ar an mBord iarratais chun bonneagar straitéiseach a fhorbairt a chinneadh ón 31 Eanáir 2007, agus as achomhairc agus nithe áirithe eile a chinneadh. Is é an Bord, leis, atá freagrach as déileáil le hachomhairc faoi na hAchtanna um Rialú Foirgníochta 1990 agus 2007, faoi na hAchtanna Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú Uisce) 1977 go 2007 agus faoin Acht um Thruailliú Aeir 1987.

2. An Bunús Ullmhúcháin:

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

3. Deontas Oireachtais:

Mínítear deontais Oireachtais ar bhonn fáltais airgid.

4. Fees:

These represent fees paid to the Board in accordance with regulations made by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government under:

- section 10 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1982,
- section 7 of the Building Control Act 1990, as amended,
- sections 6 and 19 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977, as amended,
- section 35 of the Air Pollution Act 1987

in respect of appeals and certain other matters under those Acts. Fee income in the accounts is shown net of refunds, which are made in respect of invalid appeals, referrals and other cases.

5. Local Authority Development/Strategic Infrastructural Development:

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

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

6. Fixed Assets and Depreciation:

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

* In 2009, the Board approved a change to the depreciation rate on Computers from 20% to 33%.

4. Táillí:

Léiríonn siad sin táillí a íocadh leis an mBord de réir na rialachán arna ndéanamh ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil faoi:

- alt 10 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Pleanáil agus Forbairt) 1982,
- alt 7 den Acht um Rialú Foirgníochta 1998, arna leasú,
- ailt 6 agus 19 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú Uisce) 1977, arna leasú,
- alt 35 den Acht um Thruailliú Aeir 1987

maidir le hachomhairc agus nithe áirithe eile faoi na hAchtanna sin. Taispeántar ioncam táillí sna cuntais glan ar aisíocaíochtaí, a dhéantar i gcás achomharc neamhbhailí, tarchur agus i gcásanna eile.

5. Forbairt Údaráis Áitiúil / Forbairt Bonneagair Straitéisigh:

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

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

6. Sócmhainní Seasta agus Dímheas:

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

- Sa bhliain 2009 d'fhaomhaigh an Bord athrú ar an ráta dímheasa ar ríomhairí ó 20% go 33%.

7. Capital Account:

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

8. Superannuation:

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

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

The payment of superannuation benefits to and in respect of employees and members of the Board is provided for in these defined benefit superannuation schemes approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and with the consent of the Minister for Finance under section 119 of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

The schemes are funded annually on a pay-as-you-go basis from monies available to the Board, including monies from exchequer funds provided by the Department of Environment, Heritage 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.

7. Cuntas Caipitil:

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

8. Aoisliúntas:

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

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

Rinneadh soláthar sna scéimeanna aoisliúntais sin le sochair shainithe arna bhfaomhadh ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus le toiliú an Aire Airgeadais faoi alt 119 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 chun sochair aoisliúntais a íoc le agus maidir le fostaithe agus le comhaltaí den Bhord.

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

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

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

Superannuation liabilities represent the present value of future superannuation payments earned by staff to date. Deferred superannuation funding represents the corresponding asset to be recovered in future periods from exchequer funds provided by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

9. Legal Costs:

It is the policy of the Board to discharge any legal costs awarded against it following conclusion of cases on foot of taxed Bills of Costs. It is also the policy of the Board to discharge its own legal costs associated with applications for judicial review of the Board's decisions following presentation of cases in the High Court or Supreme Court.

The Board, where practicable, seeks recovery of its legal costs arising out of legal actions where such costs are awarded by the Courts (see Note 12). Income from such awards is accounted for on a cash receipt basis and the amount recovered is netted to legal expenditure fees in the current year.

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

10. Lease Costs:

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

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

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

9. Costais Dlí:

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

Déanann an Bord iarracht, nuair is praiticiúil, na costais dlí a éiríonn as caingne dlí a aisghabháil, má dhámhann na Cúirteanna na costais sin (féach Nóta 12). Cuirtear ioncam óna leithéid de dhámhachtain san áireamh ar bhonn fáiltais airgid, agus bíonn an méid aisghafa glan ar tháillí caiteachais dlíthiúla, sa bhliain reatha.

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

10. Costais Léasa:

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

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

CUNTAS IONCAIM AGUS CAITEACHAIS

DON BHLIAIN DAR CRÍOCH 31 NOLLAIG 2010

		2010	2009
		€	€
Income:	Ioncam:		
Oireachtas Grant	Deontas Oireachtais Táillí (Nóta 1)	13,565,000	15,331,000
Fees (Note 1)	Forchúiteamh ar Tháillí & ar Chostas Bonneagair Straitéisigh (Nóta 2)	1,619,829	2,064,456
Strategic Infrastructure Fees & Cost Recoupment (Note 2)	Ilghnéitheach	1,677,845	2,333,065
Miscellaneous	Glanchistiú larchurtha d'Aoisliúntas (Nóta 5(c))	9,101	7,906
Net Deferred Funding for Superannuation (Note 5(c))	Brabús as Sócmhainní a Dhiúscairt	4,138,000	3,835,000
Profit on Disposal of Fixed Assets	Tarchur ón gCuntas Caipitiúil (Nóta 11)	<u>0</u>	<u>244</u>
		21,009,775	23,571,671
Transfer from Capital Account (Note 11)		652,437	481,443
		<u>21,662,212</u>	<u>24,053,114</u>
Expenditure:	Caiteachas:		
Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation (Note 3)	Tuarastail, Líuntais agus Aoisliúntas (Nóta 3)	15,027,098	15,966,069
Establishment Expenses (Note 6)	Costais Bhunaíochta (Nóta 6)	3,017,583	3,180,566
Operating Expenses (Note 7)	Costais Oibriúcháin (Nóta 7)	<u>3,395,171</u>	<u>5,025,894</u>
Total Expenditure	Caiteachas Iomlán	21,439,852	24,172,529
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(Easnamh) don bhliain	222,360	(119,415)
(Deficit) brought forward	(Easnamh) tugtha ar aghaidh	<u>(324,766)</u>	<u>(205,351)</u>
Cumulative (Deficit) at 31 December	(Easnamh) Carntha ag 31 Nollaig	<u>(102,406)</u>	<u>(324,766)</u>
Statement of Total Recognised Gains & Losses	Ráiteas faoi Ghnóthachain & Chaillteanas Iomlána Aitheanta		
Experience gains/(losses) on superannuation scheme liabilities (Note 5(d))	Ghnóthachain/(Caillteanas) taithí ar fhiachais na scéime aoisliúntais (Nóta 5(d))	3,352,000	528,000
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of superannuation scheme liabilities	Athruithe ar thiomhdí a tacaíonn le luach reatha fhiachais na scéime aoisliúntais	<u>(4,219,000)</u>	<u>0</u>
Actuarial gain/(loss) on Superannuation Liabilities (Note 5(b))	Gnóthachan achúire ar Fhiachais Aoisliúntais (Nóta 5(b))	(867,000)	528,000
Adjustment to Deferred Superannuation Funding	Coigeartú ar Mhaoiniú Aoisliúntais larchurtha	867,000	(528,000)
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(Easnamh) don bhliain	<u>222,360</u>	<u>(119,415)</u>
Total Recognised Gain/(Loss) for year	Ghnóthachain/(Caillteanas) Iomlán Aitheanta don bhliain	<u>222,360</u>	<u>(119,415)</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010

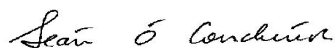
CLAR COMHARDAITHE

MAR ATÁ AR AN 31 NOLLAIG 2010

		2010	2009
		€	€
Fixed Assets (Note 8)	Sócmhainní Seasta (Nóta 8)	1,149,168	1,801,606
Current Assets	Sócmhainní Reatha:		
Debtors and Prepayments (Note 9)	Féichiúnaithe agus Réamh-locáíochtaí (Nóta 9)	321,102	681,693
Cash in bank and on hand	Airgead sa bhanc agus ar láimh	<u>1,882,710</u>	<u>2,178,775</u>
		2,203,812	2,860,468
Current Liabilities	Fiachais Reatha:		
Sundry Creditors and Accrued Expenses (Note 10)	Il-Chreidiúnaithe agus Costais Fabhruithe (Nóta 10)	<u>(2,306,218)</u>	<u>(3,185,234)</u>
Net Current (Liabilities)/Assets	Glansócmhainní/(Fiachais) Reatha	(102,406)	(324,766)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities before superannuation	Sócmhainní Iomlána Lúide Fiachais roimh aoisliúntas	<u>1,046,762</u>	<u>1,476,840</u>
Deferred Superannuation Funding Superannuation Liabilities (Note 5(b))	Maoiniú Aoisliúntais Iarchurtha Fiachais Aoisliúntais (Nóta 5(b))	69,929,000 (69,929,000)	64,924,000 (64,924,000)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	Sócmhainní Iomlána Lúide Fiachais Reatha	<u>1,046,762</u>	<u>1,476,840</u>
Represented by	Léirithe ag:		
Capital Account (Note 11)	Cuntas Caipitiúil (Nóta 11)	1,149,168	1,801,606
Income and Expenditure Account	Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais	(102,406)	(324,766)
		<u>1,046,762</u>	<u>1,476,840</u>

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

RAITEAS FAOI SHREABHADH AIRGID

DON BHLIAIN DAR CRÍOCH 31 NOLLAIG 2010

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

Réiteach barrachas/(easnamh) oibríochta le hinsreabhadh glan ó imeachtaí oibríochta

		2010	2009
		€	€
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(Easnamh) don bhliain	222,360	(119,415)
Movement on Capital Account	Gluaiseacht ar Chuntas Caipitiúil	(652,437)	(481,443)
Depreciation	Dímheas	847,986	864,507
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	Laghdú/(Méadú) ar fhéichiúnaithe	360,591	(62,578)
Increases/(Decrease) in creditors	Méadú/(Laghdú) ar chreidiúnaithe	(879,016)	575,118
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow)	Insreabhadh/(Eis-sreabhadh) Glan Airgid	<u>(100,516)</u>	<u>776,189</u>

Cash Flow Statement

Ráiteas faoi Shreabhadh Airgid

Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	Insreabhadh/(Eis-sreabhadh) glan airgid óghníomhaíochtaí oibríochta	(100,516)	776,189
Capital Expenditure	Caiteachas Caipitiúil	(195,549)	(383,064)
Increase/(Decrease) in cash	Méadú/(Laghdú) ar airgead tirim	<u>(296,065)</u>	<u>393,125</u>

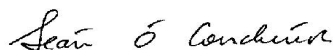
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds

Réiteach sreabhadh glan airgid le gluaiseacht i nglanchistí

Increase/(Decrease) in cash in year	Méadú/(Laghdú) ar airgead tirim sa bhliain	(296,065)	393,125
Net Funds at 1 January	Glanchistí ag 1 Eanáir	<u>2,178,775</u>	<u>1,785,650</u>
Net Funds at 31 December	Glanchistí ag 31 Nollaig	<u>1,882,710</u>	<u>2,178,775</u>

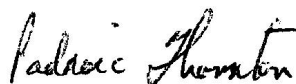
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

NOTAL LEIS NA RAITIS AIRGEADAIS

DON BHLIAIN DAR CRÍOCH 31 NOLLAIG 2010

		2010	2009
<u>NOTE 1: Fee Income</u>	<u>Nóta 1: Ioncam ó Tháillí</u>	€	€
Fees received in respect of appeals and referrals	Táillí a fuarthas i leith achomharc agus tarchur	1,841,579	2,409,238
Refunds in respect of Appeals		(221,750)	(344,782)
		<u>1,619,829</u>	<u>2,064,456</u>
 <u>NOTE 2: Strategic Infrastructure Fees and Cost Recoupment</u>	 <u>Nóta 2: Aisghabháil ar Tháillí agus ar Chostais Bhoneagair Straitéisigh</u>		
Fees received in respect of strategic infrastructure development	Táillí a fuarthas i leith an bonneagar straitéiseach a fhorbairt	2,000,000	1,900,000
Cost Recoupment from applicants in respect of strategic infrastructure development	Aisghabháil ar chostais ó iarratasóirí i leith an bonneagar straitéiseach a fhorbairt	740,874	1,296,009
Refunds paid to applicants in respect of strategic infrastructure	Aisíocaíochtaí a tugadh d'iarratasóirí i leith an bhonneagair straitéisigh	(109,029)	(420,764)
Refund Liability in respect of strategic infrastructure	Fiachas aisíocaíochta i Leith an bhonneagair straitéisigh	<u>(954,000)</u>	<u>(442,180)</u>
		<u>1,677,84</u>	<u>2,333,065</u>

NOTE 3: Salaries and Allowances

Nóta 3 : Tuarastail agus Liúntais

At 31 December 2010, the Board consisted of a chairperson and 7 ordinary members, (nine members at the end of 2009) in accordance with section 104 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Membership of the Board is wholetime.

At 31 December 2010, there were 157 whole time equivalent employees in the Board of which 15 were management, 52.6 were professional and 89.6 were administrative. The average number of wholetime equivalent employees during the year was 164.2 (164.8 in 2009). During 2010, there was a decrease in the intake of cases. The volume of cases disposed of decreased by 36%. Staffing levels are approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government with the consent of the Minister for Finance.

Ar an 31 Nollaig 2010, bhí cathaoirleach agus 7 gnáthchomhaltaí ar an mBord, (9 comhaltaí ag deireadh 2009), de réir mar a leagtar síos in alt 104 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000, arna leasú. Tá comhaltas an Bhoird lánaimseartha.

Ar an 31 Nollaig 2010, bhí comhionann agus 157 fostaí lánaimseartha ag an mBord; bhain 15 duine acu le bainistíocht, 52.6 le riarachán agus bhí 89.6 duine acu gairmiúil. I rith na bliana, ba é meánlíon na bhfostaithe a bhí comhionann le fostaíthe lánaimseartha ná 164.2 (164.8 2009). Le linn 2010, tháinig laghdú ar líon na gcásanna a glacadh. Tháinig laghdú 36% ar líon na gcásanna a críochnaíodh. Le toiliú an Aire Airgeadais, faomhann an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil líon na foirne.

		2010	2009
		€	€
Salaries and Allowances	Tuarastail agus Liúntais	9,340,065	10,510,768
Superannuation Costs	Costais Aoisliúntais	5,029,755	4,728,168
Employers' PRSI	ÁSPC na bhFostóirí	<u>657,278</u>	<u>727,133</u>
		<u>15,027,098</u>	<u>15,966,069</u>

An amount of €624,172 was paid to the Department of Finance in respect of pension levy. D'íoc an Bord €624,172 don Roinn Airgeadais mar cháin pinsin.

NOTE 4: Chairperson's Remuneration**Nóta 4: Luach Saothair an Chathaoirligh**

The total remuneration paid to the Chairperson in 2010 comprised:

I 2010 an méid iomláine luach saothair a bhfuair an Cathaoirleach ná:

		€
Salary	Pá	207,466
Allowances	Liúntais	<u>2,967</u>
Total	Iomlán	210,433

The Chairperson's pension entitlements do not extend beyond the standard entitlements in the model public sector defined benefit superannuation scheme. Ní théann teidlíochtaí pinsin an Chathaoirligh thar an gnáth- teidlíochtaí mar atá leagtha amach sa scéim eiseamlárach pinsin le sochar sainithe na hearnála poiblí.

NOTE 5: Pension Costs**Nóta 5: Costais Phinsin**

(a) Analysis of total pension costs charged to Expenditure

(a) Anailís ar chostais iomlána a rangaiodh faoi Chaiteachas

		2010 (€,000)	2009 (€,000)
Current service costs	Costais Reatha Sei rbh ísí	1,696	1,671
Interest on Pension Scheme Liabilities	Ús ar Fhiachais na Scéime Pinsin	3,790	3,603
Employee Contributions	Ranníocaíochtaí Fostaithe	<u>(456)</u>	<u>(546)</u>
		5,030	4,728

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

(b) Gluaiseacht i nGlan-Fhiachas Pinsin le linn na bliana airgeadais

		2010 (€,000)	2009 (€,000)
Net Pension Liability at 1 January	Glan-Fhiachas Pinsin aran 1 Eanáir	(64,924)	(61,617)
Current Service Cost	Costais Reatha Seirbhísi	(1,696)	(1,671)
Interest Costs	Costais Úis	(3,790)	(3,603)
Actuarial gain/(loss)	Gnóthachan Achtúireach/(Caillteanas)	(867)	528
Pensions Paid in the year	Pinsin a íocadh le linn na bliana	<u>1,348</u>	<u>1,439</u>
Net Pension Liability at 31 December	Glan-Fhiachas Pinsin ar 31 Nollaig	<u>(69,929)</u>	<u>(64,924)</u>

(c) *Deferred Funding for Pensions*(c) *Maoiniú larchurtha do Phinsin*

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

I bhfianaise na sraithe toimhdí a bhfuil cur síos orthu thuas agus i bhfianaise roinnt teagmhais a tharla roimhe seo, aithníonn an Bord na méideanna seo mar shócmhainn a fhreagraíonn don fhiachas iarchurtha neamh-mhaoinithe do phinsin. Ar na teagmhais seo, tá an bonn reachtúil leis an scéim pinsin a bhunú agus an beartas agus an cleachtas atá i bhfeidhm faoi láthair maidir le pinsin na seirbhíse poiblí a mhaoiniú, lena n-áirítear ranníocaíochtaí ó fhostaithe agus próiseas na meastachán bliantúil. Cé nach bhfuil aon aontú foirmiúil ann faoi na méideanna áirithe seo leis an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil, níl aon fhianaise ag an mBord nach leanfar den bheartas maoinithe chun glanadh a dhéanamh ar na méideanna, faoi mar dhéantar faoi láthair.

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

Is mar seo a leanas a bhí an Glanmhaoiniú larchurtha do Phinsin a aithníodh sna Cuntais Ioncaim agus Caiteachais :

		2010 (€000)	2009 (€000)
Funding recoverable in respect of the current year pensions costs	Maoiniú in-aisghabhála i leith costais phinsin sa bhliain reatha	5,486	5,274
State Grant applied to pay pensioners	Deontas Stáit a feidhmíodh chun pinsinéirí a íoc	<u>(1,348)</u>	<u>(1,439)</u>
		4,138	3,835

The deferred funding asset for pensions at 31st December 2010 amounts to €69.9 million (2009: €64.9 million).

Is é an tsócmhainn mhaoinithe iarchurtha do phinsin ar an 31 ú Nollaig 2010 ná €69.9 milliún (2009: €64.9 milliún).

(d) *History of defined benefit obligations*(d) *Stair na ndualgas i leith sochair shainithe*

	2010 (€000)	2009 (€000)	2008 (€000)	2007 (€000)
Defined benefit obligations				
Dualgais i leith sochair shainithe	69,929	64,924	61,617	62,309
Experience losses/(gains) on Scheme Liabilities amount	(3,352)	(528)	4,636	1,530
Caillteanas ó thaithí ar fhiachais na scéime				
Percentage of Scheme Liabilities	5%	1%	8%	2%
Céatadán Fhiachais na Scéime				

(e) *General Description of the Scheme*

The pension scheme is a defined benefit final salary pension arrangement with benefits and contributions defined by reference to current “model” public sector scheme regulations. The scheme provides a pension (being 1/80 per year of service), a gratuity or lump sum (being 3/80 per year of service) and spouse’s and children’s pensions. Normal Retirement Age is a member’s 65th birthday, and pre 2004 members have an entitlement to retire without actuarial reduction from age 60. Pensions in payment (and deferment) normally increase in line with general public sector salary inflation. The valuation used for FRS17 (Revised) disclosures has been based on a full actuarial valuation on the 28th February 2011 by a qualified independent actuary taking account of the requirements of the FRS in order to assess the scheme liabilities at 31st of December 2010.

Is éard atá sa scéim pinsin ná socrú críochnúil faoi thuarastail le sochar sainithe. Dá réir, déantar tairbhí agus ranníocaíochtaí a shainiú trí chomparáid a dhéanamh le rialúcháin “shamplacha” reatha i scéimeanna san earnáil phoiblí. Solathraíonn an scéim pinsean (sa mhéid d’aon ochtú in aghaidh gach bliana seirbhíse), agus aisce nó cnapshuim (sa mhéid de trí ochtú in aghaidh gach bliana seirbhíse) agus pinsin i gcomhair chéilí agus leanaí. De ghnáth, is é an Aois Scoir do bhaill ná a 65ú breithlá, agus tá daoine a bhí ina mbaill roimh 2004 i dteideal dul ar scor gan laghdú achtúireach ó aois 60 ar aghaidh. De ghnáth méadaítear pinsin atá á n-íoc (nó iarchurtha) de réir bhoilsciú thuarastail na hearnála poiblí.

Tá an luacháil a úsáidtear le haghaidh CTA1 7 (Athscrúdaithe) a nochtadh, tá sí bunaithe ar luacháil achtúireach iomlán a rinneadh ar an 28ú Feabhra 2011 ag achtúire cáilithe neamhspleách. Chuir an t-achtúire san áireamh riachtanais an CTA chun fiachais na scéime ar an 31 ú Nollaig 2010 a mheas.

The principal actuarial assumptions were as follows:

Ba iad seo a leanas na príomhthoimhdí achtúireacha:

		2010	2009
Rate of increase in salaries	Ráta breisithe i dtuarastail	3.50%	3.50%
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	Ráta breisithe i bpinsin atá á n-íoc	3.50%	3.50%
Discount Rate	Ráta Lascaine	5.40%	5.75%
Inflation Rate	Ráta an Bhoilscithe	2.00%	2.00%

Mortality Ráta Báis

62% of PNML00 for males 62% de PNML00 i gcás fireannach

70% of PNFL00 for females 70% de PNFL00 i gcás baineanach

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

Tagann méadú 0.39% per annum ar fhachtóirí blianachta do gach bliain idir 2008 agus an bhliain a théitear ar scor.

NOTE 6: Establishment Expenses

Nóta 6: Costais Teaghlachais

		2010	2009
		€	€
Rent and Service Charge (<i>Note 15</i>)	Cíos agus Táillí Seirbhíse (Nóta 15)	1,986,455	2,082,718
Repairs and Maintenance	Deisiú agus Cothabháil	60,902	108,816
Insurance	Árachas	34,780	39,532
Light and Heat	Solas agus Teas	87,460	84,993
Depreciation		<u>847,986</u>	<u>864,507</u>
Total	Iomlán	<u>3,017,583</u>	<u>3,180,566</u>

NOTE 7: Operating Expenses

Nóta 7 Costais Oibriúcháin

		2010	2009
		€	€
Travel and Subsistence	Taisteal agus Cothú	268,522	410,766
Legal Fees (<i>Note 13</i>)	Táillí Dí (Nóta 13)	1,210,977	1,198,759
Office Equipment and Stationery	Trealamh Oifige agus Páipéarachas	182,064	237,441
Information and Communications Technology	Teicneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide	343,427	330,425
Printing and Books	Clódóireacht agus Leabhair	25,256	32,327
Statutory Notices	Fógraí Reachtúla	106,808	139,487
Recruitment, Staff Training and Development and Conferences	Earcaíocht, Oiliúint agus Forbairt na Foirne agus Comhdhálacha	134,231	158,545
Telephone and Postage	Teileafón agus Post	141,217	233,834
Consultants' Fees and Services (<i>Note 14</i>)	Táillí agus Sei rbh ís Comhairleoirí (Nóta 14)	962,906	2,184,400
Audit Fees	Táillí Iniúcháireachta	17,390	17,390
Provision for Doubtful Debt			77,880
Sundries	Ilnithe	2,373	4,640
Total	Iomlán	<u>3,395,171</u>	<u>5,025,894</u>

NOTE 8: Fixed Asset**Nóta 8: Sócmhainní Reatha**

	Leasehold Premises Áitreabh Léas-seilbhe	Furniture & Fittings Troscán & Feisteas	IT & Office Equipment TF & Trealamh Oifige	Total Iomlán
	€	€	€	€
Cost / Costas				
Balance at /Iarmhéid ar 01/01/10	6,683,425	90,542	642,882	8,416,849
Additions/Breiseanna	0	59,873	135,676	195,549
Disposals/Diúscair	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(116,594)</u>	<u>(116,594)</u>
Balance at /Iarmhéid ar 31/12/10	<u>6,683,425</u>	<u>150,415</u>	<u>1,661,964</u>	<u>8,495,804</u>
Depreciation/Dímheas				
Balance at /Iarmhéid ar 01/01/10	5,189,052	84,316	1,341,876	6,615,244
Charge for the year/Táille don bhliain	668,342	14,050	165,594	847,986
Disposals/ Diúscair	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(116,594)</u>	<u>(116,594)</u>
Balance at /Iarmhéid ar 31/12/10	<u>5,857,394</u>	<u>98,366</u>	<u>1,390,876</u>	<u>7,346,636</u>
Net Book Value /Glanluach Leabhair				
31 December 2010/31 Nollaig 2010	<u>826,031</u>	<u>52,049</u>	<u>271,088</u>	<u>1,149,168</u>
31 December 2009/ 31 Nollaig 2009	<u>1,494,373</u>	<u>6,226</u>	<u>301,007</u>	<u>1,801,605</u>

Note 9: Debtors**Nóta 9 Féichiúnaithe**

		2010	2009
		€	€
Debtors	Féichiúnaithe	0	215,969
Prepayments	Réamhíocaíochtaí	<u>321,102</u>	<u>465,724</u>
		<u>321,102</u>	<u>681,693</u>

Note 10: Creditors due within one year**Nóta 10 Airgead atá dlite do chreidiúnaithe laistigh de bhliain amháin**

		2010	2009
		€	€
Creditors / Creidiúnaithe		22,367	48,145
Accruals / Fabhruithe		<u>2,283,851</u>	<u>3,137,089</u>
		<u>2,306,218</u>	<u>3,185,234</u>

NOTE 11: Capital Account**Nóta 11 Cuntas Caipitil**

		2010	2009
Balance at 1 January	larmhéid ar an 1 Eanáir	1,801,605	2,283,049
-Income allocated for capital purposes (gross of asset disposals)	Ioncam a leithroinneadh chun críocha caipitil (glan ar dhiúscairtí sócmhainní)	195,549	383,064
-Amount released on disposal of fixed assets	An méid a tháinig ó sócmhainní seasta a bheith réadaithe	116,594	(48,830)
-Amortisation in line with asset depreciation	Amúchadh de réir le dímhéas sócmhainní	(731,392)	(815,677)
Transfer from/(to) Income and Expenditure Account	Aistriú ó / (chuig) Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachas	(652,437)	(481,443)
Balance at 31 December	larmhéid ar an 31 Nollaig	<u>1,149,168</u>	<u>1,801,606</u>

NOTE 12: Contingencies with Regard To Legal Actions**Nóta 12 Teagmhais i leith Caingne Dlí**

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.

Tá dliteanas teagmhasach de mhéid neamhchinntithe ann de bharr caingne dlí in aghaidh an Bhoird, caingne a tionscnaíodh maidir le cinntí an Bhoird faoi achomhairc phleanála agus faoi chásanna eile. Is é beartas an Bhoird cur in aghaidh caingne dá leithéid, nuair is cuí.

NOTE 13: Recoverable Legal Costs**Nóta 13 Costais Dlí In-Aisghabhála**

As indicated at 9 in the Statement of Accounting Policies, certain legal costs are initially borne by the Board and recovery is pursued. The situation in 2010 regarding these costs was as follows:-

Mar a thaispeántar ag 9 sa Ráiteas faoi Bheartais Chuntasaíochta, íocann an Bord costais áirithe dlí dtosach, agus ansin déantar iarracht iad a aisghabháil. Maidir leis na costais seo in 2010, is mar seo a leanas a bhí cúrsaí:-

		2010	2009
		€	€
Outstanding at 1 January	Gan íoc ar an 1 Eanáir	2,682,947	3,319,416
Recovered during year ¹	Méid a aisghabhadh i rith na bliana 1	(270,923)	(808,739)
Recoverable costs arising during year	Costais in-aisghabhála i rith na bliana	491,727	1,213,237
Costs written off during year	Costais díscríofa i rith na bliana	(667,472)	(648,376)
Costs re-designated during year ²	Costais ath-ainmnithe i rith na bliana 2	(34,405)	(392,591)
Outstanding at 31 December	Gan íoc ar an 31 Nollaig	<u>2,201,874</u>	<u>2,682,947</u>

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

Déanann an Bord athbhreithniú leanúnach, féachaint an bhfuil na costais thuas in-aisghabhála. Meastar nach mbeidh cuid mhaith acu in-aisghabhála.

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

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

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

2 Costais a bhí ainmnithe ar dtús mar inghnóthaithe sula cuireadh críoch leis an gcás ach anois de bharr breithiúnais na Cúirte, cuirtear ar ceal iad.

Legal Fees:	2010	2009
	€	€
Recoverable costs arising during year	491,727	1,213,237
Recovered during year	<u>(270,923)</u>	<u>(808,739)</u>
Net recoverable costs	220,804	404,498
Non-recoverable costs	474,285	461,945
Non-recoverable applicant costs	515,888	332,316
	<u>1,210,977</u>	<u>1,198,759</u>

Note 14: Consultants' Fees and Services**Nóta 14 Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleoirí**

The Board engages part-time consultant inspectors on a fee-per-case basis in accordance with rates approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government with the consent of the Minister for Finance. In addition, the Board engages, in accordance with section 124 of the Act, other consultants and advisors, as it is necessary for the performance of its functions. In 2010, about 2.36% of all inspectors' reports came from consultant inspectors and their fees, along with associated costs relating to recording of oral hearings, accounted for nearly 97% (2009:99%) of all consultancy fees and services costs.

Fostaíonn an Bord cigirí comhairleacha páirtaimseartha aóictar in aghaidh an cháis. Fostaítear iad de réir rátaí a d'fhaomh an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil le cead an Aire Airgeadais. Chomh maith leis sin, fostaíonn an Bord, de réir alt 124 den Acht, comhairleoirí eile atá riachtanach chun a chuid feidhmeanna a chomhlíonadh. In 2010, tháinig timpeall 2.36% de na tuarascálacha cigireachta uile ó chigirí comhairleacha, agus b'ionann a gcuid táillí, chomh maith leis na costais a ghabhann le héisteachtaí ó bhéal a thaifeadh, b'ionann iad agus beagnach 97% (2009: 99%) de na táillí comhairleoireachta agus de na costais seirbhísí uile.

NOTE 15: Premises**Nóta 15 Áitreabh**

The Board occupies and pays rent on premises at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 which is held on a 25 year lease from October 2001. The costs in relation to the fit-out and certain other matters, other than normal establishment and operating costs, were allocated for capital purposes and included under Leasehold Premises in the Fixed Assets. Ongoing improvements to the premises are treated in a similar manner. The financial commitment on the above lease is the annual rent which in 2010 was €1,250,000.

Áitíonn an Bord, agus íocann sé cíos ar, áitreabh ag 64 Sráid Mhaoilbh ríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1, atá ar léas 25 bliain ó Dheireadh Fómhair 2001 i leith. Leithroinneadh na costais a ghabhann le feistiú agus le cúrsaí áirithe eile, seachas na gnáthchostais teaghlachais agus oibriúcháin, chun críocha caipitil agus cuireadh san áireamh iad faoi Áitreabh Léasach sna Sócmhainní Seasta. Tá feabhsuithe leanúnacha ar an áitreabh á láimhseáil ar an gcaoi chéanna. Is é an ceangaltas airgeadais ar an léas thuas ná an cíos bliantúil, a chosain €1,250,000 in 2010.

NOTE 16: Board Members & Staff Interests**Nóta 16 Leasanna Comhaltaí Boird & Foirne**

The Code of Practice for State Bodies requires a written code of conduct for Board members. A Code in compliance with the guidelines is in operation and members are required to make declarations of interests to the Secretary on an annual basis. In addition, members and certain staff are subject to the requirements of the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001, and yearly statements of registrable interests are made under the Acts. The Acts require that the statements of Board members be furnished to the Standards in Public Offices Commission every year. In 2010, 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 2010, members made zero disclosures, staff made 1 disclosures and consultants made zero 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 2010, 1 member made disclosures, 5 staff made disclosures and zero consultants made disclosures under the Code.

De réir an Chóid Chleachtais do Chomhlachtaí Stáit, ní mór cód cleachtais scríofa a chur ar fáil do chomhaltaí Boird. Tá cód a chloíonn leis na treoirlínte i bhfeidhm agus ní foláir do chomhaltaí leasanna a nochtadh don Rúnaí gach bliain.

Ina theannta sin, tá comhaltaí agus baill foirne áirithe faoi réir riachtanais na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001, agus déantar ráitis bhliantúla de leasanna inchláraithe faoi na hAchtanna sin. De réir na nAchtanna, ní mór ráitis ó chomhaltaí an Bhoird a chur ar fáil do Choimisiúin na nOifigí Poiblí gach bliain. In 2010, rinne na comhaltaí uile ráitis de réir na nAchtanna.

Ní mór do chomhaltaí an Bhoird agus do bhaill foirne áirithe dearbhú / nochtadh leasa a dhéanamh, de réir fhorálacha an Achta um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000. Forálann alt 147 d'Acht 2000 go ndéanfaidh comhaltaí agus baill foirne áirithe dearbhú reachtúil i leith leasanna áirithe. Tá clár leasanna ar coimeád ag an Rúnaí de réir alt 147 den Acht agus tá an clár sin ar fáil le haghaidh iniúchta phoiblí i rith uaireanta oifige.

Baineann alt 148 den Acht 2000 le nochtadh maidir le leas airgid nó leas tairbhiúil eile in aon achomharc nó ábhar eile atá le cinneadh ag an mBord, nó a bhaineann leo. In 2010, rinne comhaltaí (0) nochtadh, rinne an fhoireann (1) nochtadh agus rinne comhairleoirí dhá náid (0) nochtadh.

Faoi alt 150 den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, tá cód iompair glactha ag an mBord chun déileáil le coinbhleachtaí leasa agus chun muinín an phobail a chothú as ionracas an Bhoird agus é i mbun gnó. Tá feidhm ag an gcód i leith comhaltaí, baill foirne áirithe agus daoine eile a mbaineann an Bord úsáid as a seirbhísí. In 2010, rinne náid (1) chomhaltaí nochtadh, rinne seacht (5) ball foirne nochtadh, agus rinne náid (0) chomhairleoirí nochtadh faoin gCód.

NOTE 17: Approval of Financial Statements

The Board approved the financial statements on 12/05/2011.

APPENDIX 10

REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL

Report for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

I have audited the financial statements of An Bord Pleanála for the year ended 31 December 2010 under the Planning and Development Act 2000. The financial statements, which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein, comprise the Statement of Accounting Policies, the Income and Expenditure Account, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland.

Responsibilities of the Board

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

Responsibilities of the Comptroller and Auditor General

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

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

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

Scope of Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

In addition, I read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies I consider the implications for my report.

AGUISÍN 10

TUARASCÁIL AN ARD-REACHTAIRE CUNTAS AGUS CISTE

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

Tá ráitis airgeadais an Bhoird Phleanála don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2010 iniúchta agam faoin Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000. Tá na ráitis airgeadais, a ullmhaíodh faoi na beartais chuntasaíochta arna leagan amach sna ráitis, comhdhéanta de Ráiteas ar na Beartais Chuntasaíochta, an Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais, an Ráiteas ar Iomlán na nGnóthachain agus na gCaillteanas Aitheanta, an Clár Comhardaithe, an Ráiteas ar Shreabhadh Airgid agus na nótaí gaolmhara. Is é an creat tuairiscithe airgeadais a cuireadh i bhfeidhm agus iad á n-ullmhú ná an dlí is infheidhme agus an Cleachtas Chuntasaíochta a nGlactar Leis go Coitianta in Éirinn.

Freagrachtaí an Bhoird

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

Freagrachtaí an Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste

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

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

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

Scóip an Iniúchta ar na Ráitis Airgeadais

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

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

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

Opinion on the Financial Statements

In my opinion, the financial statements, which have been properly prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, give a true and fair view of the state of An Bord Pleanála's affairs at 31 December 2010 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by An Bord Pleanála. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

Matters on which I report by Exception

I report by exception if

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

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

Andrew Harkness

For and on behalf of the
Comptroller and Auditor General
19th May, 2011.

Tuairim ar na Ráitis Airgeadais

Is í mo thuairim go dtugann na ráitis airgeadais, a ullmhaíodh go cuí de réir an Chleachtais Chuntasaíochta a nGlactar Leis go Coitianta in Éirinn, léargas fíorcheart ar staid ghnóthaí an Bhoird Phleanála ag 31 Nollaig 2010 agus dá ioncam agus dá chaiteachas don bhliain dar críoch an lá sin.

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

Nithe ar a dtuairiscím de réir Eisceachta

Tuairiscím de réir eisceachta más amhlaidh

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

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

Andrew Harkness

Ar son agus thar ceann
an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste
19ú Bealtaine 2011.

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