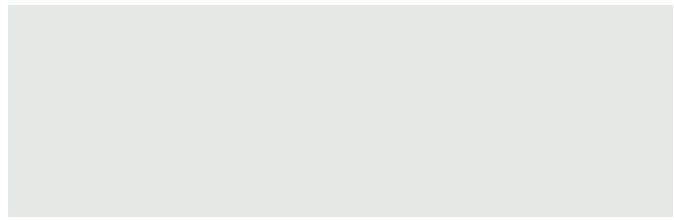
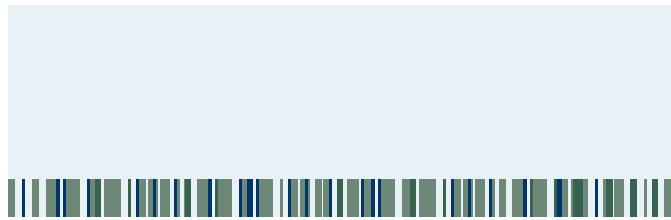




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MISSION STATEMENT



To play our part as an independent body in ensuring that physical development and major infrastructure projects in Ireland respect the principles of sustainable development and are planned in an efficient, fair and open manner.

Objectives

The objectives of the Board and our performance in 2006 in relation to these objectives are on our website.

The key performance indicators relating to appeals and cognate functions are contained in this Report.

RÁITEAS MISIN



Ár bpáirt a dhéanamh mar chomhlacht neamhspleách lena chinntíú go bhfuil meas ag forbairt fhisiceach agus ag tionscadail bhoneagair mhóra in Éirinn ar phrionsabail fhorbartha inchothaithe agus go ndéanfar pleannail i slí éifeachtach, chothrom agus oscailte.

Cuspóirí

Tá cuspóirí an Bhoird agus ár bhfeidhmíocht i 2006 i dtaobh na cuspóirí seo ar fáil ar ár suíomh idirlín.

Tá mórháscairí feidhmíochta maidir le hachomhairc agus le feidhmiú coibhneasta ar fáil sa Tuarascáil seo.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD



COMHALTAÍ AN BHOIRD



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* Members of the Management Committee
* Comhaltaí den Choiste Bainistíochta.

¹ Term of Office ended September 2006

² Term of Office ended November 2006

³ Mary MacMahon appointed November 2006

- 1 John O'Connor *
Chairperson
Cathaoirleach
- 2 Brian Hunt*
Deputy Chairperson
Leas-Chathaoirleach
- 3 Jane Doyle
- 4 Berna Grist ¹
- 5 Michael Wall ²
- 6 Angela Tunney
- 7 Brian Swift
- 8 Mary Bryan
- 9 Karl Kent
- 10 Margaret Byrne
- 11 Mary MacMahon ³

CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT



Of greatest significance to An Bord Pleanála in 2006 was the enactment of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006. I consider that, in assigning responsibility to the Board for operating a single planning consent procedure for strategic infrastructure projects, the Oireachtas expressed confidence in the Board. Having regard to the experience we already have in adjudicating on infrastructure projects I believe the Board is well placed to discharge these functions in an effective, efficient and impartial manner and to deliver a good level of service to all parties in relation to the new functions. I shall return to this later in my statement.

Workload and Performance in 2006

The record level of activity experienced by the Board in 2005 continued unabated in 2006 when the intake of cases, of all kinds, again almost reached the **6,000** mark. Notwithstanding a **4%** increase in cases determined, this resulted in a significant rise in the workload on hands at year end and a further deterioration in the Board's performance in relation to the timeliness of its decision making.

The following gives an overview of the Board's workload and performance in 2006:

- intake of new cases **5,930** – the same level as 2005.
- cases determined **5,628** – up **4%**.
- workload on hands at year end **2,364** – up **15%**.
- 18 week statutory objective met in **52%** of cases, compared to 78% in 2005.
- average time to determine cases **18** weeks, compared to 15 weeks in 2005.

Other noteworthy features in 2006

- The percentage of local authority planning decisions appealed to the Board showed a slight decrease to **6.9%** (from 7.4% in 2005).
- The rate of reversal of local planning authority decisions appealed showed a slight increase - **33%** in 2006 compared to 30% in 2005. The large disparity between local authorities in the rate of reversal, apparent in previous years, continued in 2006.

RÁITEAS AN CHATHAOIRLIGH

An rud is suntasaí don Bhord Pleanála in 2006 ná achtú an Achta Phleanála agus Forbartha (Bonneagar Straitéisearch) 2006. Measaim gur léirigh an tOireachtas a mhuinín sa Bhord trí fhreagracht a chur ar an mBord as nós imeachta toilithe pleanála amháin a fheidhmiú do thionscadail bhoneagair straitéisearcha. I bhfianaise an taithí atá agaínn ar bhreithiúnas a dhéanamh faoi thionscadail bhoneagair, i mo thuairim, beidh an Bord in ann na feidhmeanna seo a chomhlíonadh ar bhealach éifeachtúil, éifeachtach agus neamhchlaon agus leibhéal ard seirbhíse a chur ar fáil do na páirtithe uile i ndáil leis na feidhmeanna nua. Tiocfaidh mé ar ais chuige seo níos déanaí i mo ráiteas.

Ualach Oibre agus Feidhmíocht in 2006

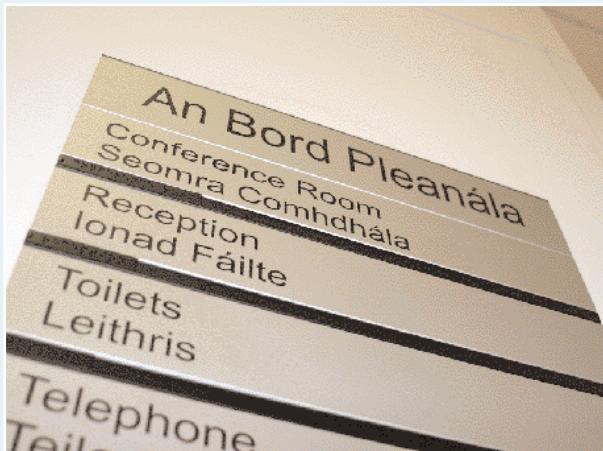
Lean an leibhéal gníomhaíochta curiarrachta a bhí ar siúl sa Bhord in 2005 ar aghaidh in 2006, nuair is beag, nach raibh **6,000** cás de gach cineál arís. D'ainneoin méadú **4%** ar chásanna a cinneadh, mar thoradh ar an iontógáil mhór bhí ardú suntasach ar an ualach oibre a bhí ar láimh ag deireadh na bliana agus mar sin thit feidhmíocht an Bhoird maidir le tráthúlacht a gcinnteoireachta arís.

Is féidir forbhreathnú d'ualach oibre agus feidhmíocht an Bhoird in 2006 a fháil ó na firicí seo a leanas:

- cásanna nua a fuarthas **5,930** – suas 0% ó 2005.
- cásanna a cinneadh **5,628** – suas **4%**.
- ualach oibre ar láimh ag deireadh na bliana **2,364** – suas **15%**.
- baineadh amach an cuspóir reachtúil 18 seachtain i **52%** de chásanna, i gcomparáid le 78% in 2005.
- meán-am chun cásanna a chinneadh – **18** seachtain, i gcomparáid le 15 seachtain in 2005.

Gnéithe suntasacha eile in 2006

- Tháinig laghdú beag ar chéatadán na gcoinní pleánála déanta ag údarás áitiúla a ndearnadh achomhairc ina gcoinne chuig an mBord, go **6.9%** (ó 7.4% in 2005).
- Tháinig méadú ar ráta cúlaithe chinntí na n-údarás áitiúil a ndearnadh achomhairc ina gcoinne - **33%** in 2006 i gcomparáid le 30% in 2005. Bhí an neamhionannas mór sa ráta cúlaithe idir údarás áitiúla éagsúla, a bhí soiléir sna blianta roimhe seo, le feiceáil arís in 2006.

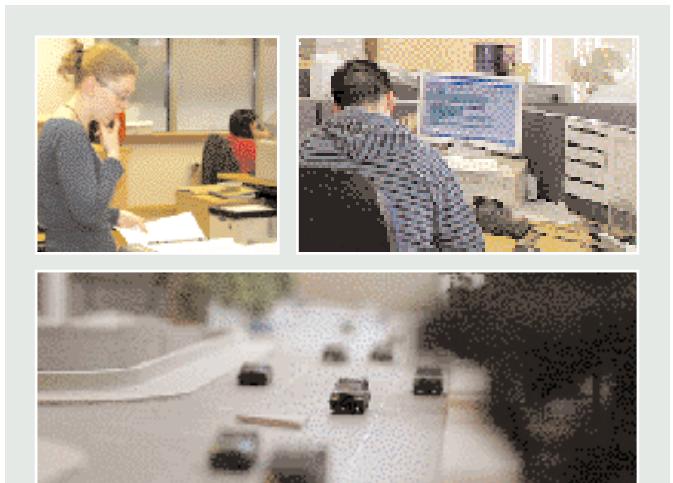
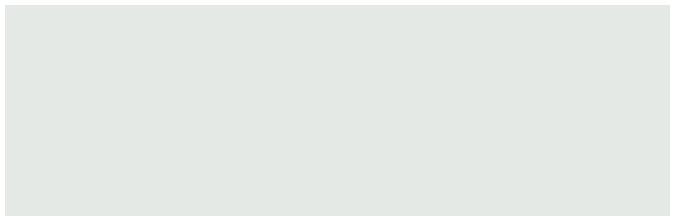


- Just under half of planning appeals lodged with the Board came from third parties, a slight decrease on 2005.
- Invalid appeals constituted **14.8%** (17.3% in 2005) of all appeals determined, with late appeals (**4.9%**), invalid fee (**4.0%**) and third party appeals with no acknowledgement (**4.2%**) being the main reasons. The Board has taken additional measures to help people avoid making invalid appeals.
- There were **133** applications for leave to appeal by third parties of which **23%** succeeded. All of these applications were decided within the statutory 4 week period.

Current Trends and Outlook

The first five months of 2007 are showing a further very large increase in the total intake of cases. Up to the end of May the intake surged by **23%** over 2006. Although the number of cases disposed of is up by **16%**, the high intake, when added to the backlog carried over from last year, leaves the Board facing a daunting situation as we approach mid-2007 and clearly it will be a major challenge to move back towards our strategic target of determining 90% of cases within the 18-week period. The Board regrets the delays that are occurring in the determination of appeals.

A significant factor in the increased workload in 2007 is the number of appeals by quarry operators against conditions imposed by local planning authorities under section 261 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. Another such



- Tháinig díreach faoi leath na n-achomharc pleanála a lóisteáladh leis an mBord ó thríú páirtithe, laghdú beag ar 2005.
- Ba achomhairc neamhbhailí iad **14.8%** (17.3% in 2005) de na hacomhairc uile a cinneadh, agus bhí achomhairc dhéanacha (**4.9%**), táille neamhbhailí (**4.0%**) agus achomhairc tríú páirtithe gan admháil (**4.2%**) mar na príomh-chúiseanna neamhbhailíochta. Chuir an Bord bearta breise i bhfeidhm in 2006 chun cabhrú le daoine gan achomhairc neamhbhailí a dhéanamh.
- Rinne tríú páirtithe **133** iarratas ar chead achomhairc agus d'éisigh le **23%** diobh. Rinneadh cinneadh faoi na ceadanna achomhairc uile laistigh den tréimhse reachtúil 4 seachtaine.

Claontaí agus Dearcadh Reatha

Tá méadú mór eile tagtha ar iontógáil iomlán na gcásanna le linn na chéad chuíg mhí de 2007. Go dtí deireadh mhí na Bealtaine bhí méadú **23%** tagtha ar an iontógáil i gcomparáid le 2006. Cé go bhfuil méadú **16%** ar líon na gcásanna a cuireadh de láimh, nuair a chuirtear an iontógáil mhór agus an riarráiste ón mbliaín seo caite san áireamh, tá an Bord i staid dhúshláinach agus muid ag druidim le lár 2007; gan amhras beidh sé mar dhúshláin mór dúinn gluaiseacht ar ais i dtreo ár sprice straitéisí de 90% de chásanna a chinneadh laistigh den tréimhse 18 seachtain. Is oth leis an mBord na moilleanna atá ag tarlú maidir le achomhairc a chinneadh.

Factóir suntasach san ualach oibre méadaithe in 2007 ná líon na n-achomharc déanta ag oibreoirí cairéal i gcoinne coinníollacha curtha i bhfeidhm ag údarás phleanála áitiúla



factor is a 20% increase in the number of appeals relating to housing schemes of 30 or more units.

Infrastructure Projects

The Board has over recent years been prioritising major infrastructure projects (whether planning appeals or local authority sponsored projects) to ensure that they are as effective as possible in shortening the timescale for decisions. In 2006 the Board received **68** and disposed of **64** planning appeals that were classed as major infrastructure developments, **34%** being determined within 18 weeks (overall average 26 weeks). In addition, **112** local authority sponsored projects (roads, waste, compulsory purchase, etc.) were submitted to the Board in 2006, **71%** of cases were determined within 18 weeks (overall average 17 weeks).

Of the **23** High Court judicial review proceedings instituted in 2006, none were related to major infrastructure cases. It is noteworthy that the Board has not to date lost any legal case relating to a major infrastructure development and has, in fact, won a number of significant cases.

The Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006

The Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006 was enacted in 2006 and came into force on 31st January 2007. Under this Act the Board has become the single planning consent authority for certain major infrastructure projects on the transport, energy and environment areas (whether promoted by the public or private sector), including rail transport, gas pipelines and electricity generation and transmission. The Board has published a number of guidelines advising applicants and local authorities of the procedures to be followed and advising the general public and interested bodies on how they can participate in the process. These guidelines are available on the Board's website. The new procedures normally require applicants to engage in pre-application consultations with the Board which will be followed by a ruling from the Board as to whether the particular project will be treated as a strategic infrastructure project in accordance with the new Act. Up to the end of May 2007 the Board had received 31 requests for pre-application consultations and had arranged 25 meetings with the promoters in these cases. The Board aims to hold the first

faoi alt 261 den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000. Fachtóir eile ná an méadú 20% ar lón na n-achomharc a bhaineann le scéimeanna tithíochta le 30 aonad nó níos mó.

Tionscadail Bonneagair

Le blianta beaga anuas, tá an Bord ag tabhairt tosaíochta do thionscadail bonneagair mhóra (bíodh siad ina n-achomhairc phleanála nó ina dtionscadail urraithe ag údarás áitiúil) chun a chinntí go bhfuil an Bord chomh héifeachtach agus is féidir d'fheann an scála ama do chinntí a ghiorrú. In 2006 fuair an Bord **68** agus chuir sé **64** achomharc pleanála de líamh a bhí rangaithe mar fhorbairtí bonneagair móra, le cinneadh tugtha faoi **34%** díobh laistigh de 18 seachtain (thóg sé 26 seachtain ar an meán). Comh maith leis, Cuireadh **112** tionscadal urraithe ag údarás áitiúil (bóithre, dramhaíl, ceannachán éigeantach, srl.) faoi bhráid an Bhoird in 2006, cinneadh **71%** de na cásanna laistigh de 18 seachtain (thóg sé 17 seachtain ar an meán).

As na **23** imeacht a bhain le hathbhreithniú breithiúnach Ard-Chúirte ar cuireadh túis leo in 2006, níor bhain aon cheann le cás bonneagair mór. Is fiú a thabhairt faoi deara nár chaill an Bord aon chás dlíthiúil fós a bhain le forbairt bonneagair mhór agus, go bhfuil lón suntasach cásanna buaite aige.

An Bille Pleanála agus Forbartha (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006

Achtaíodh an tAcht Pleanála agus Forbartha (Bonneagar straitéiseach) 2006 in 2006 agus tháinig sé i bhfeidhm an 31 Eanáir 2007. Faoin Acht seo is é an Bord an t-aon údarás tolithe pleanála do thionscadail bonneagair straitéiseacha áirithe i réimsí iompair, fuinnimh agus comhshaoil (iad cothaithe ag an earnáil phoiblí nó phriobháideach), lena n-áirítear iompar iarnróid, píblinte gáis agus giniúint agus tarchur leictreachais. Tá roinnt treoirínte foilsithe ag an mBord chun a mhíniú d'iarthóirí agus d'údarás áitiúla cad iad na nósanna imeacha ar chóir leas a bhaint astu, agus chun comhairle a thabhairt don phobal i gcoitine agus do chomhlachtaí leasmhara faoi conas is féidir leo páirt a ghlacadh sa phróiseas. Tá na treoirínte ar fáil ar láithreán gréasáin an Bhoird. De ghnáth, de réir na nósanna imeacha nua, bíonn ar iarrthóirí comhairliúcháin réamh-iarratais a dhéanamh leis an mBord agus ina dhiaidh sin déanfaidh an Bord cinneadh an ndéileálfáí leis an tionscadal áirithe sin mar thionscadal bonneagair straitéisigh de réir an Acharta nua. Faoi dheireadh mhí na



pre-application consultation meeting within four weeks of receipt of the request. A new Strategic Infrastructure Division comprising the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and three other members (Margaret Byrne, Angela Tunney and Karl Kent) has been set up within the Board to perform the functions assigned to it under the Act.

Resources

The new range of functions given to the Board in relation to infrastructure and the ever increasing volume of its existing workload have caused the Board to review the adequacy of its resources over the past year. I am pleased to say that approval has been received from the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for a considerable increase in the Board's staffing resources. In overall terms total authorised staffing has increased from 136 to 172 (26%) and Board membership from 10 to 11. This provides for a greatly strengthened management structure within the Board in line with the recommendations of the organisational review referred to in previous annual reports. It also means that the Board's carefully considered proposals for additional resources to discharge its new infrastructure functions, put forward after consultation with the trade union representing staff, have been approved in full. The new Strategic Infrastructure Division of the Board will be supported by a separate Division within the organisation with a staff of 25 (see organisation chart at Appendix 6). While some recruitment has already taken place, significant additional recruitment will now be embarked upon to ensure that the full complement of resources is brought to bear as quickly as possible on the Board's considerable workload.

Improving the Organisation

- To further augment our capacity to deal with the increasing workload a number of other measures have been taken in addition to the increased staffing referred to above. These included increasing the panel of fee-per-case inspectors dealing with planning appeals from 46 to 80 and reintroducing a weekend 'overtime' scheme for inspectorate staff.
- At the time of writing, the Board is awaiting a response from the trade union representing staff to its final proposals on the implementation of the recommendations of the Organisational Review of the Board's staffing and structures. These proposals

Bealtaine 2007, bhí 31 iarratas ar chomhairliúchán réamh-iarratais faigte ag an mBord agus bhí 25 cruinníu eagraithe aige le tionscnóirí na gcásanna sin. Tá sé d'aidhm ag an mBord an chéad chruinníu comhairliúchán réamh-iarratais a thionól laistigh de cheithre seachtaine ó iarratas a fháil. Bunaíodh Rannán nua um Bonneagar Straitéiseach laistigh den Bhord ina bhfuil an Cathaoirleach, an Leas-Chathaoirleach agus triúr comhalta eile ((Margaret Byrne, Angela Tunney agus Karl Kent) chun na feidhmeanna a shanntar dó faoin Acht a chomhlíonadh.

Acmhainní

Mar thoradh ar an raon nua feidhmeanna bonneagair a tugadh don Bhord, agus an t-ualach oibre reatha a bhíonn i gcónai ag dul i méid, rinne an Bord athbhreithniú ar leordhóthanacht a chuid acmhainní le linn na bliana seo caite. Tá áthas orm a rá gur fuarthas cead ón Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil méadú suntasach a fháil ar acmhainní foirne an Bhoird. I dtéarmaí iomlána, mhéadaigh líon na foirne údaraithe ó 136 go 172 (26%) agus ballraíocht den Bhord ó 10 go 11. Cuireann sé sin struchtúr bainistíochta i bhfad níos láidre ar fáil laistigh den Bhord ag dul le moltaí an athbhreithnithe eagraíochtuil a ndearnadh tagairt do í dtuarascálaча bliantúla roimhe seo. Ciallaíonn sé freisin gur tugadh formheas iomlán do mholtáí an Bhoird maidir le hacmhainní breise a fháil chun a fheidhmeanna bonneagair nua a chomhlíonadh, moltaí a mheas an Bord go cúramach, agus a cuireadh isteach i ndiaidh comhairliúchán leis an gceardchumann a dhéanann ionadaíocht ar an bhfoireann. Tacóidh Rannán ar leith laistigh den eagraíocht le 25 ball foirne leis an Rannán um Bonneagar Straitéiseach nua (féach an chairt eagraíochtuil in Agusín 6). Cé go ndearnadh roinnt earcáochta cheana féin, beidh gá le hearcáiocht shuntasach bhreise a dhéanamhanois chun a chinntíú go gcuirtear na hacmhainní uile ar fáil chomh luath agus is féidir chun oibriú ar ualach oibre mór an Bhoird.

Ag cur Feabhas ar an Eagraíocht

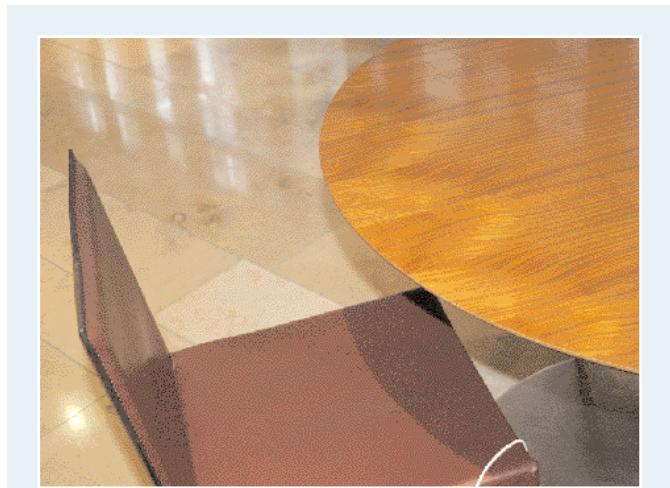
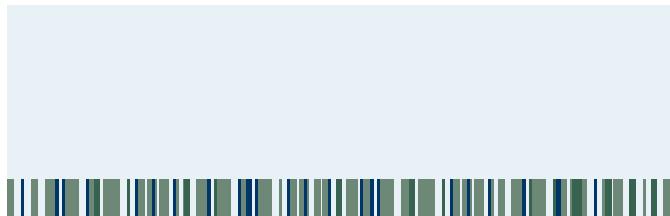
- Chun feabhas breise a chur ar ár gcumas déileáil leis an ualach oibre méadaitheach, cuireadh roinnt beart eile i bhfeidhm le cois an mhéadaithe ar an líon foirne a luaitear thusa. Áiríodh orthu sin an painéal de chigír táille-in-aghaidh an cháis a mhéadú ó 46 go 80 agus scéim 'ragoibre' deireadh seachtaine a thabhairt isteach arís don fhoireann cigireachta.
- Tráth scríofa na tuarascála seo, tá an Bord ag fanacht le freagra ón gceardchumann a gníomhaíonn thar ceann na foirne maidir lena chuid tograí i

take account of the Labour Court's recommendation and will provide for modernisation and strengthening of management, the development of more effective and efficient work practices and will enhance career prospects for all staff within the Board.

- A review of the Equality Initiative Report took place in 2006 and concluded that the Board had honoured its commitment to the Equality Action Plan drawn up in 2004.
- As mentioned in the 2005 report we are also participating in the National Disability Authority's Excellence Through Accessibility Award scheme. Arising from the requirements of the Disability Act 2005 and from participation in the award scheme the Board's website has been redeveloped. The Board has appointed an Access Officer who will be responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to persons with disabilities in accessing our services. The Access Officer will also organise the provision of information in alternative formats such as large print, braille, easy to read and audio on request.
- The Board operates a policy designed to promote a workplace which is free from racial or other discrimination and harassment and which welcomes diversity in the workplace.
- It is our policy to foster relations with the local inner city community in which we are located and we have established contacts with local schools and offer employment experience to local young people.
- Performance Management and Development System is in place for Board Members and staff within the organisation, including a Forecasting and Appraisal Scheme for inspectors.
- 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. In September 2006, the Board submitted a draft scheme under section 11 of the Official Languages Act 2003 to the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs detailing the further services it proposed to provide through Irish.

dtaobh na moltaí san Athbhreithniú Eagrúcháin ar fhoireann agus ar struchtúr an Bhoird a chur i ngníomh. Déanann na tográí sin moltaí na Cúirte Oibreachais a chur i gcuntas agus déanfar socrú leo maidir le nuachóiriú agus neartú bainistíochta, maidir le forbairt cleachtas oibre níos éifeachtaí agus níos éifeachtúla agus cuirfidh siad feabhas ar chúrsaí gairmréime do gach duine den fhoireann laistigh den Bhord.

- Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar Thuarascáil an Tionscnamh Chomhionannais in 2006, agus dúirt sé gur chomhlíon an Bord a thiomantas don Phlean Gníomhaíochta Comhionannais a cuireadh le cheile in 2004.
- Mar a luadh i dtuarascáil 2005, glacaimid páirt freisin i scéim Duais Sármhaithis trí Rochtain an Údarás Náisiúnta Michumais. Mar thoradh ar cheanglais an Achta Míchumais 2005, agus ár rannpháirtíocht sa scéim gradaim, athfhhorbraíodh láithreán gréasán an Bhoird. Tá Oifigeach Rochtana ceaptha ag an mBord a bheidh freaghrach as cúnamh agus treoir a eagrú agus a chomhordú do dhaoine faoi mhíchumas a theastaíonn uathu leas a bhaint as ár gcuid seirbhísí. Cuirfidh an Oifig Rochtana faisnéis ar fáil i bhformáidí éagsúla ar iarratas freisin, cosúil le cló móir, Braille, éasca le léamh agus ar chlosteip.
- Tá polasaí á fheidhmiú ag an mBord atá deartha chun ionad oibre a chur chun cinn atá saor ó chiníochas agus ó idirdhealú agus crá eile agus a chuireann fálte roimh éagsúlacht san ionad oibre.
- Tá sé mar pholasáí againn caidreamh a chothú leis an bpobal lár-chathrach áitiúil ina bhfuilimid lonnaithe, agus rinneamar teaghmáil le scoileanna áitiúla agus cuirimid taithí oibre ar fáil do dhaoine óga áitiúla.
- Tá Córas Bainistíochta agus Forbartha Feidhmíochta i bhfeidhm do Bhaill an Bhoird agus don fhoireann laistigh den eagraíocht, lena n-áirítear Scéim Réamhaisnéise agus Meastóireachta do Chigirí.
- Fáiltíonn an Bord roimh úsáid na Gaeilge ag daoine a dhéanann gnó linn, agus spreagann agus tacaíonn an Bord leis an bhfoireann líofacht sa teanga a bhaint amach. I mí Mheán Fómhair 2006, chuir an Bord dréacht-scéim faoi alt 11 d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003 faoi bhráid an Aire Gnótháí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta ag déanamh cur síos ar na seirbhísí breise a bhfuil sé chun a sholáthar trí mheán na Gaeilge.

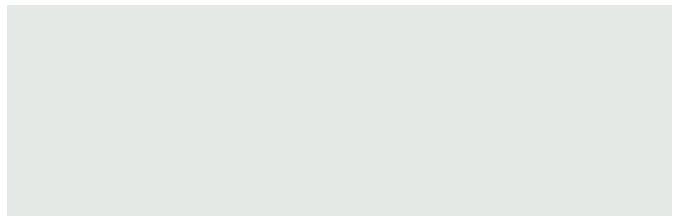


- In November 2006 the Board submitted an Outline Action Plan in accordance with the national partnership agreement, "Towards 2016". That plan and subsequent Progress Report were approved by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

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. 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.



- I mí na Samhna 2006 chuir an Bord Plean Gníomhaíochta Imlíne ar fáil de réir an chomhaontaithe chomhpháirtíochta náisiúnta, "I dTreo 2016". D'fhormheas an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil an plean sin agus an Tuarascáil Dul Chun Cinn a rinneadh ina dhiaidh.

Muinín an Phobail

Tá trí chroí-phrionsabal an Bhoird, neamhspleáchas, neamhchlaontacht agus oscailteachta, leabaithe inár Ráiteas Misin agus bun-tacaithe ag reachtaíocht. Táimid meabhrach i gcónaí go mbraitheann muinín an phobail ar mhacántacht agus ar chaighdeán ár gcinnteoirreachta agus ar an ngairmiúlacht lena gcomhlíonaimid ár bhfeidhmeanna. Tá cód iompair reachtúil ann do gach comhalta den Bhoird, ball foirne agus comhairleoir, a chuireann dualgais diana ar bhaill agus ar fhostaithe an Bhoird aon leas atá acu a chur in iúl agus iad féin a iompar go hiondúil i slí a chuireann le muinín an phobail. Is é polasaí an Bhoird glacadh leis an gcur chuige is oscailte is féidir ina chaidreamh leis an bpobal agus feidhmímid córas comhaid atá go hiomlán oscailte chomh luath agus atá ciintí déanta faoi chásanna.

Toisc go mbaineann ár gcinntí le mór-fhorbairtí, ní haon ionadh go mbeadh roinnt acu mar chíús conspóide poiblí. Síleann an Bord, áfach, go bhfuil sé ceart cloí leis an gcleachtas fad-bunaithe gan dul i mbun plé ar chásanna aonair toisc nádúr leath-bhreithiúnach ár bhfeidhmeanna agus chun baol claontachta a sheachaint i gcásanna sa todhchaí.



Accounts

Appendix 10 contains the Board's audited accounts for 2006. The financial accounting system (FRS 17) now requires the Board to include pension scheme information as an integral part of the accounts and this is reflected in the accounts.

Expenditure increased from €18.8 million in 2005 to €20.9 million in 2006. In 2006, fee income together with costs recouped from local authorities on infrastructure projects was €2.6 million which represented 12% of the total costs of the Board's operations (14% in 2005).

Income increased from €18.6 million in 2005 to €20.8 million leaving a deficit for the year of €122.5k. There was an incoming deficit of €11.1k which left a cumulative deficit of €133.6k.

Thanks

I wish to thank the former Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. Dick Roche, T.D. and officials of the Department for their support for the Board, in particular, for the approval of the significant additional staffing resources to which I referred earlier. I wish to express my appreciation to the other members of the Board and staff at all levels for their ongoing commitment and co-operation and also to the consultants and fee-per-case inspectors.

I would also like to pay special tribute to Ms. Berna Grist and Mr. Michael Wall, Board Members, whose terms of office expired in September and November 2006 after serving 5 and 8 years respectively.

Thanks are also due to the management and officials of planning authorities for their co-operation and to the Board's legal advisors.

John O'Connor,
Chairperson

Cuntas

Tá cuntas iniúchta an Bhóird do 2006 ar fáil in Agusín 10. De réir an chórais chuntasaíochta airgeadais (FRS 17) caithfidh an Bord faisinéis ón scéim pinsin a chur san áireamh mar cuid dhílis de na cuntas anois agus tá sé seo léirithe sna cuntas.

Tháinig méadú ar chaiteachas ó €18.8 milliún in 2005 go €20.9 milliún in 2006. In 2006, ba ionann an t-ioncam ó tháillí agus ó chostais aisghafa ó údaráis áitiúla ar thionscadail bhonneagair agus €2.6 milliún, a bhí mar 12% de chostais oibríochtaí uile an Bhoird (14% in 2005).

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Buiochas

Ba mhian liom buiochas a ghabháil leis an Aire Chomhshaoil, Oidhreachta, agus Rialtais Áitiúil, an t-Uasal Dick Roche, T.D., agus le hoifigh na Roinne dá dtacaíocht don Bhórd, agus go háirithe as formheas a thabhairt do na hacmhainní foríre nua suntasacha a ndearna mé tagairt dóibh níos lúaithe

Ba bhreá liom, freisin, buiochas ar leith a ghabháil le Berna Grist agus Michael Wall, Comhaltaí den Bhórd, ar éag a dtéarmaí oifige i Meán Fómhair agus Samhain 2006, tar éis dóibh fónamh ar feadh 5 agus 8 bliain faoi seach.

Tá buiochas tuillte chomh maith ag bainistíocht agus oifighí na n-údarás pleánala dá gcomhoibriú agus ag comhairleoirí dlí an Bhoird.

Seán Ó Conchúir,
An Cathaoirleach

ALL CASES



Figures 1 to 6 contain key performance indicators in relation to all casework received and disposed of by the Board in 2006 and compares with 2005 or ten-year trends. A breakdown of casework by reference to normal planning appeals, local authority projects and other cases is provided in following tables.

FIGURE 1:
Summary All Cases

		2006	2005	Méadú/(laghdú) % Increase/ (decrease) %
On hands at start	Idir lámha ag an túis	2,062	1,503	37%
Received	Faighte	5,930	5,946	0%
Disposed of	Curtha de láimh	5,628	5,387	4%
On hands at end	Idir lámha ag an deireadh	2,364	2,062	15%
Disposed of within statutory objective period	Curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil	52%	78%	-
Average time taken (weeks)	Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí)	18	15	20%

Main Trends

- Received:** 2nd highest level since Board was established. Highest was in 2005. Intake was up 34% on the annual average over the period 1997 to 2005.
- Disposed of:** Second highest level. Disposals were up 29% on the annual average over the period 1997 to 2005.
- On hands at end:** Third highest since 1996, up 41% on the annual average over the period 1997 to 2005.
- Disposed of within statutory objective period:** Lowest since 2002.
- Average time taken:** Highest since 2002

GACH CÁS

Tá mórháscairí feidhmíochta i bhfigíúir 1 go dtí 6 maidir le gach cás a faighte agus curtha de láimh ag an mBord i 2006 agus déantar comparáid le 2005 nó le claonta ar feadh tréimhse deich mbliana. Tugtar briseadh síos ar an gcásobair de réir tagartha do ghnáth achomhairc phleanála, tionscadail údarás áitiúla agus cásanna eile sna táblí seo a leanas.

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Achoimre Gach Cás

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Príomh-chlaonadh

- Faighte:** An leibhéal is airde ó bhunaíodh an Bord. 2005 ab ea an dara ceann is airde. Bhí ardú de 34% ar an meán biantúil thar an tréimhse ó 1997 go dtí 2005.
- Curtha de láimh:** An dara leibhéal is airde. Bhí lón na gcásanna a cuireadh de láimh ardaithe 29% ar an meán biantúil thar an tréimhse ó 1997 go dtí 2005.
- Idir lámha ag deireadh:** An tríú leibhéal is airde ó 1996 suas 41% ar an meán biantúil thar an tréimhse 1997 go dtí 2005.
- Curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil:** An leibhéal is ísele ó 2002
- Meán am a tógadh:** An leibhéal is airde ó 2002

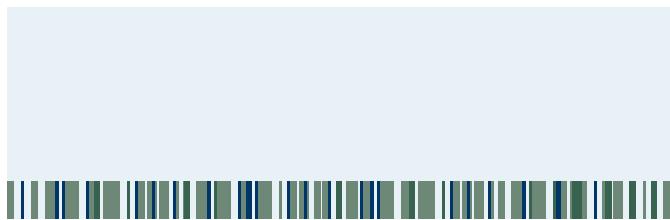


FIGURE 2
Trend in intake, disposal and cases on hands 1997 to 2006

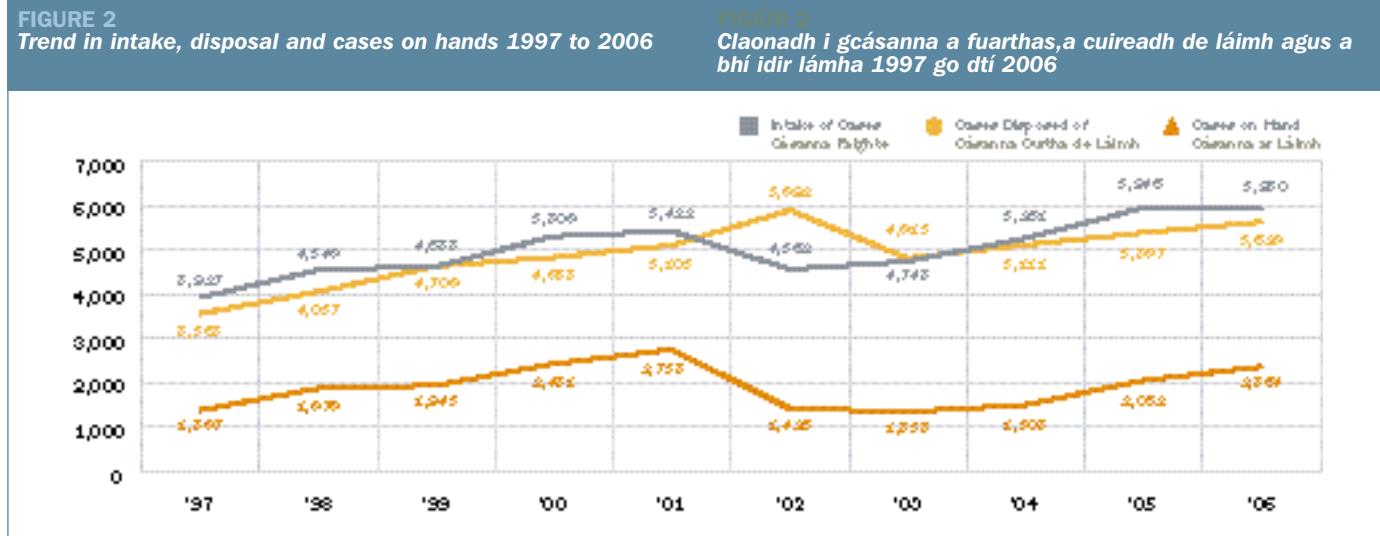


FIGURE 3

Analysis of cases on hands

The number of cases on hand over the statutory objective period at end of year represented 30% of all cases on hands.

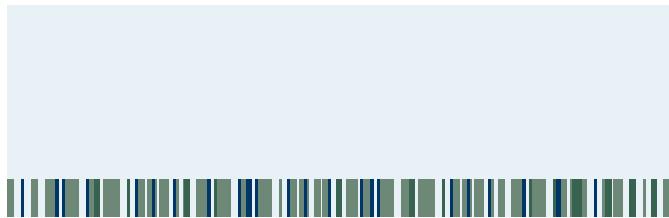
Statutory objective periods for determining cases

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

Léiríonn líon na gcásanna idir láhma thar an sprioc thréimhse reachtúil, ag deireadh na bliana, 30% de gach cás a bhí idir láhma.

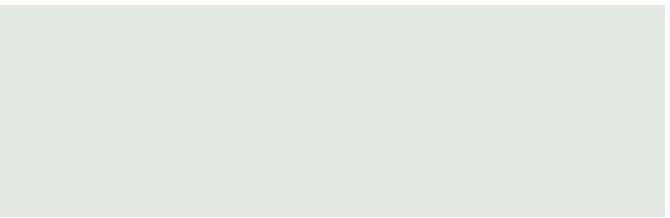
Sprioc thréimhsí reachtúla do chinntí a dhéanamh ar chásanna

Leag na forálacha atá sna hAchtanna um Pleanail, Rialú Tóigala agus Truaillí Uisce agus i Rialachán déanta faoi na hAchtanna mar chuspóir ag an mBord riachtanas chun a chinntí go dtabharfar cinneadh ar aghomhairc agus ar ábhair eile laistigh de thréimhsí ama sonracha. Is 18 seachtain atá i gceist i bhformhór na gcásanna, baineann 4



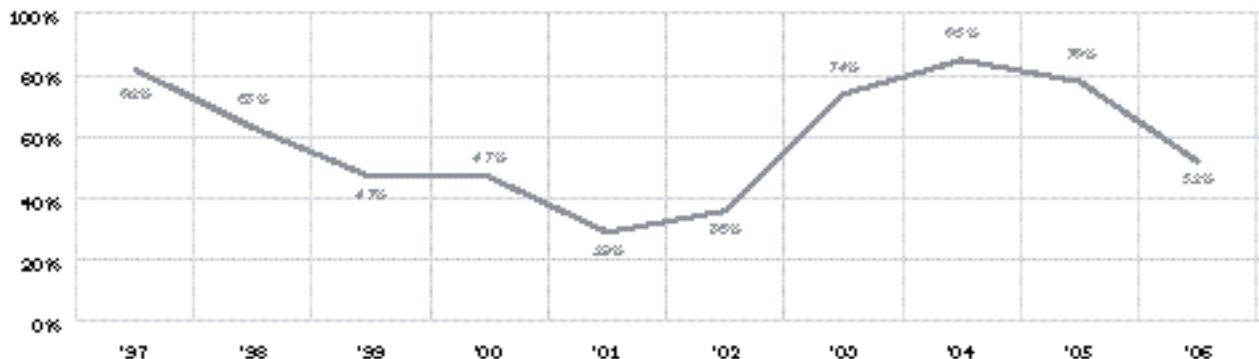
statutory objective time period applies. It is a strategic objective of the Board to determine 90% of all cases which come before it within eighteen weeks/four months regardless of whether or not a statutory objective period applies.

FIGIÚR 4
Percentage of cases determined within statutory objective period 1997 to 2006



mí le roinnt cásanna cé i gcásanna eile níl aon sprioc thréimhse ama reachtúil ann. Is cuspoir straitéiseach é ag an mBord cinneadh a dhéanamh ar 90% de chásanna a thagann faoina bhráid laistigh d'ocht seachtain déag/cheithre mhí, bíodh sprioc thréimhse ama reachtúil i gceist nó nach mbíodh.

FIGIÚR 4
Céadán de chásanna a chinntíodh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil 1997 go dtí 2006



During 2006, 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 5 gives details of the number of weeks it took to decide cases from 1997 to 2006.

Le linn 2006, chlóigh an Bord leis an riachtas 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 5 sonraí faoi líon na seachtain a thóg sé cinneadh a dhéanamh i gcásanna ó 1997 go dtí 2006.

FIGIÚR 5
Average time taken to dispose of cases (weeks)

FIGIÚR 5
Meán ama a thóg sé cásanna a chur de láimh (seachtain)

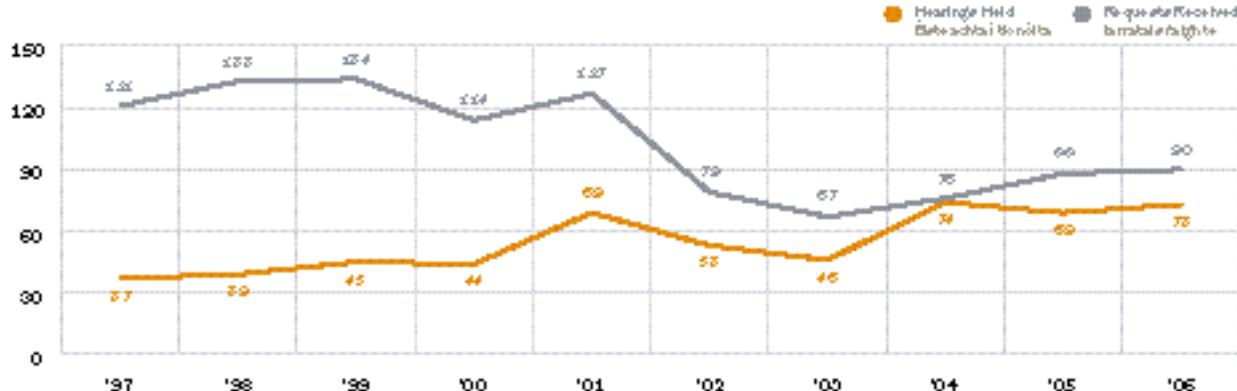
Bliain Year	Gnáth Achomhairc Phleanála Normal planning appeals	Tionscadail Údarás Áitiúil Local Authority Projects	Cásanna Eile Other cases	Iomlán All
1997	16	-	16	16
1998	18	-	14	18
1999	21	-	16	21
2000	21	-	21	21
2001	25	16	21	25
2002	23	27	20	23
2003	14	20	13	16
2004	14	18	9	14
2005	15	16	10	15
2006	18	17	14	18



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. The Board has absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing of such cases whether or not a hearing is requested by a party to the appeal or referral. The Board must hold an oral hearing in relation to contested compulsory purchase orders and certain road schemes.

FIGURE 6
Oral hearings of all cases



Note: Oral hearings from 2001 include oral hearings of local authority compulsory purchase orders and road schemes. In 2006 the number of oral hearing requests in relation to normal planning appeals was 80 and the number of hearings held was 12.

Nóta: Tá éisteachtaí béal maidir le horduithe ceannaithe éigeantacha údarás áitiúil agus scéimeanna bóthair san áireamh in éisteachtaí béal ó 2001. I 2006 bhí 80 iarratas ar éisteachtaí béal maidir le gnáth achomhairc phlrianála agus bhí 12 éisteacht tionólta.

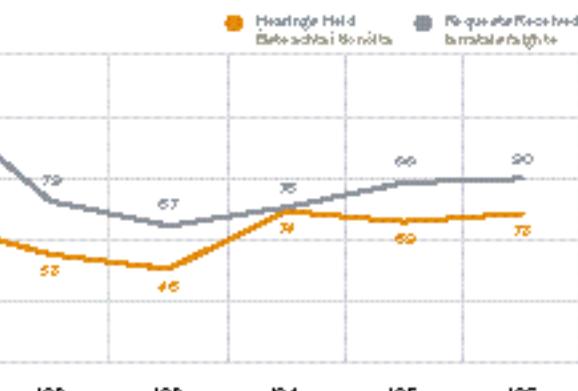
Inspectors' Reports and Recommendations

In 2006, the number of formal decisions made with Inspectors' reports were 4,062. The number of Inspectors' recommendations not generally accepted by the Board was 554 (13.6%) compared to 479 (12.6%) in 2005.

Éisteachtaí Béal

Déantar déileáil le hachomharc agus le rudaí a cuirtear faoi bhráid an Bhoird ar bhonn aighneachtaí scríofa ó na páirtithe i dteannta le scrudú ar an suíomh ag cigire arna cheapadh ag an mBord. Tá sé de chead ag an mBord, ar a chomhairle féin go hiomlán éisteacht bhéil a reáchtáil maidir lena leithéid de chásanna is cuma ar iarr páirtí an achomharc nó an ruda a cuireadh faoi bhráid an Bhoird nár iarr. Caithfidh an Bord éisteacht bhéil a reáchtáil maidir le orduithe ceannaithe éigeantacha áirithe agus scéimeanna bóthair.

FIGIÚR 6
Éisteachtaí béal maidir le gach cás



Moltaí agus Tuarascálacha gCigírí

I 2006, rinneadh 4,062 cinneadh foirmiúil le tuarascálacha na gCigírí. Níor ghlac an Bord go ginearálta le 554 (13.6%) de mholtáí na gCigírí í gcomparáid le 479 (12.6%) i 2005.

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 93% of the intake of cases in 2006, about the same as 2005. 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.

FIGURE 7
Summary of appeals

		2006	2005	Ardú/ (laghdú) % Increase/ (decrease) %
On hands at start	Idir lámha ag an túis	1,928	1,389	39%
Received	Faighte	5,508	5,503	0%
Disposed of	Curtha de láimh	5,203	4,964	5%
On hands at end	Idir lámha ag deireadh	2,233	1,928	16%
Disposed of within statutory objective period	Curtha de láimh laistigh de sprioc thréimhse reachtúil	51%	78%	-
Average time taken (weeks)	Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí)	18	15	20%

Received:	Highest level since Board was established. Intake up 31% on the annual average over the period 1997 to 2005.
Disposed of:	Highest level since Board was established. Disposals were 26% up on the annual average over the period 1997 to 2005.
On hands at end:	Highest since 2001. 39% up on the annual average over the period 1997 to 2005.

GNÁTH ACHOMHAIRC PHLEANÁLA

Réamhrá

Ba ghnáth achomhairc phleanála faoi alt 37 den Acht Pleanála 2000 (agus faoi alt 26 d'Acht Pleanála 1963 do shean chásanna pleanála) iad 93% de na cásanna go léir a fuarthas in 2006, beagnach mar an gcéanna le 2005. Eascaíonn gnáth achomhairc phleanála as cinntí na n-údarás pleanála ar iarratais ar chead d'fhorbairt talún.

Is féidir le hachomharc pleanála a bheith ó chéad pháirtí, ó threaspháirtí nó ó chéad pháirtí agus ó threaspháirtí. Déanann Aguisín 1 anailís ar chatagóirí na n-achomharc thuslauite agus an éifeacht atá ag na cinntí achomhairc trí thagarth a dhéanamh don chatagóir achomhairc agus do chinneadh an údarás phleanála.

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Achoimre na nAchomharc

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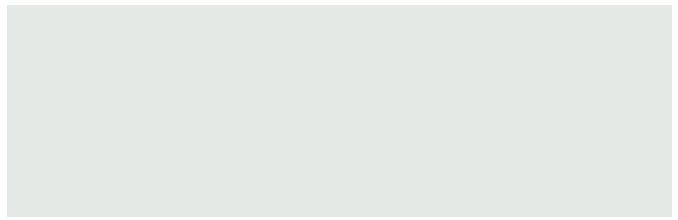
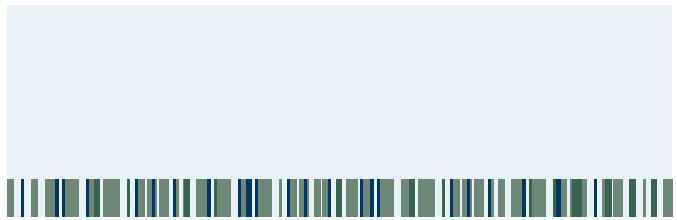


FIGURE 8
Analysis of appeals disposed of and analysis of invalid cases

FIGIÚR 8
Anaílís ar achomhairc a cuireadh de láimh agus analís ar chásanna neamhbhailí

Appeals Disposed of	Achomhairc curtha de láimh	2006	2005
Formally	Go foirmeála	3,903	3,633
Otherwise	Ar bhealá eile	1,300	1,331
- Invalid All	- Neamhbhailí lomlán	768	859
• late	- Déanach	254	270
• no acknowledgement	- gan admháil	220	216
• incorrect fee, no fee	- táille mícheart, gan táille	210	234
• name/address of appellant/agent	- ainm/seoladh achomharcóir/gníomhaire	68	99
• grounds/subject	- bonn/ábhar	10	20
• hours	- uaireanta	2	14
• other	- eile	4	6
- Appeal withdrawn by appellant (section 140(1) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc aistarraingthe ag an achomharcóir (alt 140(1)den Acht 2000)	362	334
- Application withdrawn by applicant (section 140(1) of 2000 Act)	- larratas aistarraingthe ag an iarratasór (alt 140(1)den Acht 2000)	108	94
- Appeal dismissed (section 37(4)(b) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dife (alt 37(4)(b)den Acht 2000)	0	1
- Appeal dismissed (section 133 of the 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dife (alt 133 den Acht 2000)	0	1
- Appeal dismissed (section 138(1)(a)(i) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dife (alt 138(1)(a)(i)den Acht 2000)	19	17
- Appeal dismissed (section 138(1)(b) of the 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dife (alt 138(1)(b)den Acht 2000)	32	17
- Appeal declared withdrawn (section 140(2) of 2000 Act)	- Fógraíodh gur aistarraingíodh an achomharc (alt 140(2)den Acht 2000)	9	2
- Application declared withdrawn (section 140(2) of 2000 Act)	- Fógraíodh gur aistarraingíodh an t-iarratas (alt 140(2)den Acht 2000)	2	5
- Otherwise disposed of	- Curtha de láimh i slí eile	0	1
Total	lomlán	5,203	4,964

Invalid Appeals

The rate of invalid appeals in 2006 reduced from 17.3% in 2005 to 14.8% of the total disposed. This was probably as a result of measures taken by the Board.

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

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

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

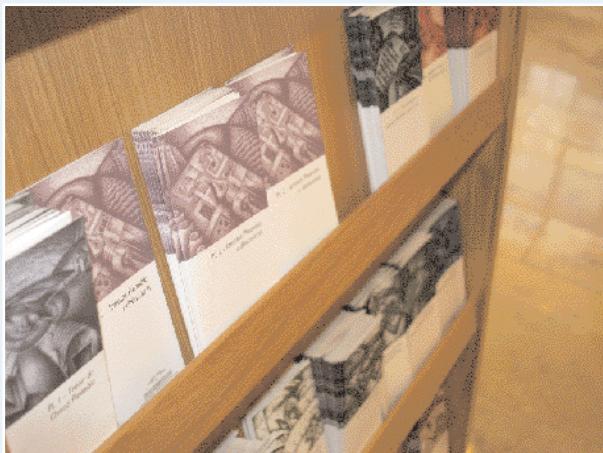
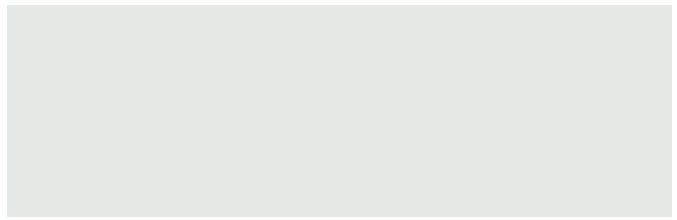
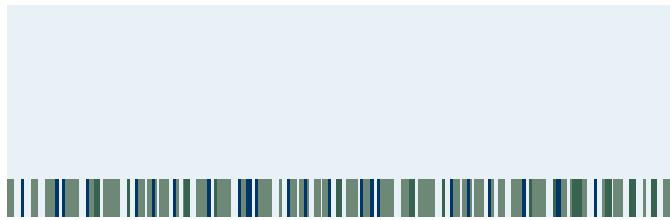
Achomhairc Neamhbhailí

Tháinig laghdú ó 17.3% in 2005 go 14.8% in 2006 ar líon na n-achomharc neamhbhailí mar chéatadán na n-achomharc uile a cuireadh de láimh. Is dóchúil go raibh sé sin mar thoradh ar bhearta déanta ag an mBord.

Déanach: Is é ceithre seachtain ón lá a dhéanann an t-údarás pleinála a chinneadh, an tréimhse chun achomharc a dhéanamh. Tá 'ready reckoner' idirghníomhach ar shuíomh idirlín an Bhoird chun cabhrú leat an lá dhéanamh amach chun achomharc a dhéanamh.

Gan admháil: Tá sé mar riachtanas ag riachtanais dian an Acharta 2000 go hiondúil go mbeadh admháil ón údarás pleinála ar a aighneacht nó a tuairimí a rinneadh ag an gcéim iarratais, a bheith curtha san áireamh ag an achomharcóir treaspháirtí.

Ainm agus Seoladh: Caithfidh ainm agus seoladh an achomharcóra nó an duine, más ann, atá ag feidhmiú ar a shon.



Appeals by Area

An analysis of planning application decisions, appeals and appeal decisions for each county and city area is shown in Appendix 2. Overall, the number of appeals received as a percentage of planning authority decisions on planning applications was 6.9%, compared to 7.4% in 2005.

Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown (16.2%), Dublin City (15.2%) and Cork (15%) had the highest levels of decisions appealed. Areas with the highest rate of appealed decisions overturned by the Board were Cavan (61.6%), Donegal (53.5%), and Laois (47.6%) while those with the lowest rate of appealed decisions overturned were Offaly (19.6%), Kilkenny (21.6%) and Dublin (21.7%).



Achomhairc de réir Ceantair

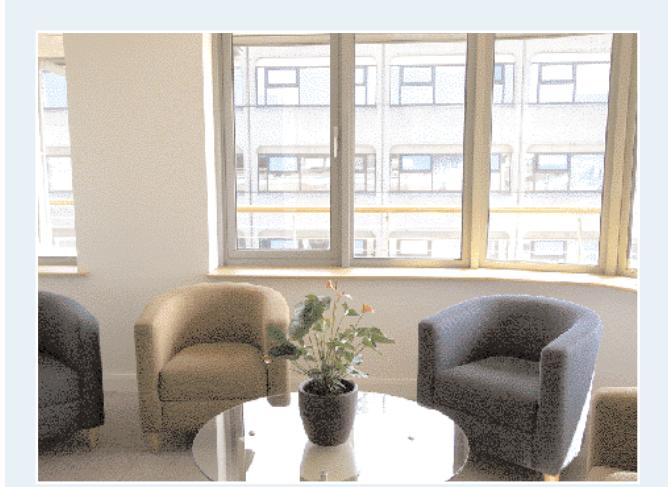
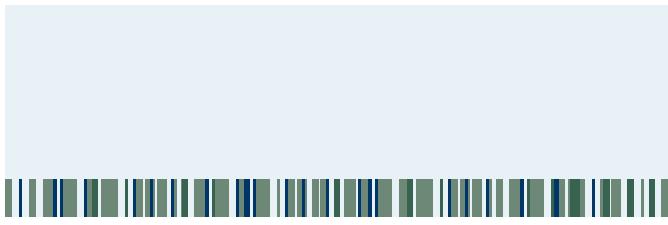
Taispeánann Agusín 2 analís ar chinntí faoi iarratais phleanála, achomhairc, agus cinntí faoi achomhairc do gach ceantar contae agus cathrach. Ar an ioimlán, bhí na hachomhairc a fuarthas cothrom le 6.9% de na cinntí a rinne údarás phleanála faoi iarratais phleanála, i gcomparáid le 7.4% in 2005.

Bhí na leibhéal is airde de chinntí a ndearnadh achomhairc ina gcoinne i Dún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin (16.2%), Cathair Átha Cliath (15.2%) agus Corcaith (15%). Ba hiad Cabhán (61.6%), Dún na nGall (53.5%) agus an Laois (47.6%) na háiteanna leis an ráta is airde de chinntí a ndearnadh achomhairc ina gcoinne a d'iompaigh an Bord, agus bhí an ráta is ísle de chinntí a ndearnadh achomhairc ina gcoinne a iompaíodh in Uíbh Fhailí (19.6%), i gCill Chainnigh (21.6%) agus Baile Átha Cliath (21.7%).

FIGURE 9
Appeals received, disposed of and on hands 1997 to 2006



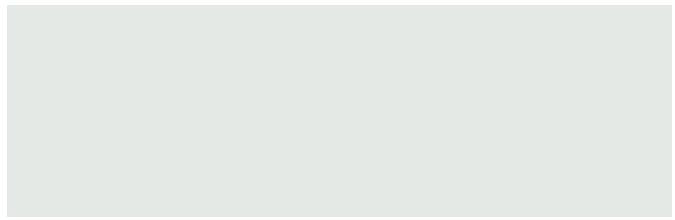
FIGURE 9
Achomhairc a fuarthas, a cuireadh de láimh 1997 go dtí 2006



Major Infrastructure Appeals

The number of major infrastructure appeals received during 2006 was 68. The number disposed of was 64, of which 34% were disposed of within the statutory objective period. The average time taken to dispose of major infrastructure appeals was 26 weeks. The following are the broad criteria that are currently applied in deciding whether a planning appeal should receive major infrastructural status:

- National and/or local/regional projects of exceptional economic significance,
- Significant employment potential,
- Exceptionally large-scale industrial/commercial/residential projects including very large scale mixed projects,
- Energy generation and transmission projects,
- Significant windfarm projects,
- Landfill, waste, waste/water, incinerators,
- Mining/major quarrying projects,
- Major medical facilities,
- Strategic Development Zones.



Achomhairc um Bhonneagair Mhóra

Fuarthas 68 achomharc um bhonneagar mór le linn 2006, bhí 64 curtha de láimh, dá raibh 34% curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil. Thóg é 26 seachtain ar an meán chun achomhairc um bhonneagair mhóra a chur de láimh. Is iad seo a leanas na critéir fhoreannála a chuittear i bhfeidhm agus cinneadh á dhéanamh ar cibé ar chóir stádas bonneagair mhóir a thabhairt d'achomharc pleánaí:

- Tionscadail náisiúnta agus/nó réigiúnacha/áitiúla de thábhacht eacnamaíoch ar leith,
- Cumas fostáiochta suntasach,
- Tionscadail thionsclaíocha/tráchtála/chónaithe mórsclá eisceachtúla lena n-áirítear tionscadail mheasctha ar scála ollmhór,
- Tionscadail tarchurtha agus giniúna fuinnimh,
- Tionscadail fheirme gaoithe suntasacha,
- Líonta talún, dramhaíl, dramhuisce, loisceoirí,
- Tionscadail mhianadóireachta/chairéalaithe mhóra,
- Áiseanna móra leighis,
- Limistéir Forbartha Straitéiseacha.



Submission of documents to the Board by Planning Authorities

In 2006, planning authorities submitted the planning file and other documents in relation to appeals to the Board within the statutory period of two weeks in 70% of appeals (66% in 2005).

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 5.

Cáipéisí á chur faoi bhráid an Bhoird ag Údarás Phleanála

I 2006, chuir údarás phleanála an comhad pleanála agus cáipéisí eile maidir le hachomhairc, faoi bhráid an Bhoird laistigh den tréimhse reachtúil de dhá sheachtain i gcás 70% de na hachomhairc (66% i 2005).

Tithíocht Tuaithe

Sheol an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil na Treoirlínte um Thithíocht Tuaithe Inmharrthana i mí Aibreán 2005. Toisc go bhfuil na treoirlínte eisithe faoi alt 28 den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000 caithfidh an Bord aird a thabhairt orthu.

Tá anailís ar thoradh na n-achomharc a bhain le tithe tuaithe aon-uaire le fáil in Agusín 5.

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS



The Board is responsible under the Planning Acts for assessing and determining major local authority infrastructure projects (including motorways and road projects) and also local authority proposals for the compulsory acquisition of land. These cases are submitted to the Board directly by the sponsoring local authority. The range of case work involved can generally be grouped under six categories, viz. Compulsory Acquisitions, Road Projects, Other Projects requiring environmental impact assessment (EIA), Sub-threshold EIA cases, Scoping, and Exemption from EIA requirements.

FIGURE 10
Summary analysis

On hands at start	Idir lámha ag an túis	2006	2005	Ardú/ (Laghdú) % Increase/ (decrease)%
		50	58	14%
Received	Faighte	112	124	(10%)
Disposed of	Curtha de láimh	113	132	14%
• formally	• foirmiúil	75	84	11%
• otherwise	• ar bhealaí eile	38	48	21%
Disposed of within statutory objective period	Curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil			
• all	• gach cás	71%	74%	-
• formally decided	• Cineadh déanta go foirmiúil	59%	61%	-
Average time taken (weeks)	Meán ama tógha (seachtainí)			
• all	• gach cás	17	16	1
• formally decided	• Cineadh déanta go foirmiúil	22	22	0

FIGURE 11
Nature of decisions

Cineál Cáis Case type	Fála Éigeantacha	Approved* Ceadaithe*			Diúltaithe* Refused*	Iomlán cinntí Total decisions
		Le hathraithe With modifications	Gan athraithe Without modifications	Iomlán Ceadaithe Total approved		
Compulsory Acquisition		10	25	35	7	42
Road Projects	Tionscadail Bóithre	5	0	5	2	7
Other local authority projects	Tionscadail eile na nÚdarás Áitiúla	9	0	9	2	11
Total	Iomlán	24	25	49	11	60

In addition, the Board directed that an EIS not be prepared in 11 EIA sub-threshold cases and be prepared in 2 such cases. It also provided responses in relation to 2 EIA scoping requests. There were 38 informal decisions, i.e. where no objections were received in compulsory acquisition cases.

* The terms "approved" and "refused" are used colloquially. Different terms apply depending on the legislation concerned.

Sa bhreis ar seo, d'ordaigh an Bord gan MTT a ullmhú i 11 cás MTT fotháirsigh agus go n-ullmhófaí ceann i 2 cás eile mar sin. Chuir sé eolas ar fáil i dtaoibh 2 iarratas do scóipeal MTT. Bhí 38 cinntí neamh-fhoirmiúla, m.sh. áit nár fuarhas aon cur i gcoinne i gcásanna fála éigeantacha.

* Baintear úsáid as na téarmáí "ceadaithe" agus "diúltaithe" go comhráiteach. Baineann téarmáí éagsúla ag braith ar an reachtaíocht cui.

TIONSCADAIL ÚDARÁS ÁITIÚIL

Tá freagacht ag an mBord faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála as meastóireacht agus cinntí a dhéanamh ar thionscadail móri-infrastructúir na n-údarás áitiúil (motor-bhealaí agus tionscadail bhóthair ina measc) chomh maith le moltaí na n-údarás áitiúla le haghaidh ceannach éigeantach talún. Tá na cásanna seo curtha faoi bhráid an Bhoird go díreach ag an údarás áitiúil cuí. Is féidir an cás obair atá i gceist a rangú go hiondúil faoi sé chatagóir viz. Fála Éigeantacha, Tionscadail Bhóthair, Tionscadail Eile go bhfuil gá le meastóireacht tionchar timpeallachta (MTT), Cásanna MTT Fotháirsigh, Scóipeáil agus Díolúine ó riachtanais MTT.

FIGIÚR 10
Achoimre Anailíseach

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 Act 1990; the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977 and 1990; and the Air Pollution Act 1987. A summary of the various cases which came before the Board in 2006 is set out in Figure 12.

CÁSANNA EILE



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

Tá feidhmeanna eile tugtha don Bhord seachas gnáth achomhairc phleanála agus tionscadail údarás áitiúil, faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála; An tAcht um Rialú Foirgníochta 1990, na hAchtanna Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú Uisce) 1977 agus 1990; agus an tAcht um Thruailliú Aein 1987. Tá achoimre de na cásanna a tháinig faoi bhráid an Bhoird i 2006 leagtha amach i bhFigíur 12.

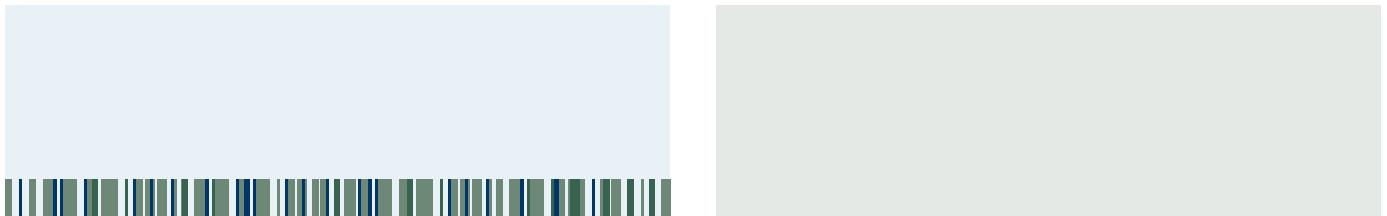


FIGURE 12
Summary of other cases under Planning, Building Control, Water Pollution and Air Pollution Acts

FIGIÚR 12
Achoimre ar cás eile faoi Phleanáil, Rialú Foirgníochta Truailliú Uisce agus Truailliú Aerí

		On hands start of year	Received in year	Sub-total	Disposed of in Year Curtha de láimh sa bhliain			On hands end of year
					Formally decided	Otherwise disposed	All	
Planning Acts		Achtanna Pleanála						
Leave to Appeal	Cead Achomharc	10	133	143	103	32	135	8
Referrals	Tarchuir	35	104	139	71	25	96	43
Determinations ¹	Cinntí ¹	4	2	6	3	2	5	1
Section 254 Licences	Ceadúnais Rannóg 254	3	4	7	4	2	6	1
Planning Scheme(SDZ)	Scéim Pleanála (SDZ)	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Control of Quarries (section 261)	Rialú Cairéal (alt 261)	0	6	6	0	1	1	5
subtotal	Fo-lomlán	53	249	302	182	62	244	58
Building Control Act		Acht um Rialú Foirgníochta						
Fire Safety Certificate	Teastas Sábháilteachta Tine	21	29	50	37	5	42	8
Relaxation & Dispensation Certificates	Teastais Riarthá agus Maolaithe	1	2	3	1	1	2	1
subtotal	Fo-lomlán	22	31	53	38	6	44	9
Water Pollution Acts		Achtanna um Thruailliú Uisce						
Discharge to water	Curtha chuitg Uisce	5	22	27	9	8	17	10
Discharge to sewers	Curtha chuitg Séarachas	1	1	2	1	1	2	0
subtotal	Fo-lomlán	6	23	29	10	9	19	10
Air Pollution Act		Acht um Thruailliú Aer						
Air emission	Scaoileadh aer	3	7	10	3	2	5	5
Total	lomlán	84	310	394	233	79	312	82

194 (62%) of the 312 cases were disposed of within 18 weeks/4 months, as appropriate.

¹ These cases relate to the 1963 to 1999 Planning Acts.

194 (62%) de na 312 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



The Board recognises that its main asset is its staff. The Board's authorised staffing complement at the end of 2006, exclusive of Board members, was 156.5. The highest level of staff employed by the Board was 147 in December 2006. The average number of staff employed during 2006 was 138.8 (134.5 in 2005).

The following staff were employed as at 31 December 2006. The organisational structure in 2006 is on page 28. The new organisational structure incorporating the strategic infrastructure division is in Appendix 6.

Chief Officer* Paul Mullally

Secretary* Diarmuid Collins

Planning Officer* Tom O'Connor

Deputy Planning Officers* Ben Cranwell, Des Johnson, Padraig Thornton, Michael Walsh

Senior Administrative Officers* Chris Clarke, Gerard Egan, Bríd Hill, Ellen Morrin.

Senior Planning Inspectors Andrew Boyle, Paul Caprani, James N. Carroll, Mary Cunneen, Derek Daly, Philip Davis, Jane Dennehy, Michael Dillon, David Dunne, Des Cox, Pauline Fitzpatrick, Breda Gannon, Philip Green, Philip Jones, Dermot Kelly, Mary Kennelly, Mairead Kenny, Conor McGrath, Kevin Moore, Laurie Mulrine, Anne Marie O'Connor, Danny O'Connor, Tom Rabbette, Robert Ryan, Keith Sargeant, Ruairí Somers, Brendan Wyse, Öznur Yücel-Finn.

Senior Executive Officers David Curran, Pierce Dillon, Kieran Doherty, Michael Donlan, Marcella Doyle, Tom Gill, Josephine Hayes, Mary Holohan, Mary Kelly, Carol Moloney, Myriam O'Neill, Bernie Redmond.

Planning Inspectors Angela Brereton, Siobhan Carroll, Caryn Coogan, Mary Crowley, Aisling Cunnane, Emer Doyle, Leslie Howard, Gillian Kane, Suzanne Kehely, Jenny Kelly, Kevin Lynch, Louise Kiernan, Deirdre MacGabhann, Colin McBride,

ACMHAINNÍ DAONNA

Aithníonn an Bord go bhfuil a phríomh shócmhainn a fhoireann. Bhí an comhlán foirne údaraithe an Bhoird ag deireadh 2006, gan comhaltaí an Bhoird san áireamh, mar 156.5. Ba é an leibhéal is airde den fhoireann fostaithe ag an mBord ná 147 i mí na Nollag 2006. Tá an meán uimhir foirne fostaithe i rith 2006 ná 138.8 (134.5 i 2005).

Tá an fhoireann a fostáodh mar ag 31 Nollaig 2006 mar seo a leanas.Tá an struchtúr 2006 eagraíochta ar leathanach 28. Tá an struchtúr eagraíochtaí nua a chuimsíonn an rannán um bonneagar straitéiseach san áireamh in Agusín 6.

Príomh Oifigeach* Paul Mullally

Rúnaí* Diarmuid Collins

Oifigeach Pleanála* Tom O' Connor

Oifigigh Tánaisteacha Pleanála*

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Sarah Moran, Stephen O'Sullivan,
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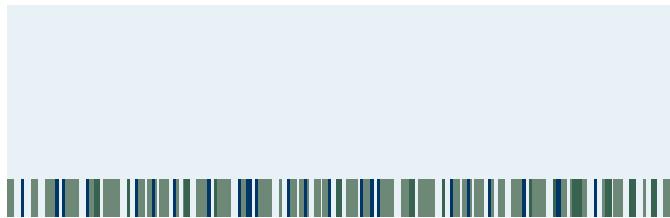
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Consultants, Advisers and Part-Time Consultant Inspectors

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

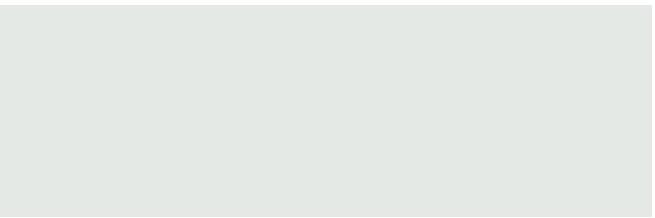
During 2006, the Board retained, under section 124 of the 2000 Planning Act, the services of professional consultants to advise it on specialist matters arising in certain appeals.

In accordance with section 120(2) of the Act, the Board continued the engagement of part-time consultant inspectors having regard to the need to comply with the Board's statutory time objective of determining cases. Fee-per-case (FPC) Inspectors, who are all qualified planners, report on the smaller/less complex planning appeals. Qualified planners from professional consultancy firms (PCFs) were also engaged on a limited basis (following an open tendering process in 2001) to report on larger/more complex planning appeals.

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 local authority infrastructure projects, e.g. road/motorway schemes, waste etc.

Figure 13 shows the number of reports received from part-time consultant inspectors in 2006 and 2005. The number of reports received from these inspectors in 2006 represented 48% of all reports received, (37% in 2005).

Consultants retained by the Board in the foregoing capacities in 2006, other than FPC Inspectors, are on page 29.



Comhairleoirí, Moltóiri agus Cigíri Comhairleacha Páirtaimseartha

Tá cumhacht ag an mBord comhairleoirí agus lucht molta a ghlacadh mar a mheastar riachtanach le scoileadh a fheidhmeanna.

I rith 2006, choimeád an Bord, faoi alt 124 den Acht Pleánála 2000, seirbhísí de chomhairleoirí gairmiúla chun iad a mholadh ar chúrsaí speisialta a ardaíonn in achomhairc áirithe.

De réir alt 120(2) den Acht, lean an Bord le cigíri comhairleacha páirtaimseartha a fhostú i dtreo is go mbeidís in ann cloí lena sprioc thréimhse ama chun cásanna a réiteach. Tuairiscíonn Cigíri Táille-in-aghaidh-gach-cás (TC), atá mar lucht pleánála cáilithe, ar achomhairc pleánála casta níos lú/níos ísle. Bhí lucht pleánála cáilithe ó chomhlactaí comhairleora gairmiúla (CCG) fostaithe (i ndiaidh próisis forthairisceana oscailte i 2001) ar bhonn páirtaimseartha chun tuairisciú ar achomhairc phleanála casta níos mó/ a tuilleadh.

Ghlac an Bord le comhairleoirí páirt-aimseartha (CPT) chomh maith, innealtóirí le taithí oiriúnach, chun éisteacht béal a chur ar siúl agus tuairisci agus moltaí a dhéanamh maidir le tionscadail bhonneagair na n-údarás áitiúil m.sh. scéimeanna bóthair/mótar-bhealaí, dramhaíola agus araile.

Taispeánann Figiúr 13 an líon tuarascálacha faigte ó chigíri comhairleora páirt-aimseartha i 2006 agus 2005. Sheas an líon tuarascálacha faigte ó na cigíri sin 48% de gach tuarascáil faigte, (37% i 2005).

Tá comhairleoirí coimeádta ag an mBord sna cumais roimhe seo i 2006, seachas Cigíri TC, ar leathanach 29.

FIGIÚR 13
Reports received from Part-time Consultant Inspectors

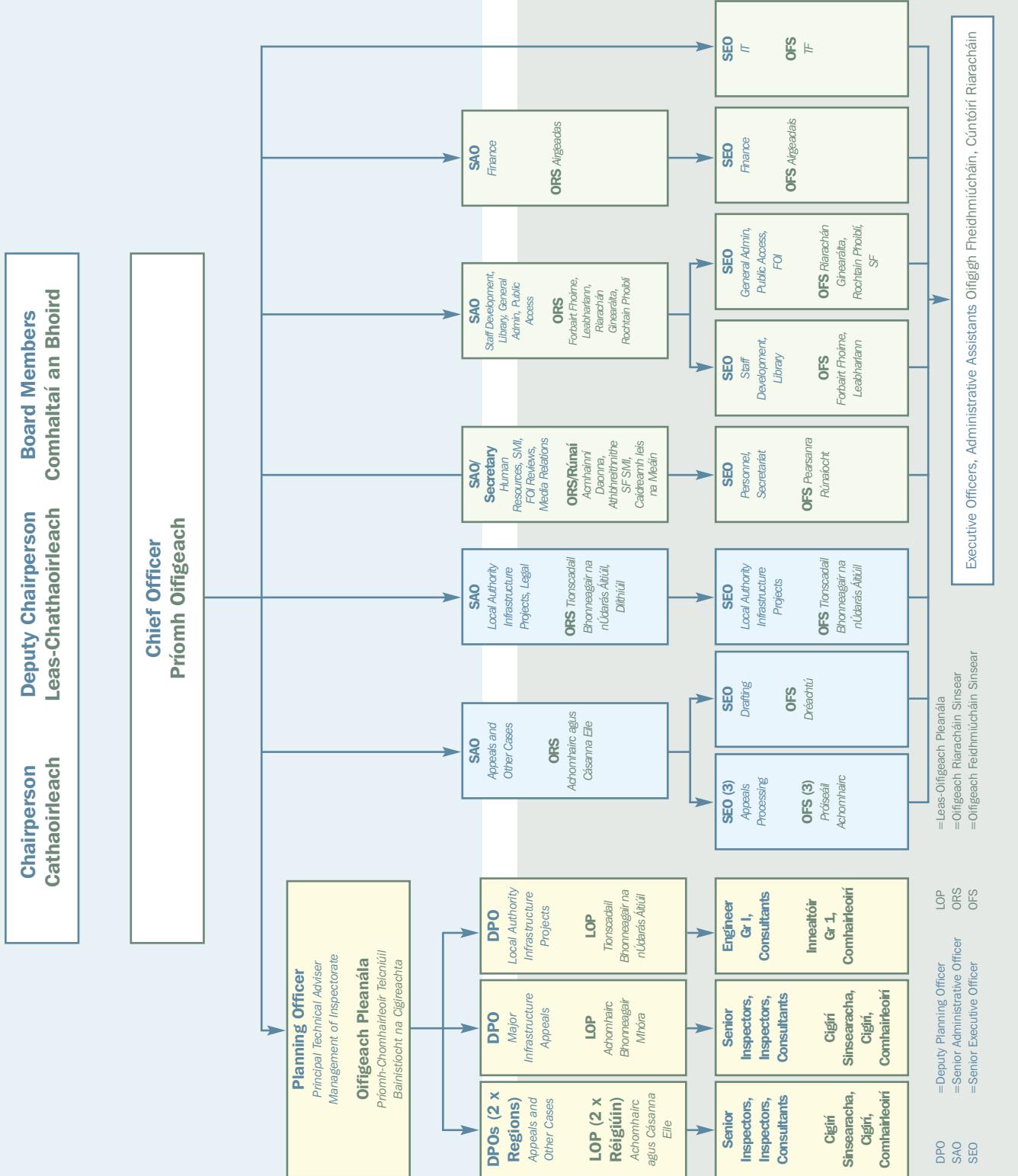
FPC Inspectors	Cigíri TC	1,921	1,309
PCF Inspectors	Cigíri CCG	23	46
PTC Inspectors	Cigíri CPT	86	85
TOTAL	lomlán	2,030	1,440

FIGIÚR 13
Tuairisci faigte ó Chigíri Comhairleora Páirt-aimseartha

			Méadú/ (Laghdú)%
	2006	2005	Increase/ (decrease) %
FPC Inspectors	1,921	1,309	47%
PCF Inspectors	23	46	(50)%
PTC Inspectors	86	85	1%
TOTAL	2,030	1,440	48%

ORGANISATIONAL CHART 2006

CAIRT EAGRAÍOHTA 2006





Consultants engaged by the Board during 2006 (excluding Fee-per-case Inspectors)

Professional Consultancy Firms (PCFs)

CDN - Graham Carlisle

Ian Bertram & Associates - Ian Bertram

NAI Fuller Peiser - Andrew Hubbeld

Keith Hamilton

Planning Regeneration and Management Consultants -
Keith Reid

Part Time Consultants (PTCs)

Eoghan Brangan, Richard J. Burke, Brendan Devlin,
Jonathan Evans, Gerry Farrington, Des Fitzgerald, James J.
Harney, Thomas Haugh, Jim Hearn, Dom Hegarty, Vincent
Hussey, Gerard McGlinchey, Billy Moore, Martin Nolan, John
O'Donnell, Padraig Ó'Gliasáin, Michael Ward.

Professional Consultants

David M. Ball, Shane Bennet, Eugene Daly, Raymond J.
Connolly, George Faller, Maurice Johnson, Jerome Keohane,
Thomas McDonald, Paddy Matthews, Don Menzies, Austin
Morgan, Donal O'Callaghan, Trevor Orr, Tim Paul, Michael
Slattery.

The Board also retained the services of Barry Doyle and
Company, Solicitors

**Comhairleoirí fostaithe ag an mBord le inn 2006
(gan Cigírí ar Tháille in aghaidh an Cháis san
áireamh)**

Comhlachtaí Comhairleora Gairmiúla (CCG)

CDN - Graham Carlisle

Ian Bertram & Associates - Ian Bertram

NAI Fuller Peiser - Andrew Hubbeld

Keith Hamilton

Comhairligh um Athghiniúint agus Bainistíocht Pleanála
Keith Reid

Comhairleoirí Páirtaimseartha (CPA)

Eoghan Brangan, Richard J. Burke, Brendan Devlin,
Jonathan Evans, Gerry Farrington, Des Fitzgerald, James J.
Harney, Thomas Haugh, Jim Hearn, Dom Hegarty, Vincent
Hussey, Gerard McGlinchey, Billy Moore, Martin Nolan, John
O'Donnell, Padraig Ó'Gliasáin, Michael Ward.

Comhairleoirí Gairmiúla

David M. Ball, Shane Bennet, Eugene Daly, Raymond J.
Connolly, George Faller, Maurice Johnson, Jerome Keohane,
Thomas McDonald, Paddy Matthews, Don Menzies, Austin
Morgan, Donal O'Callaghan, Trevor Orr, Tim Paul, Michael
Slattery.

Tá an Bord tar-éis seirbhísí Barry Doyle and Company,
Dlíodóirí a choinneáil.

FINANCE



Fees

Fees are payable to the Board by parties in respect of appeals, referrals and certain other matters which are submitted to the Board for determination and in relation to requests for oral hearings 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. There are no fees payable for making objections, submissions or observations in relation to local authority project cases.

Gross receipts from fees in 2006 amounted to €2,460,496 of which €355,743 was refunded where appeals were found to be late or otherwise invalid. In 2006, the net receipts from fees represented about 11% of total expenditure (9% in 2005).

Income and expenditure

In 2006, total expenditure amounted to €18,799,861 while income amounted to €18,600,906 leaving a deficit for the year of €198,955. There was an incoming surplus of €187,844 which left a deficit of €11,111.

The accounts are reproduced in Appendix 10. Certification under the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act 1997 is in Appendix 7.

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 9.

Internal Audit and Financial Control

The Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies has been adopted and is being complied with and, in particular, appropriate procedures for financial reporting, internal audit, procurement and assets disposal are being carried out. A statement on the system of Internal Financial Control is in Appendix 8.

AIRGEADAS

Táillí

Tá táillí iníocha leis an mBord ag páirtithe maidir le hachomhairc, tarchuir agus gnóthaí eile a chuirtear faoi bhráid an Bhoird chun cinneadh a dhéanamh orthu maidir le hachainí chun éisteacht béal faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála, na hAchtanna um Thruailliú Uisce, um Thruailliú Aeir agus um Rialú Foirgniochta. Tá táillí iníocha chomh maith le daoine/comhlacthaí seachas páirtithe, aitheanta go ginearálta mar "bhreathnóirí", maidir le haighneachtaí nó breathnóireacht déanta ag an mBord. Níl aon táillí iníocha as déanamh agóide, aighneachtaí ná breathnóireachta maidir le cásanna tionscadail an rialtais áitiúil.

Tháinig na fáltais comhlán ó tháillí i 2006 go dtí €2,460,496 óna raibh €355,743 aisíocha san áit go raibh achomharc déanach ná olc ar slí eile. I 2006, bhí na fáltais għlan ó tháillí mar 11% den chaiteachas iomlán (9% i 2005).

Ioncam agus caiteachas

I 2006, tháinig an caiteachas iomlán go dtí €18,799,861 agus tháinig ioncam go dtí €18,600,906 ag fágáil farasbarr don bhliain de €198,955. Bhí farasbarr isteach de €187,844 a d'fhág easnamh de €11,111.

Tá macasamħail de na cuntas in Augisín 10. Tá na deimħniúcháin faoin Acht um ļoc Pras Cuntas 1997 in Augisín 7.

Costais agus tuarastail na gcomhaltaí

Ní foláir do chomhaltaí an Bhoird gan aon fhostaíocht eile a għlacadh agus iċċħart tuarastal leo faoin għorjas ÍMAT. Ní iċċħart tāillí le comhaltaí.

Tá ráiteas ar Luach saothair agus Táillí Chomhaltaí in Augisín 9.

Iniúchadh Inmheánach agus Rialú Airgeadais

Tá glactha leis an gCód Cleachtais don Rialachas de Chomhlacthaí Stát agus tāthar ag għilleadħ do, go mór mhorr, go bhfuil għach gnáthamh cuí do thuairisciù airgeadais, iniúchadh inmheánach, sholáthar agus cur de láimh shócmhainn á chur i bhfeidhm. Tá ráiteas ar an għorjas Rialaithe Airgeadais Inmheánach in Augisín 8.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS



There is no automatic right of appeal to the Courts in respect of decisions made by the Board on appeals, referrals and local authority project cases. Under the 2000 to 2006 Planning Acts, such decisions can only be challenged by way of an application for judicial review to the High Court.

During 2006, High Court judicial review proceedings arising from the Board's decisions and procedures in relation to appeals and other matters were instituted in 23 cases (36 in 2005). In the course of the year proceedings were discontinued or dismissed in 9 cases (10 in 2005). Leave applications for judicial review were refused in 4 cases (9 in 2005).

High Court judgements on substantive cases were given in 2 (7 in 2005) cases, 4 (3 in 2005) of which found in favour of the Board and 8 (4 in 2005) against. In respect of the latter cases, 3 (4 in 2005) of these decisions were in circumstances where the Board consented to the quashing of its decision order due to procedural defects while one other resulted in quashing of Board Order as a consequence of legal defects in the local planning authority handling of the relevant planning application.

IMEACHTAÍ DLÍ



Níl aon cheart uathoibríoch achomhairc leis an gCúirt maidir le cinntí déanta ag an mBord ar achomhairc, tharchuir agus chásanna tionscadail an rialtais áitiúil. Faoin Acht Pleanála 2000 an 2006, ní féidir agóid a dhéanamh i gcoinne a leithéid de chinneadh ach amháin trí iarratas ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach leis an Ard-Chúirt.

I rith 2006, d'ordaíodh athbhreithniú breithiúnach Ard-Chúirte ag éirí ó chinntí agus imeachtaí an Bhoird maidir le hachomhairc agus ábhair eile i 23 cás (36 i 2005). I rith na bliana caitheadh amach nó stopadh 9 cás cúirte (10 i 2005). Diúltáodh cead iarratais chun athbhreithniú breithiúnach i 4 cás (9 i 2005).

Tugadh breith Ard-Chúirte ar chásanna i 2 cás (7 i 2005), 4 (3 i 2005) i bhfabhar an Bhoird agus 8 (4 i 2005) ina choinne. Maidir leis na cásanna ina choinne, bhí dhá ceann de na cinntí seo, 3 (4 i 2005) i gcúinsí ar cheadaigh an Bord a ordú cinnidh a neamhnú, de bharr lochtanna gnáthaimh fad is a rinneadh neamhnú ar Orduithe an Bhoird sna cinn eile tiosc lochtanna dlíthiúla sa chaoi a phléigh an t-údarás pleanála i gceist.

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 2,513 in 2006.

Further information on the above is available from the Board and on its website. Figure 14 gives a breakdown of the requests made under the Freedom of Information Act.

FIGURE 14
Freedom of Information – Breakdown of requests

		2006	2005
On hands at start of year	Ar láimh ag tosach na bliana	2	0
Requests received	Iarratais faigthe	19	9
Granted/Partially granted	Tugtha/Tugtha i bpáirt	7	6
Withdrawn or dealt with outside FOI	Aistarraingthe nó déileáilte le lasmuigh de SF	1*	0
Refused	Diúltaithe	11	1
On hands at end of year	Ar láimh ag deireadh na bliana	2	2

There were 3 requests for Internal Review in 2006; 2 granted and 1 refused.

* Transferred to Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

Bhí 3 iarratas ar Athbhreithníú Inmheánach in 2006; ceadaíodh 2 cheann agus diúltaiodh le 1 cheann.

* Tarchurtha chug an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

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 to analyse and measure the number of complaints received. Our system is not designed to provide a further appeal against our decision on the planning appeal.

ROCHTAIN AR EOLAS

Tugann na hAchtanna Pleanála, an tAcht um Shaoráil Faisnéise agus na Rialacháin um Rochtain ar Eolais faoin gComhshaol rochtain áirithe ar eolas ar oibríochtaí an Bhoird. Tá comhad oibre ar chásanna ar fáil le hiniúchadh saor in aisce agus is féidir cóipeanna de cháipéisí a cheannach. Tá a thuilleadh eolais ar an méid thusa-luaite le fáil ar a shuíomh idirlín an Bhoird.

Bhí 2,513 iarratas ar rochtain phoiblí ar chomhaid chásóibre i 2006.

Tá a thuilleadh eolais ar an méid thusas le Fáil ón mBord ar a shuíomh idirlín. Tugann Figjúir 14 briseadh síos ar na hiarratais déanta faoin Acht Shaoráil Faisnéise.

FIGUR 14
Saoráil Faisnéise – Miondealú ar iarratais

		2006	2005
On hands at start of year	Ar láimh ag tosach na bliana	2	0
Requests received	Iarratais faigthe	19	9
Granted/Partially granted	Tugtha/Tugtha i bpáirt	7	6
Withdrawn or dealt with outside FOI	Aistarraingthe nó déileáilte le lasmuigh de SF	1*	0
Refused	Diúltaithe	11	1
On hands at end of year	Ar láimh ag deireadh na bliana	2	2

Gearáin/Seirbhísí Custaiméara

Maidir lenár bPlean Gníomhaíochta Seirbhíse Custaiméara, thóg an Bord ar láimh córas a chur in áit chun déileáil le gearáin mar gheall ar cháil na seirbhíse a cuireadh ar fáil agus chun anailís agus tomhas a dhéanamh ar an méid gearáin a tháinig isteach. Níl ár gcóras deartha chun a thuilleadh agóide a dhéanamh i gcoinne ár gcinneadh ar achomharc pleanála.

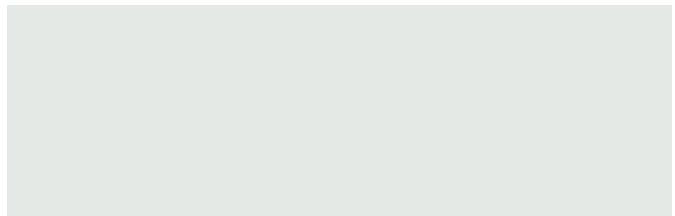
CUSTOMER SERVICES/COMPLAINTS



In 2006, the Board received **257** letters in relation to decided cases and replied to **265**. The nature of the correspondence was varied and not all would constitute a complaint. 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 both interpretation and enforcement is involved.

Number of cases disputing decision:	84
Number of cases requiring interpretation:	16
Number of cases regarding enforcement issues:	78*
Number of cases regarding miscellaneous issues:	87

* 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. The Board directs the person to the planning authority with such queries.



In 2006, fuair an Bord **257** litir maidir le cásanna a cinneadh agus tugadh freagra ar **265**. Bhí cineálacha éagsúla comhfhereagras i gceist agus ní gearán iad uile. Tá an miondealú seo a leanas bunaithe ar na príomhchúiseanna a ndearna daoine teagmháil linn. Tá sé deartha chun na príomh-chúiseanna leis an gcomhfhereagras a léiriú, ach is minic go gcuimsíonn comhfhereagras gnéithe de chineálacha éagsúla teagmhála. Mar shampla, fiosruithe a mbaineann míniú agus forfheidhmiú leo.

Lón na gcásanna ag déanamh agóide in aghaidh cinnidh:	84
Lón na gcásanna ina raibh gá le míniú:	16
Lón na gcásanna a bhain le saincheisteanna forfheidhmithe:	78*
Lón na gcásanna a bhain le saincheisteanna ilgħnéitheacha:	87

* Tabhair faoi deara go ndéantar teagmháil leis an mBord go minic i gcásanna ina gceapann duine nach bhfuil cinneadh an Bhoird á chur i bhfeidhm i gceart. Baineann sé sin leis an údarás pleinála, mar níl aon ról forfheidhmithe ag an mBord. Is é freagra an Bhoird a rá leis an duine teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an údarás pleinála faoi fhiosruithe dá leithéid.

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 practice of maintaining contact with public authorities and other representative organisations whose functions impact on the planning process. During 2006, the Board met with the Railway Procurement Agency, the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Environment and Local Government (twice), Irish Concrete Federation, City and County Managers Association, An Taisce, Irish Home Builders Association, Irish Business and Employers Confederation, Fáilte Ireland, Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland, ESB Networks, EIRGRID.

COMHAIRLE LE COMHLACHTAÍ EILE

Tá sé de dhualgas ar an mBord é féin a choinneáil ar an eolas faoi pholasaithe comhlachtaí áirithe a bhfuil tionchar ag a bhfeidhmeanna ar phleanáil cheart agus forbairt inmhARTHANA. Áirítear orthu sin Airí an Rialtais agus údarás phleanála.

Lean an Bord lena gcleachtas maidir le caidreamh a dhéanamh le húdarás phoblí agus eagraíochtaí ionadaíochta eile a bhfuil tionchar ag a bhfeidhmeanna ar an bpróiseas pleánála. Le linn 2006, bhuail an Bord leis an GníomhAIREACHT Soláthair Iarnróid, an Comhchoiste Oireachtas ar Chomhshaoil agus Rialtas Áitiúil (dhá uair), Irish Concrete Federation, Cumann na mBainisteoirí Cathrach agus Contae, An Taisce, Irish Home Builders Association, Irish Business and Employers Confederation, Fáilte Ireland, Institiúid Ríoga na nAiltíri in Éirinn, Gréasáin BSL, EIRGRID.

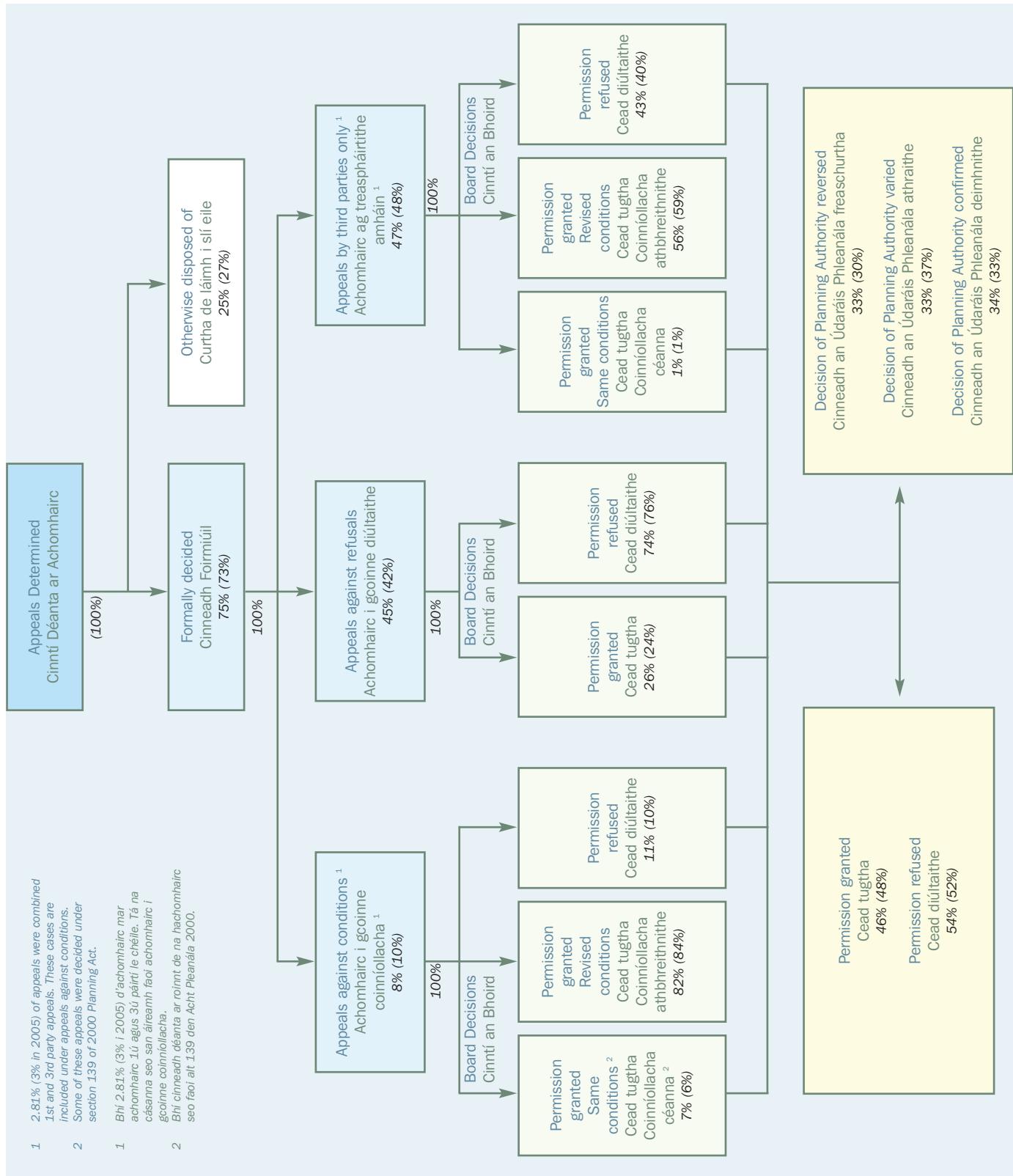


APPENDIX 1

Analysis of normal planning appeal decisions.

AGUISÍN 1

Anaílís ar ghnáth chinntí achomhairc phleanála.



1 2.81% (3% in 2005) of appeals were combined 1st and 3rd party appeals. These cases are included under appeals against conditions.
2 Some of these appeals were decided under section 139 of 2000 Planning Act.

1 Bhi 2.81% (3% i 2005) d'achomhairc mar achomhairc 1ú agus 3ú páirtí le chéile. Tá na casanna seo san áireamh faoi achomhairc i gcoinne coinníollacha.
2 Bhí cinnéadach déanta ar roinnt de na hacomhairc seo faoi ailt 139 den Acht Phleanála 2000.

APPENDIX 2

AGUISÍN 2



Normal planning appeals received and decided by area in 2006

Gnáth achomhairc phleanála faigthe agus cinneadh déanta ortha de réir cheantair i 2006.

County	Contae	(1) Méid Cinntí déanta ag údarás pleanála	(2) Méid cintí achomharc don Bhord	(3) % de chinní faoi achomharc	(4) Cinntí achomharctha mar % de gach achomharc don Bhord	(5) % de chinní an údarás phleanála deimhnithe ag an mBord	(6) % de chinní an údarás phleanála athraithe ag an mBord	(7) % de chinní an údarás phleanála freashchuirthe ag an mBord
		(1) No. of decisions made by planning authority	(2) No. of decisions appealed to Board	(3) % of decisions appealed	(4) Decisions appealed as a % of all appeals to Board	(5) % of planning authority decisions confirmed by Board	(6) % of planning authority decisions varied by Board	(7) % of planning authority decisions reversed by Board
Carlow	Ceatharlach	1,054	52	4.9%	0.9%	34.1%	22.7%	43.2%
Cavan	An Cabhán	2,407	84	3.5%	1.5%	17.8%	20.6%	61.6%
Clare	An Clár	2,413	147	6.1%	2.7%	46.5%	18.4%	35.1%
Cork	Corcaigh	8,654	464	5.4%	8.4%	28.2%	38.5%	33.3%
Donegal	Dún na nGall	6,726	230	3.4%	4.2%	19.7%	26.8%	53.5%
Dun Laoghaire /Rathdown	Dún Laoghaire/ Ráth an Dúin	2,549	414	16.2%	7.5%	31.3%	36.3%	32.4%
Fingal	Fine Gall	2,127	308	14.5%	5.6%	43.4%	27.8%	28.8%
Galway	Gaillimh	4,884	214	4.4%	3.9%	36.6%	22.4%	41.0%
Kerry	Ciarraí	4,433	275	6.2%	5.0%	29.5%	29.4%	41.1%
Kildare	Cill Dara	2,502	207	8.3%	3.8%	26.2%	43.6%	30.2%
Kilkenny	Cill Chainnigh	2,157	108	5.0%	2.0%	41.9%	36.5%	21.6%
Laois	Laois	1,488	62	4.2%	1.1%	42.9%	9.5%	47.6%
Leitrim	Liatroim	954	46	4.8%	0.8%	22.9%	37.1%	40.0%
Limerick	Luimneach	2,305	126	5.5%	2.3%	53.0%	24.2%	22.7%
Longford	An Longfort	921	27	2.9%	0.5%	13.3%	46.7%	40.0%
Louth	Lú	1,957	128	6.5%	2.3%	22.5%	43.8%	33.7%
Mayo	Maigh Eo	3,247	188	5.8%	3.4%	33.6%	28.6%	37.8%
Meath	An Mhí	2,779	172	6.2%	3.1%	36.4%	34.7%	28.9%
Monaghan	Muineachán	1,890	31	1.6%	0.6%	26.9%	26.9%	46.2%
North Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh	1,377	75	5.4%	1.4%	32.6%	34.8%	32.6%
Offaly	Uibh Fhaillí	1,360	79	5.8%	1.4%	43.5%	37.0%	19.6%
Roscommon	Ros Comáin	1,710	81	4.7%	1.5%	32.9%	31.6%	35.5%
Sligo	Sligeach	1,145	52	4.5%	0.9%	38.6%	34.1%	27.3%
South Dublin	Áth Cliath Theas	1,811	260	14.4%	4.7%	40.4%	33.5%	26.1%
South Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Theas	1,592	96	6.0%	1.7%	50.0%	24.1%	25.9%
Waterford	Port Láirge	1,580	111	7.0%	2.0%	28.3%	35.0%	36.7%
Westmeath	An Iarmhí	1,587	118	7.4%	2.1%	38.6%	27.7%	33.7%
Wexford	Loch Garman	3,598	141	3.9%	2.6%	32.0%	24.0%	44.0%
Wicklow	Cill Mhantáin	2,350	248	10.6%	4.5%	46.6%	20.6%	32.8%

City	Cathair							
Cork	Corcaigh	938	141	15.0%	2.6%	21.1%	46.7%	32.2%
Dublin	Baile Átha Cliath	4,088	622	15.2%	11.3%	34.7%	43.6%	21.7%
Galway	Gaillimh	733	106	14.5%	1.9%	39.8%	33.3%	26.9%
Limerick	Luimneach	318	38	11.9%	0.7%	20.8%	50.0%	29.2%
Waterford	Port Láirge	395	57	14.4%	1.0%	41.4%	27.6%	31.0%
Total	Iomlán	80,029	5,508	6.9%	100.0%	34.1%	33.1%	32.8%

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 pleanála contae agus aon údarás pleanála sa cheantar sin ach amháin comhairlí cathrach.

2. Fíghíúir ar chinní déanta ag údarás phleanála le caoinhead ó Roinn Comhsaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

APPENDIX 3

AGUISÍN 3

Normal planning appeals received by development category/area Gnáth achomhairc phleanála faigte de réir catagóire/ceantair forbartha

County		Agricultural Talmhaiocht	Community Facilities Aiseanna Pobail	Education Oideachas	Industry Tionscadal	Leisure/Sport Fóillseach/Sport	Residential Conaithe	Transport Iompar	Utilities Fontais	Wholesale Mórdhol	Mixed Meascha	Signs Comharthaí	Offices Oifigí	Retail Miondiol	Miscellaneous Ighnéitheach	Total lomán
Carlow	Ceatharlach	3	0	0	5	0	28	0	3	0	8	1	0	4	0	52
Cavan	An Cabhán	5	0	3	3	0	59	2	3	1	3	0	0	4	1	84
Clare	An Clár	6	5	1	2	1	100	4	6	0	10	0	1	10	1	147
Cork	Corcaigh	7	2	2	17	6	342	2	28	0	26	1	5	25	1	464
Donegal	Dún na nGall	4	0	0	6	4	182	2	12	0	6	0	1	10	3	230
Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown	Dún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin	1	1	3	2	6	341	1	3	0	22	4	7	21	2	414
Fingal	Fine Gall	4	4	7	5	4	234	7	3	1	20	4	2	13	0	308
Galway	Gaillimh	8	5	0	8	4	156	1	7	0	19	0	2	3	1	214
Kerry	Ciarraí	2	3	0	3	4	189	5	21	2	21	3	6	12	4	275
Kildare	Cill Dara	9	1	8	9	4	129	2	4	0	13	1	7	17	3	207
Kilkenny	Cill Chainnigh	4	1	0	8	0	62	1	4	0	8	0	2	14	4	108
Laois	Laois	0	0	1	4	1	37	2	3	1	7	0	0	6	0	62
Leitrim	Liatroim	1	0	1	0	0	35	0	6	0	1	0	1	1	0	46
Limerick	Luimneach	3	5	0	6	3	79	0	8	0	5	0	1	15	1	126
Longford	An Longfort	3	0	1	1	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	27
Louth	Lú	3	0	1	3	2	86	2	2	0	13	1	2	11	2	128
Mayo	Maigh Eo	1	1	3	8	0	145	0	6	0	11	1	2	7	3	188
Meath	An Mhí	11	3	7	11	3	103	1	6	0	13	0	3	10	1	172
Monaghan	Muineachán	1	2	0	2	0	16	0	6	0	1	0	1	2	0	31
North Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh	5	1	0	1	3	51	1	1	0	5	0	0	5	2	75
Offaly	Uíbh Fhailí	2	0	1	4	0	54	1	4	0	6	0	1	6	0	79
Roscommon	Ros Comáin	1	2	0	1	0	67	0	2	0	5	0	0	2	1	81
Sligo	Sligeach	2	1	0	1	0	30	0	4	1	11	0	0	2	0	52
South Dublin	Áth Cliath Theas	4	3	9	6	0	182	4	9	0	12	5	7	16	3	260
South Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Theas	5	0	0	2	0	60	0	9	0	9	2	1	7	1	96
Waterford	Port Láirge	3	0	3	0	3	78	0	8	0	4	0	2	9	1	111
Westmeath	An Iarmhí	4	3	1	14	2	62	0	5	2	19	0	1	4	1	118
Wexford	Loch Garman	1	1	0	5	0	108	1	8	1	10	1	0	5	0	141
Wicklow	Cill Mhantáin	9	4	2	3	3	183	1	4	0	16	4	4	14	1	248
City	Cathair															
Cork	Corcaigh	0	2	3	2	3	86	0	3	0	18	1	6	16	1	141
Dublin	Baile Átha Cliath	0	8	12	7	10	434	5	5	0	74	9	17	40	1	622
Galway	Gaillimh	1	1	2	0	5	61	1	1	2	14	3	2	13	0	106
Limerick	Luimneach	0	1	2	0	3	23	1	3	0	1	1	0	3	0	38
Waterford	Port Láirge	1	2	3	0	2	25	2	1	0	4	7	0	9	1	57
Total	Iomlán	114	62	76	149	76	3,844	49	198	11	415	49	84	340	41	5,508

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 figíúrí taispeánta faoi 'Cónaitheach 'san Aguisín seo tá brúnna, óstáin, tithe altranais agus a leithéid de líostín. D'fhéadfadh aonaid chónaithe a bheith san áireamh chomh maith faoi chatagóire forbartha eile m.sh. faoi 'Measctha'.

APPENDIX 4

AGUISÍN 4



Summary of all cases disposed of by reference to statutory objective period
Achoimre do gach cás curtha de láimh trí thagairt do sprioc thréimhse reachtúil

Bláin	Gnáth Achromhairc Phleanála			Tionscadail Údarás Áitiúil ²			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
Year	Normal Planning Appeals			Local Authority Projects ²			All Other Cases			Total Cases		
	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
1997	2,911	623	82%	-	-	-	47	33	59%	2,969	656	85%
1998	2,487	1,468	63%	-	-	-	53	26	67%	2,560	1,497	63%
1999	2,097	2,442	46%	-	-	-	45	31	59%	2,155	2,478	47%
2000	2,236	2,500	47%	-	-	-	26	42	38%	2,282	2,551	47%
2001	1,403	3,477	29%	19	26	42%	60	64	48%	1,482	3,567	29%
2002	1,957	3,637	35%	20	33	38%	91	66	58%	2,068	3,736	36%
2003	3,278	1,167	74%	29	30	49%	219	59	79%	3,526	1,256	74%
2004	3,995	670	86%	45	33	58%	271	50	84%	4,357	754	85%
2005	3,879	1,085	78%	51	33	61%	233	58	80%	4,210	1,177	78%
2006	2,660	2,543	51%	80	33	59%	194	118	62%	2,934	2,694	52%

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.

² Figures for local authority project cases exclude cases which were otherwise disposed of (e.g. no objections received).

Nótaí:

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

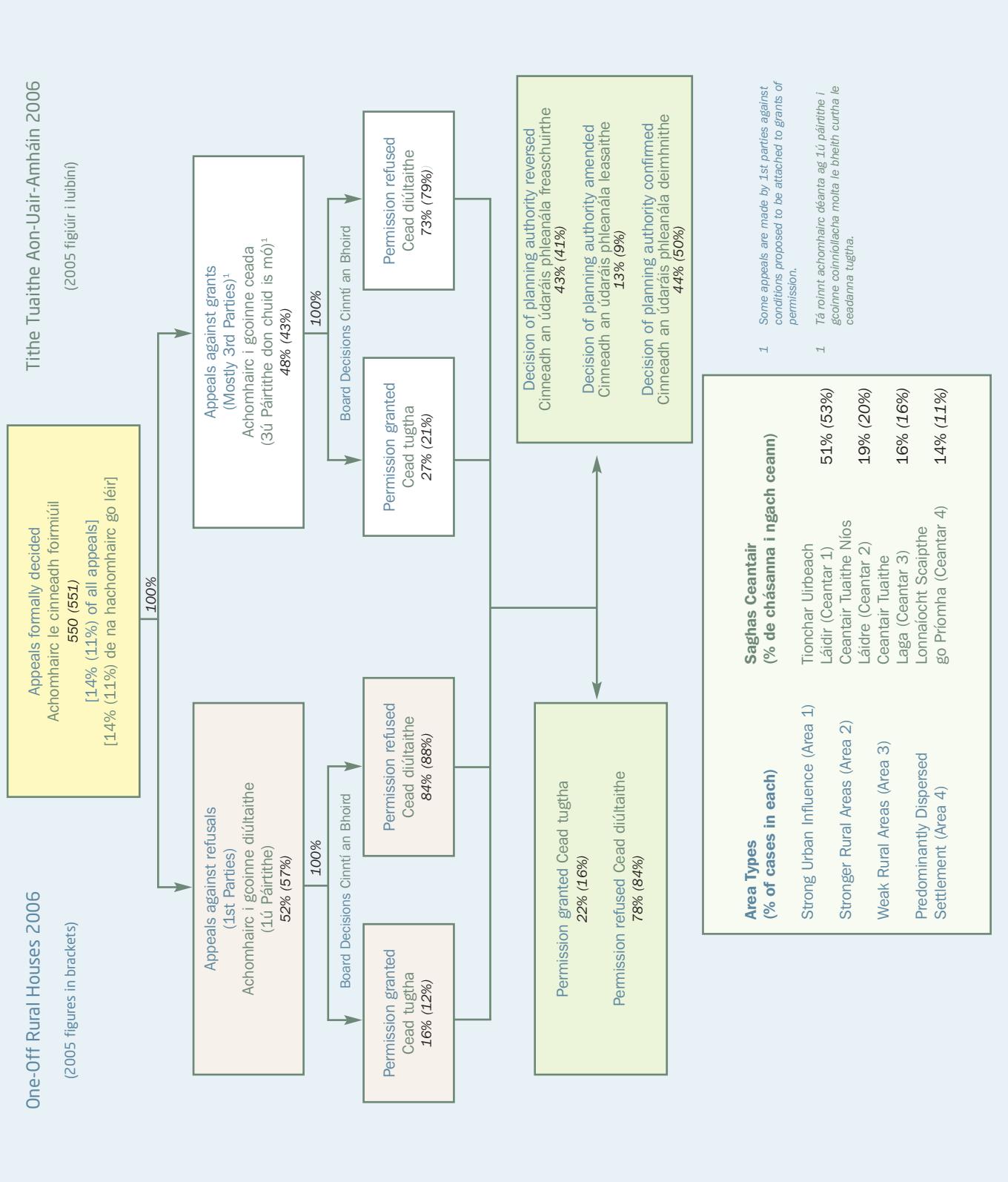
B: An méid nach bhfuil curtha de láimh laistigh de sprioc thréimhsí reachtúla.

¹ Is é an sprioc thréimhsí reachtúil ná 18 seachtain i gcás achomhairc, tarchur agus tionscadail na n-údarás áitiúil faighe ag an mBord faoin Acht 2000 agus 4 mí i gcás achomhairc agus cásanna eile faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála 1963 go 1999, faoin Acht um Rialú Foirgniochta agus faoi na hAchtanna um Thruaillíú Uisce. Ni bhaineann sprioc thréimhsí reachtúil le cásanna áirithe.

² Níl cásanna a cuireadh de láimh i slite eile (m.sh.ní bhfuarthas aon agóid) san áireamh sna figiúirí do chásanna tionscadail an rialtais áitiúil.

APPENDIX 5

Analysis of rural housing decisions

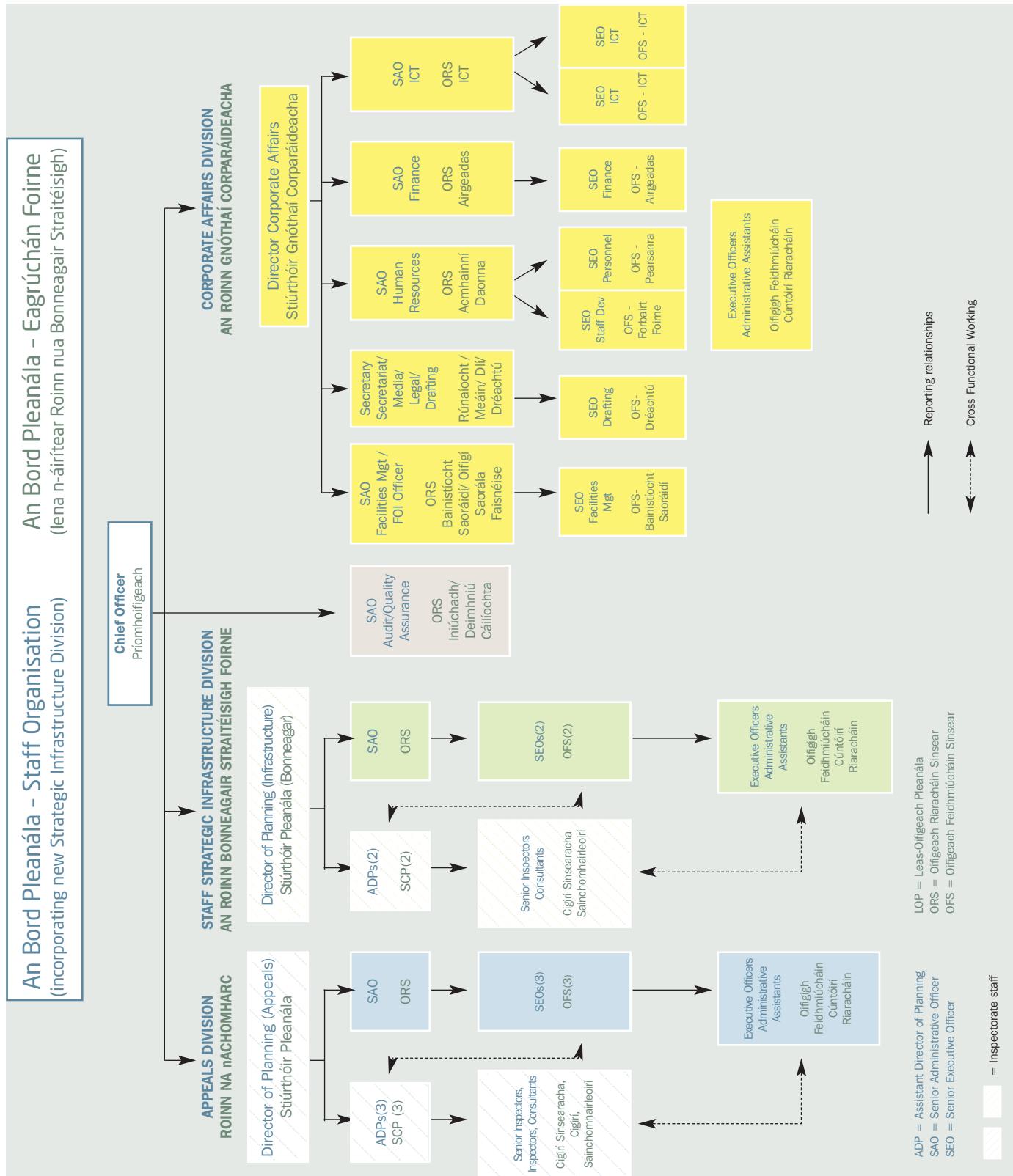


AGUISÍN 5

Anailís ar chinntí ar thithíocht tuaithe

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AGUISÍN 6 CAIRT NUA EAGRÚCHAIN FOIRNE



APPENDIX 7



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 2006 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 2006, 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 7

An tAcht um Íoc Pras Cuntas 1997

Tagann an Bord laistigh de réimse an Acharta um Íoc Pras Cuntas 1997, mar atá leasuithe ag Rialacháin (íocaíocht Déanach in Idirbhhearta Tráchtála) na gComhphobal Eorpach 2002. Tá cleachtas íocaíochta an Bhoird tuairiscithe thíos don bliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2006 maidir le halt 12 den Acht.

- 1.** Is é polasaí an Bhoird géilleadh do phorálacha ábhartha an Acharta agus, go háirithe, a chinntíú go ndíoltar sonraisc go pras. Tá gnáthaimh áirithe ar bun a chuireann ar a gumas sonraisc a rianú lena chinntíú go ndéantar íocaíochtaí roimh an dáta dlite. Cláraítear sonraisc go laethúil agus déantar íocaíochtaí mar is gá lena chinntíú go bhfuil íocaíochtaí tráthúla déanta. I 2006, níor eagraigh an Bord tréimhsí íocaíochta lasmuigh de théarmaí an Acharta.
- 2.** Ionchorpraíonn an córas rialaithe inmheánach a leithéid de rialúcháin agus ghnáthaimh agus atá riachtanach chun géilleadh don Acht a chinntíú. San áireamh leis an gcorás seo tá rialúcháin ríomhaireachta agus cuntasáíochta deartha chun sonraisc agus conarthaí le n-íoc a aithint laistigh de na tréimhsí íocaíochta faoi Acht. Cuirtear tuarascáil ar fáil a aithníonn sonraisc gan íoc agus tá na tuarascálacha seo athbhreithnithe go rialta ar leibhéal sinsearach.
- 3.** Tá na nósanna gnáthaimh a bhfuil tagartha dóibh ag 1 agus 2 thusa deartha chun deimhniú réasúnta a dhéanamh i gcoinne neamh- ghéilliúlacht don Acht. Tá an bord sásta go n-oibríonn a chuid ghnáthaimh go maith agus nach bhfuil gá le haon ghníomhaíocht fheabhsais.



- 4.** The average delay in making payments, after the statutory period of 30 days, was 56 days.

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

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total number of late payments in excess of €320	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total value of late payments in excess of €320	€12,697
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total value of all late payments (A)	€12,697
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total value of all payments (B)	€8,122,588
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (A) as a % of (B)	0.16%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total amount of interest paid on late payments	€26.87

Since 1 January 2006 there have been no material developments insofar as the Board's compliance with the Act is concerned.

P. M. Mullally
Chief Officer

17 August 2007

- 4.** Ba é an meán moill ag déanamh íocaíochtaí, tar éis na tréimhse reachtúil de 30 lá, ná 56 lá.

Taispeánann athbhreithniú sonrach ar thaifid na bliana é seo a leanas:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Líon iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí déanacha sa bheiris ar €320	5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí déanacha sa bheiris ar €320	€12,697
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí déanacha (A)	€12,697
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí (B)	€8,122,588
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (A)mar % de (B)	0.16%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Méid úis iomlán íoctha ar íocaíochtaí déanacha	€26.87

Ó 1 Eanáir 2006 ní raibh aon fhabhraíocht ábhartha maidir le géilliúlacht an Bhoird don Acht.

P. M. Mullally
Príomh Oifigeach

17 Lúnasa 2007

APPENDIX 8



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 putting in place an Audit Needs Risk Assessment which led to formally-

- 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 costs of operating particular controls relative to the benefit obtained.

The Board proposes to undertake this process on an on-going basis.

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;

AGUISÍN 8

Ráiteas faoin gCóras Rialúcháin Airgeadais Inmheánach

Freagracht as an gCóras Rialaithe Airgeadais Inmheánach

Thar ceann Boird an Bhoird Phleanála, glacaim lenár ndualgas a chinntíú go bhfuil córas éifeachtach rialaithe airgeadais inmheánach á choimeád agus á fheidhmiú.

Ní féidir leis an gcóras ach deimhniú réasúnta, seachas deimhniú dearfach, a sholáthar go bhfuil sócmhainní á gcaomhnú, idirbhhearta údaraithe agus taifeadta i gceart, agus go bhfuil dearmadaí coiscthe nó braite laistigh de thréimhse tráthúil.

Príomh-Imeachtaí Rialaithe

Tá céimeanna tógha ag an mBord chun timpeallacht rialaithe cuí a chinntíú trí:

- chúraimí bainistíochta a shainmhíniú go soiléir;
- gnáthaimh fhoirmiúla a bhunú chun teip rialaithe a thuairisciú agus gníomhaíocht cheartaithe cuí a chur ar bun.

Tá próiseas bunaithe ag an mBord chun rioscaí gnó a aithint agus a mheas, trí Mheasúnú Rioscaí na Riachtanás Iniúchóireachta a bhunú, d'fhonn, go foirmeálta:

- nádúir, méid agus impleachtaí airgeadais na rioscaí roimh an gcomhlacht a shainathint, lena n-áirítear an méid agus na catagóirí a mheasann sé a bheith inghlactha;
- an seans go dtarlóidh rioscaí aitheanta a mheas;
- an costas a bhaineann le rialúcháin áirithe a oibriú a mheas i leith an leas a bhaintear as.

Molann an Bord an próiseas seo a athbhunú ar bhonn leanúnach.

Tá an córas rialaithe airgeadais inmheánach bunaithe ar fhráma eolais bainistíochta rialta, gnáthaimh riarrachán le dualgais a roinnt san áireamh, agus córas dealagáideachta agus freagrachta. Go háirithe san áireamh tá:

- córas cuimsitheach buiséadach le buiséad blantúil atá athbhreithnithe agus aontaithe ag comhaltaí an Bhoird;
- athbhreithniú rialta ag comhaltaí an Bhoird ar thuarascálacha airgeadais blantúla agus tréimhsíúla



- regular reviews by the management committee of periodic financial reports which indicate financial performance against forecasts;
- review by the Board members of annual financial estimates and financial reports;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined capital investment control guidelines.

The Board appointed consultants to carry out its internal audit function, which operates in accordance with the Framework Code of Best Practice set out in the Code of Practice on the Governance of State Bodies. The work of internal audit is informed by analysis of the risk to which the body is exposed, and annual internal audit plans are based on this analysis. The analysis of risk and the internal audit plans are endorsed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board. 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 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

As noted above the Audit Committee reviewed the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control. In the year 2006 the Board did not formally review the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control. The Board will fully conform with the requirements of the Code of Practice in 2007.

John O'Connor
Chairperson

17th August 2007

a chuireann feidhmíocht airgeadais in iúl i gcoinne réamhaisnéisi;

- athbhreithniú comhaltaí Boird ar mheastacháin bhliantúla airgeadais agus ar thuairiscí airgeadais;
- spriocanna a cheapadh chun feidhmíocht airgeadais agus eile a thomhas;
- treoirínté faoi rialú infheistíocht chaipitil atá sainmhínithe go soilír.

Cheap an Bord comhairleoirí chun a feidhm iniúchta inmhéánaigh a chomhlíonadh, agus feidhmíonn sin de réir Chreatchód an Chleachtas is Fearn a leagadh síos sa Chód Cleachtas do Rialachas na gComhlachtaí Stáit. Tacaítear le hobair an iniúchta inmhéánaigh trí analís ar na rioscái atá roimh an gcomhlacht agus bunaítear pleannana don iniúchadh bliantúil inmhéánach ar an analís seo.

Formhuiníonn an Coiste Iniuichóireachta an analís riosca agus na pleannana iniúchta inmhéánaigh, agus faomhann an Bord iad. Cuireann an tIniuichóir Inmheánach tuairisc ar fáil don Choiste Iniuichóireachta faoi na himeachtaí iniúchóireachta inmhéánacha. Cuimsíonn an tuairisc seo tuairim an Iniuichóra Inmheánaigh maidir le leorgacht agus éifeacht an chórais rialaithe airgeadais inmhéánaigh.

Tacaíonn obair an iniúchóra inmhéánaigh, an Coiste Iniuichta a dhéanann maoiriú ar obair an iniúchóra inmhéánaigh, na bainisteoíri feidhmiúcháin laistigh den Bhord atá freagrach as forbairt agus coimeád ancreat rialaithe airgeadais, agus tuairimí a luann an Ard-Reacthaire Cuntas agus Ciste ina litir bhainistíochta nó tuairiscí eile, le monatóireacht an Bhoird ar an gcóras rialaithe airgeadais inmhéánach.

Athbhreithniú Bliantúil na Rialúchán

Mar a luadh thus, rinne an Coiste Iniuichta athbhreithniú ar éifeachtacht an chórais rialaithe airgeadais inmhéánaigh. Sa bliain 2006 ní dhearna an Bord athbhreithniú foirmiúil ar éifeachtacht an chórais rialaithe airgeadais inmhéánaigh. Comhlíonfaidh an Bord riachtanais an Chód Cleachtas go hiomlán i 2007.

Sean Ó Conchúir
Cathaoirleach

17th Lúnasa 2007

APPENDIX 9



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. The salary of the post of Deputy Chairperson is 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.

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.

One member qualified for special expenses. The expenses, which were sanctioned by the Minister of 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

Brian Hunt
Deputy Chairperson

17th August 2007

AGUISÍN 9

Ráiteas ar Luach Saothair agus Táillí na gComhaltaí

Ginearálta

Tá treoirínte a chlúdaíonn íocaíocht táillí leis an gCathaoirleach agus comhaltaí eile den Bhord leagtha amach sa Chód Cleachtais do Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit géillte dóibh ag an mBord. Feidhmíonn an Bord arduithe pá de réir cheada ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil. Ní imíonn sé ó pholasáí pá an Rialtais in aon slí.

Costais agus Táillí na gComhaltaí

Tá pá an Chathaoirligh, faoi alt 105(14)(a) den Acht um Phleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 socrainfe mar an bpá céanna a íocatar le breitheamh Ard-Chúirte. Tá pá an phoist de Leas-Chathaoirleach socrainfe ag ráta atá ar chomhard leis an uasmhéid de scála pá Rúnaí Cúnta sa Státseirbhís. Tá pá comhaltaí eile socrainfe ag ráta atá ar chomhard leis an fósmhéid do Rúnaí Cúnta sa Státseirbhís.

Íocatar liúntas gluaisteáin seasta leis an gCathaoirleach agus liúntas ionadach ar leibhéal a cheadaigh an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil i 1994.

Cháiligh comhalta amháin do chostais speisialta. Clúdaíonn na costais, a bhí ceadaithe ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil, le toiliú an Aire Airgeadais, na costais a bhaineann le taisteal ón mbaile go Baile Átha Cliath, agus lóistín i mBaile Átha Cliath.

Ní íocatar aon táillí le Comhaltaí den Bhord.

Seán Ó Conchúir
Cathaoirleach

Brian Hunt
Leas-Chathaoirleach

17ú Lúnasa 2007

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Financial Statements



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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 Brian Hunt

John O'Connor
Chairperson

Brian Hunt
Deputy Chairperson

17th August 2007

Ráiteas faoi Dhualgais an Bhoird

Tá sé riachtanach de réir Ailt 117(1) den Acht um Phleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 don Bhoird ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú ina leithéid de shlí agus a cheadódh an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil, i ndiaidh dul i gcomhairle leis an Aire Airgeadais. In ullmhú na ráitis airgeadais, tá ar an mBord:

- polasaithe cuntasáiochta oiriúnacha a roghnú agus ansin iad a chur i bhfeidhm i slí seasmhach,
- breithíúnais agus meastacháin a dhéanamh atá réasúnta agus stuama,
- ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú ar bhonn gnóthais leanach, agus
- sonrú an bhfuil caighdeán cuntasáiochta feidhmeach leannta, géillsineach d'aon imeacht ábhartha taispeánta agus mínithe sna ráitis airgeadais.

Tá an Bord freagrach maidir le leabhair chuntais chearta a choimeád a thaispeánann le cruinneas réasúnta ag aon am seasamh airgeadais an Bhoird agus a chuireann ar a chumas a bheith ábalta a bheith géillsineach do Alt 117(1) den Acht 2000. Tá an Bord freagrach chomh maith as sócmhainní an Bhoird a chosaint agus mar sin as céimeanna réasúnta a thógail chun camastaíl agus mírial eile a bhráith.

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

Seán Ó Conchúir Brian Hunt

Seán Ó Conchúir
Cathaoirleach

Brian Hunt
Leas-Chathaoirleach

17ú Lúnasa 2007



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 2006, the Board is responsible for the determination of appeals, certain proposals by local authorities to acquire compulsorily land for any of their statutory functions, road schemes and certain other local authority projects, and certain other matters. The Board is also responsible for dealing with appeals under the Building Control Act 1990, the Local Government (Water Pollution) Acts 1977 and 1990, and the Air Pollution Act 1987. Under the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006, the Board is responsible for the determination of applications for strategic infrastructure development from 31 January 2007.

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 faoi Bheartais Chuntasaíochta

1. Ginearálta:

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

Faoi Acht um Phleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 go 2006, tá an Bord freagrach as cinntí ar achomhairc, moltaí áirithe ag rialtais áitiúil chun talamh a fháil go héigeantach d'aon cheann dá bhfeidhmeanna reachtúla, scéimeanna bóthair agus tionscadail eile rialtais áitiúil, agus gnóthaí áirithe eile. Tá an Bord freagrach chomh maith as déileáil le hachomhairc faoin Acht um Rialú Foirgníochta 1990, faoin Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Truaillí Uisce) 1977 agus 1990, agus faoin Acht um Thruaillí Aer 1987. Faoi Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006, tá an Bord freagrach as na hiarratais ar forbairt bonneagair straitéisigh a chinneadh ón 31 Eanáir 2007.

2. Bunús an Ullmhúcháin:

Tá na ráitis airgeadais ullmhaithe faoin modh fabhraithe cuntasáíochta, mura bhfuil a mhalaírt taispeánta, agus maidir le gnáth phrionsabail chuntasáíochta inghlactha faoin gcoinbhinsiún costais stáiriúil. Glactar le caighdeáin thuarascála airgeadais molta ag comhlachtaí aitheanta cuntasáíochta, faoi mar a thagann siad i bhfeidhm.

3. Deontas Oireachtas:

Déantar cuntasáíocht ar dheontais Oireachtas ar bhonn fáltais airgid tirim.



4. Fees:

In 2006, fees fixed by the Board in accordance with section 144 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 were payable to the Board in respect of appeals and referrals under that Act. Fees were also 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,
- sections 6 and 19 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977, as amended by sections 4 and 14, respectively, of the Local Government (Water Pollution) (Amendment) Act 1990, and
- 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. 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 and 20% for all other asset categories.

6. Capital Account:

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

4. Táillí:

I 2006, bhí táillí seasta ag an mBord maidir le holt 144 den Acht um Phleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 iníocha chuig an mBord maidir le hachomhairc agus tarchuir faoin Acht. Íocadh táillí leis an mBord chomh maith maidir le rialachán déanta ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil faoi:

- alt 10 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Pleanáil agus Forbairt) 1982,
- alt 7 den Acht um Rialú Foirgníochta 1990,
- ailt 6 agus 19 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú Uisce) 1977, mar atá leasuithe ag ailt 4 agus 14, faoi seach, den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú Uisce) (Leasú) 1990, agus
- alt 35 den Acht um Thruailliú Aeir 1987

maidir le hachomhairc agus gnótháí eile faoi na hAchtanna seo. Taispeántar ioncam ó tháillí sna cuntas mar aisíoc glan ar aisíocaíochtaí a déantar maidir le hachomhairc neamhbhailí, tarchuir agus cásanna eile.

5. Sócmhainní Seasta agus Dímheas:

Sócmhainní seasta, atá curtha síos ar luach stairiúil, atá ag íslíú luacha ar an modh líne díreach ar ráta bliantúil de 10% do fhoirgnimh ar léas agus 20% do gach catagóir shócmhainne eile.

6. Cuntas Caipitiúil:

Déanann an Cuntas Caipitil ionadú ar an méid ioncaim neamh-amúchta a úsáidtear chun sócmhainní seasta a cheannach.



7. 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 2002
- 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.

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

7. Aoisliúntas:

Feidhmíonn an Bord scéim sochair sainmhínithe aoisliúntais trí cheithre scéim neamhspleách ar leith, is iad sin ná:

- Scéim Aoisliúntais Fhoireann An Bhoird Phleanála 1986 go 2006
- Scéim Pinsean Ranníocach Céilí agus Leanaí Fhoireann An Bhoird Phleanála 1986
- Scéim Aoisliúntais (Cathaorleach agus Comhaltaí) An Bhoird Phleanála 1986 go 2002
- Scéim Pinsean Ranníocach Céilí agus Leanaí (Cathaorleach agus Comhaltaí) An Bhoird Phleanála 1986 go 2002.

Tá an íocaíocht de shochair aoisliúntais le agus maidir le fostaithe agus comhaltaí den Bhord forálilté do sna scéimeanna aoisliúntais sochair sainmhínithe molta ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus le cead an Aire Airgeadais faoi alt 119 den Acht um Phleanáil agus Forbairt 2000.

Tá na scéimeanna maoinithe go bliantúil ar bhonn 'foc mar a théann tú' ó airgid ar fáil dó, lena n-áirítear airgid ón státhchiste curtha ar fáil ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus ó ranníocaíochtaí asbhainte ó thuarastail na foirne.

Léiríonn costais aoisliúntais sochair aoisliúntais tuillte ag comhaltaí agus baill foirne sa tréimhse agus tá siad taispeánta glan de ranníocaíochtaí aoisliúntais na foirne, a choimeádann an Bord. Aithnítear méid atá comhsheasmhach leis an gcostas aoisliúntais mar ioncam chomh fada agus is féidir é a aisghabháil, agus á thacú le deontais faichte sa bliaín chun íocaíochtaí aoisliúntais a íoc.

Tá gnóthachain agus caillteanais achtúire ag éirí ó fhiachais scéime léirithe sa Ráiteas faoi Ghnóthachain agus Caillteanais Aitheanta, agus aithnítear coigeartú comhsheasmhach sa mhéid atá inaighfha ó chistí an Státhchiste a sholáthraíonn an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

Léiríonn fiachais aoisliúntais luach reatha íocaíochtaí aoisliúntais don todhchaí atá tuillte ag fostaithe go dtí seo. Léiríonn maoiniú aoisliúntais iarchurtha an tsócmhainn chomhsheasmhach, a bheadh aisghafa i



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.

8. 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 11). 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.

9. 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.

dtréimhsí sa todhchaí ó chistí an Stáetchiste a sholáthraíonn an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

8. Costais Dlí:

Is é polasaí an Bhoird go níocfaí aon chostas dlíthiúil tugtha ina gcoinne tar éis conclúid cásanna de bhun Billí Costais faoi cháin. Is é polasaí an Bhoird chomh maith a gcostais dlí féin bainteach le iarratais do athbhreithniú breithiúnach ar chinneadh an Bhoird tar éis cásanna a chur faoi bhráid na hArd-Chúirte nó an Chúirt Uachtarach a íoc.

Déanfaidh an Bord, san áit go bhfuil sé praiticiúil, iarracht a gcostais dlí ag éirí ó chaingean dlí a athghhabháil san áit go bhfuil costais molta ag na Cúirteanna (féach nota 11). Tá ioncam óna leithéid de dháimhe curtha san áireamh ar bhonn fáltais airgid tirim, agus déantar an méid aisghafa glan ar tháillí caiteachais dhlíthiúla sa bliaín reatha.

Chomh maith leis sin, déantar costais amuigh a dhíscríobh nuair a meastar nach féidir iad a fháil ar ais.

9. Costais Léasa:

Is é polasaí an Bhoird gach costas coimhdeach a bhaineann le 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1 thar 10 bliana a dhíscríobh.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
ACCOUNT**
for year ended 31 December 2006



**CUNTAS IONCAIM AGUS
CAITEACHAIS**
don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2006

	2006 €	2005 €
Income:		
Oireachtas Grant	13,609,000	12,074,000
Fees (Note 1)	2,169,156	2,104,753
Local Authority Projects		
Cost Recoupment	439,023	568,484
Miscellaneous	6,847	5,435
Net Deferred Funding for Superannuation (Note 3(b))	3,964,000	3,170,000
Profit(Loss) on Disposal of Fixed Assets	130	(42)
	20,188,156	17,922,630
Transfer (to)/from Capital Account (Note 9)	Tarchuir (go dtí)/ó Chuntas Caipitiúil (Nóta 9)	557,846
	20,746,002	649,276
		18,571,906

Expenditure:	Caiteachas:	
Salaries, Allowances and Superannuation (Note 2)	Tuarastail, Liúntais agus Aoisiúntas (Nóta 2)	12,745,942
Establishment Expenses (Note 4)	Costais Bhunaíochta (Nóta 4)	2,938,040
Operating Expenses (Note 5)	Costais Oibre (Nóta 5)	5,184,548
Total Expenditure	Caiteachas lomlán	20,868,530
		18,770,861
Deficit for year	Easnamh don bhliain	(122,528)
(Deficit) / Surplus brought forward	(Easnamh) / Farasbarr tugtha ar aghaidh	(11,111)
Cumulative (Deficit) at 31 December	Carntha (Easnamh) ag an 31 Nollaig	(133,639)
		(11,111)

Statement of Total Recognised Gains & Losses	Ráiteas ar Ghnóthachain agus Chailteanais Aitheanta	
Experience loss on superannuation scheme liabilities	Caillteanais taithí ar fhiachais na scéime aoisiúntais	(679,000)
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of superannuation scheme liabilities	Athruithe in bhfoshuimh ag tacú le luach reatha fhiachais na scéime aoisiúntais	(2,253,000)
Actuarial gain/(loss) on Superannuation Liabilities (Note 3(f))	Gnóthachan/(caillteanas) achtúire ar Fhiachais Aoisiúntais (Nóta 3(f))	(1,574,000)
Adjustment to Deferred Superannuation Funding (Note 3(d)) (Deficit) for year	Coigeartú ar Mhaoiniú Aoisiúntais larchurtha Nóta 3(d) (Easnamh) don bhliain	(1,574,000) (122,528)
Total Recognised (loss) for year	(Caillteanas) Aithnithe lomlán don bhliain	(122,528)
		(198,955)

The Statement of Accounting Policies, Cash Flow Statement and Notes 1 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

Tá an Ráiteas ar Pholasaithe Cuntasáiochta, an Ráiteas faoi Shreabhadh Airgid agus Nótáí 1 go 16 ina bpáirt de na ráitis airgeadais seo.

John O'Connor
Chairperson

17 August 2007

P. M. Mullally
Chief Officer

17 Lúnasa 2007

Seán Ó Conchúir
Cathaoirleach

17 Lúnasa 2007

P. M. O Maolalaigh
Príomh Ofiigeach

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2006



CLÁR COMHARDAITHE
mar atá ar an 31 Nollaig 2006

		2006 €	2005 €
Fixed Assets (Note 6):	Sócmhainní Seasta (Nóta 6)	3,528,949	4,086,795
Current Assets	Sócmhainní Reatha		
Debtors and Prepayments (Note 7)	Féichiúnaithe agus Réamh-íocaíochtaí (Nóta 7)	556,049	471,130
Cash in bank and on hand	Airgead sa bhanc agus ar láimh	1,298,645	1,077,257
		1,854,694	1,548,387
Current Liabilities	Fiachais Reatha		
Sundry Creditors and Accrued Expenses (Note 8)	II-Chreidiúnaithe agus Costais Fabhráithe (Nóta 8)	(1,988,333)	(1,559,498)
Net Current Liabilities	Glanfhiachais Reatha	(133,639)	(11,111)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities before superannuation	Sócmhainní Iomlána Lúide Fiachais Reatha roimh Aoisliúntas	3,395,310	4,075,684
Deferred Superannuation Funding	Maoiniú Aoisliúntais larchurtha	62,392,000	60,002,000
Superannuation Liabilities (Note 3(e))	Fiachais Aoisliúntais (Nóta 3(e))	(62,392,000)	(60,002,000)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	Sócmhainní Iomlána Lúide Fiachais Reatha	3,395,310	4,075,684
Represented by	Léirithe ag		
Capital Account (Note 9)	Cuntas Caipitiúil (Nóta 9)	3,528,949	4,086,795
Income and Expenditure Account	Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais	(133,639)	(11,111)
		3,395,310	4,075,684

The Statement of Accounting Policies, Cash Flow Statement and Notes 1 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

Tá an Ráiteas ar Pholasaithe Cuntasaíochta, an Ráiteas faoi Shreabhadh Airgid agus Nótaí 1 go 16 ina bpáirt de na ráitis airgeadais seo.

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17 August 2007

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for year ended 31 December 2006



**RÁITEAS FAOI SHREABHADH
AIRGID**
don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2006

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

Réiteach (easnamh) oibríochta go hinsreabhadh glan ó gníomhaíochtaí oibríochta

		2006 €	2005 €
(Deficit) for year	(Easnamh) don bhliain	(122,528)	(198,955)
Movement on Capital Account	Gluaiseacht ar Chuntas Caipitiúil	(557,846)	(649,276)
Depreciation	Dímheas	788,719	754,868
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(Méadú)/laghdú i bhféichiúnaithe	(84,919)	75,232
Increase in creditors	Méadú i gcreidiúnaithe	428,835	283,432
Net Cash Inflow	Insreabhadh airgid glan	452,261	265,301

Cash Flow Statement

	Ráiteas faoi Shreabhadh Airgid		
Net cash inflow from operating activities	Insreabhadh airgid glan ó gníomhaíochtaí oibríochta	452,261	265,301
Capital Expenditure (net of Disposals)	Costas Caipitiúil (glen ó Dhiúscairtí)	(230,873)	(105,592)
Increase in cash	Méadú in airgead tirim	221,388	159,709

Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds

	Réiteach de shreabhadh airgid glan go dtí gluaiseacht i gcistí glan		
Increase in cash in year	Méadú in airgead tirim sa bhliain	221,388	159,709
Net Funds at 1 January	Cistí Glan ar 1 Eanáir	1,077,257	917,548
Net Funds at 31 December	Cistí Glan ar 31 Nollaig	1,298,645	1,077,257

The Statement of Accounting Policies and Notes 1 to 16 form part of these Financial Statements.

Tá an Ráiteas ar Pholasaithe Cuntasáiochta agus Nótáí 1 go dtí 16 mar pháirt de na ráitis airgeadais seo.

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17 August 2007

17 Lúnasa 2007

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for year ended 31 December 2006



Note 1 Fee Income

	2006 €	2005 €
Fees received	2,579,401	2,460,496
Refunds	(410,245)	(355,743)
	2,169,156	2,104,753

Note 2 Salaries and Allowances

At 31 December 2006, the Board consisted of a chairperson and 9 ordinary members, (ten members at the end of 2005) in accordance with section 104 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. Membership of the Board is wholetime.

At 31 December 2006, there were 147 whole time equivalent employees in the Board of which 10.8 were management, 45.5 were professional and 90.7 were administrative. The average number of wholetime equivalent employees during the year was 138.8 (134.5 in 2005). During 2006, there was no increase in the intake of cases. The volume of cases disposed of increased by 4%. Staffing levels are approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government with the consent of the Minister for Finance.

	2006 €	2005 €
Salaries and Allowances	7,915,095	7,162,711
Superannuation Costs	4,334,524	3,617,967
Employers' PRSI	496,323	418,812
	12,745,942	11,199,490

NÓTAÍ LEIS NA RÁITIS AIRGEADAIS

don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2006

Note 1 Ioncam Táille

	2006 €	2005 €
Táillí faighte	2,579,401	2,460,496
Aisíocanna	(410,245)	(355,743)
	2,169,156	2,104,753

Nóta 2 Tuarastail agus Liúntais

Amhail an 31 Nollaig 2006, bhí Cathaoirleach agus 9 gnáthchomhalta den Bhord, (deichniúr comhalta ag deireadh 2006) de réir alt 104 den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha, 2000 arna leasú. Tá ballraiocht den Bhord lánaimseartha.

Amhail an 31 Nollaig 2006, bhí 147 fostáí cothrom le lánaimseartha ag an mBord, a raibh 10.8 i mbainistíocht, 45.5 gairmiúil agus 90.7 riarthach. Ba é meánlín na bhfostaithe cothrom le lánaimseartha i rith na bliana 138.8 (134.5 in 2005). Le linn 2006, níor tháinig aon mhéadú ar iontógáil na gcásanna. Tháinig méadú 4% ar líon na gcásanna a cuireadh de láimh. Tá na leibhéal foirne formheasta ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil le toiliú an Aire Airgeadais.

	2006 €	2005 €
Tuarastail agus Liúntais	7,915,095	7,162,711
Costais Aoisliúntais	4,334,524	3,617,967
ÍMAT na bhFostaithe	496,323	418,812
	12,745,942	11,199,490

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for year ended 31 December 2006



Note 3 Superannuation

(a) Superannuation Scheme

The Board operates a defined benefit scheme which is unfunded.

The valuation used for FRS17 disclosures has been based on an actuarial valuation on 28th March 2007 by a qualified independent actuary to take account of the requirements of FRS17 in order to assess the scheme liabilities at 31st December 2006. The financial assumptions used to calculate scheme liabilities under FRS17 are

	At 31/12/06	At 31/12/05	At 31/12/04
Discount rate	4.75%	4.25%	4.75%
Rate of expected salary increase	4.00%	3.25%	3.25%
Rate of increase in pensions payment	4.00%	3.25%	3.25%
Inflation	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%

(b) Net Deferred Funding for Pensions in year

	2006 (€'000)	2005 (€'000)
Funding recoverable in respect of the current year:		
Superannuation costs	4,758	3,893
State grant applied to pay pensioners	(794)	(723)
	3,964	3,170

(c) Analysis of total pension costs charged to Expenditure

	2006 (€'000)	2005 (€'000)
Current service cost	2,118	1,484
Interest on Superannuation Scheme Liabilities	2,640	2,409
Employee Contributions	(423)	(275)
	4,335	3,618

NÓTAÍ LEIS NA RÁITIS AIRGEADAIS

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Nóta 3 Aoisliúntas

(a) Scéim Aoisliúntais

Feidhmíonn an Bord scéim sochair sainmhínithe nach bhfuil maoinithe.

Tá an luacháil a úsáidtear do noctadh FRS17 bunaithe ar luacháil achtúireach déanta ar 28 Márta 2007 ag achtúire cálithe neamhspleách chun riachtanais FRS17 a chur san áireamh d'fhoinn dhileanais na scéime a mheasúnú ar 31 Nollaig 2006. Is iad na foshuimh airgeadais a úsáidtear chun fiachais na scéime a ríomh faoi FRS17 ná

	Ar an 31/12/06	Ar an 31/12/05	Ar an 31/12/04
Ráta lascaine	4.75%	4.25%	4.75%
Ráta ardaithe tuarastail measta	4.00%	3.25%	3.25%
Ráta méadaithe in íocaíochtaí i bpinsin	4.00%	3.25%	3.25%
Boilsciú	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%

(b) Maoiniú larchurtha Glan do Phinsin sa bhliain

	2006 (€'000)	2005 (€'000)
Maoiniú inaighafa maidir le costais aoisliúntais na bliana reatha:		
Costais aoisliúntais	4,758	3,893
Deontas stáit chun pinsinéiri a foc	(794)	(723)
	3,964	3,170

(c) Anailís ar chostais phinsin iomlán gearrtha ar Chaiteachas

	2006 (€,000)	2005 (€,000)
Costas Seirbhise Reatha	2,118	1,484
Ús ar Fhiachais na Scéime Aoisliúntais	2,640	2,409
Ranníocaíochtaí na bhfostaithe	(423)	(275)
	4,335	3,618

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(d) Deferred Funding Asset for Superannuation

The Board recognises these amounts as an asset corresponding to the unfunded deferred liability for superannuation on the basis of a number of past events. These events include the statutory basis for the establishment of the superannuation scheme, and the policy and practice in relation to funding public service superannuation 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. The deferred funding asset for superannuation at 31 December 2006 amounts to €62 million (2005: €60 million).

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

	2006 (&'000)	2005 (&'000)
Net Pension Liability at 1 January	(60,002)	(49,224)
Current Service Cost	(2,118)	(1,484)
Pensions Paid	794	723
Past Service Cost	0	0
Other Finance Income	(2,640)	(2,409)
Actuarial gain recognised in STRGL	1,574	(7,608)
Net Pension Liability at 31 December	(62,392)	(60,002)

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(d) Sócmhainn Mhaoinithe larchurtha do Aoisiúntas

Aithníonn an Bord na méideanna dlite mar shócmhainn comhsheasmhach leis an bhfiachas iarchurtha neamh-mhaoinithe do aoisiúntas ar bhonn roinnt eachtraí a tharla roimhe seo. San áireamh sna heachtraí seo tá bunú na scéime aoisiúntais, agus an pholasáí agus an chleachtas maidir le haoisiúntais a mhaoiniú don státseirbhís lena n-áirítear rannfocáochtaí ag fostaithe agus an próiseas measúnaíthe bliantúil. Cé nach bhfuil aon chomhaontú foirmíuil leis an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil maidir leis na méideanna seo ar leith, níl aon fhianaise ag an mBord nach leanfaidh an polasaí maoinithe le méideanna dá leithéid a chomhlíonadh i gcomhréir le cleachtas reatha. Is é an tsócmhainn mhaoinithe iarchurtha ar 31 Nollaig 2006 ná €62 milliún (2005: €60 milliún).

(e) Gluaiseacht san Fhiachas Pinsin Glan le linn na bliana airgeadais

	2006 (&'000)	2005 (&'000)
Fiachas Pinsin Glan ar 1 Eanáir	(60,002)	(49,224)
Costas Seirbhíse Reatha	(2,118)	(1,484)
Pinsin Íoctha	794	723
Costas Seirbhíse Cheana	0	0
Ioncam Airgeadais Eile	(2,640)	(2,409)
Gnóthachain achtúire aitheanta san RGCA	1,574	(7,608)
Fiachas Pinsin Glan ar 31 Nollaig	(62,392)	(60,002)

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(f) History of experience gains and losses

(f) Stair na ngnóthachan agus na gcaillteanas taithí

		2006 €'000	2005 €'000	2004 €'000
Experience gains/(losses) on scheme liabilities	Gnóthachain/(caillteanas) taithí ar fhiachais na scéime			
Amount	Méid	(679)	(1,912)	(2,178)
Percentage of present value of scheme liabilities	Céatadán de luach reatha fhiachais na scéime	(1.1%)	(3.2%)	(4.4%)
Actuarial gain/(loss) recognised in Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses	Gnóthachan/(caillteanas) achtúire aitheanta sa Ráiteas ar Ghnóthachain agus Chailleanais Aitheanta			
Amount	Méid	1,574	(7,608)	(10,048)
Percentage of present value of scheme liabilities	Céatadán de luach reatha fhiachais na scéime	2.5%	(12.7%)	(20.4%)

Note 4 Establishment Expenses
Costais Bhunaíochta

		2006 €	2005 €
Rent and Service Charge (Note 13)	Cíos agus Táille Seirbhíse (Nóta 13)	1,905,027	1,825,621
Repairs and Maintenance	Deisiú agus Cothabháil	90,766	53,462
Insurance	Árachas	38,249	48,645
Light and Heat	Teas agus Solas	115,279	107,692
Depreciation	Dímheas	788,719	754,868
Total	Iomlán	2,938,040	2,790,288

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Note 5 Operating Expenses
Costais Oibríochta

		2006 €'000	2005 €'000
Travel and Subsistence	Taisteal agus Maireachtáil	495,035	394,097
Legal Fees (Note 11)	Táillí Dlí (Nóta 11)	1,276,043	1,469,392
Office Equipment and Stationery	Trealamh Oifige agus Stáiseanóireacht	268,502	264,285
Information and Communications Technology	Teicneolaíocht Fhaisnéise agus Chumarsáide	147,514	129,865
Printing and Books	Leabhair agus Cló	28,803	39,922
Statutory Notices	Fógraí Reachtúla	214,916	259,748
Recruitment, Staff Training and Development and Conferences	Earcaíocht, Traenáil Fhoirne agus Forbairt agus Comhdhálacha	206,559	230,522
Telephone and Postage	Guthán agus Post	267,959	200,591
Consultants' Fees and Services (Note 12)	Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleora (Nóta 12)	2,254,319	1,771,315
Audit Fees	Táillí Iníúchta	16,900	16,800
Sundries	Ilnithe	7,998	4,546
Total	lomlán	5,184,548	4,781,083

Note 6 Fixed Assets
Sócmhainní Seasta

Cost	Costas	Léas-sheilbh Áitreabh	Troscáin & Feisteas	Trealamh	lomlán
		Leasehold Premises €	Furniture & Fittings €	Equipment €	Total €
Balance at 01/01/06	Iarmhéid ar 01/01/06	6,449,704	80,166	1,204,234	7,734,104
Additions	Breis	0	0	230,873	230,873
Disposals	Cur de Láimh	0	0	(80,395)	(80,395)
Balance at 31/12/06	Iarmhéid ar 31/12/06	6,449,704	80,166	1,354,712	7,884,582
 Depreciation	 Dímheas				
Balance at 01/01/06	Iarmhéid ar 01/01/06	2,576,220	57,381	1,013,708	3,647,309
Charge for the year	Táille don bhliain	644,970	16,030	127,719	788,719
Disposals	Cur de Láimh	0	0	(80,395)	(80,395)
Balance at 31/12/06	Iarmhéid ar 31/12/06	3,221,190	73,411	1,061,032	4,355,633
 Net Book Value	 Luach Leabhair Glan				
31 December 2006	31 Nollaig 2006	3,228,514	6,755	293,680	3,528,949
31 December 2005	31 Nollaig 2005	3,873,484	22,785	190,526	4,086,795

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Note 7 Debtors

Féichiúnaithe

		2006 €	2005 €
Debtors	Féichiúnaithe	26,318	50,421
Prepayments	Réamhíocaochtaí	529,731	420,709
		556,049	471,130

Note 8 Creditors due within one year

Creidiúnaithe dlite laistigh de bhliain amháin

		2006 €	2005 €
Creditors	Creidiúnaithe	184,383	300,695
Accruals	Fabhruithe	1,484,564	878,616
Withholding Tax	Cáin Shiarchoinneálach	100,020	95,648
PAYE/PRSI	ÍMAT/ÁSPC	198,138	254,290
Other Creditors	Creidiúnaithe Eile	21,231	30,249
		1,988,336	1,559,498

Note 9 Capital Account

Cuntas Caipitiúil

		2006 €	2005 €
Balance at 1 January	Iarmhéid ar 1 Eanáir	4,086,795	4,736,071
- Income allocated for capital purposes (net of asset disposals)	- Ioncam roinnte ar mhaithe le cuspóirí caipitiúla (glan ó dhiúscairtí sócmhainne)	230,873	105,592
- Amúchadh de réir dímheasa sócmhainní		(788,719)	(754,868)
Transfer from/(to) Income and Expenditure Account	Tarchuir ó/(go dtí) Cuntas loncaim agus Caiteachais	(557,846)	(649,276)
Balance at 31 December	Iarmhéid ar 31 Nollaig	3,528,949	4,086,795

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Note 10 Contingencies with Regard To Legal Actions

There is a contingent liability of an undetermined amount as a result of legal actions against the Board in relation to its decisions on planning appeals and other cases. It is the Board's policy to contest such actions, where appropriate.

Note 11 Recoverable Legal Costs

As indicated at 8 in the Statement of Accounting Policies, certain legal costs are initially borne by the Board and recovery is pursued. The situation in 2006 regarding these costs was as follows:

	2006	2005
	€	€
Outstanding at 1 January	2,712,413	1,960,679
Recovered during year ¹	(852,980)	(662,066)
Recoverable costs arising during year	1,306,508	1,643,303
Costs written-off during year	(169,655)	(229,503)
Outstanding at 31 December	2,996,286	2,712,413

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

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

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Nóta 10 Teagmhasaí maidir le Caingne Dlí

Tá díiteanas teagmhasach do mhéid neamhchinntithe de bharr caingne dlí i gcoinne an Bhoird maidir lena chinneadh ar achomhairc phleánala agus chásanna eile. Is é polasaí an Bhoird dul i gconspóid lena leithéid de chaingne, mar is cuí.

Nóta 11 Costaisí Dlí Infhaigthe Ar Ais

Mar a taispeántar ag 8 sa Ráiteas ar Pholasaithe Cuntasáiochta, iompraíonn an Bord costais áirithe dlí i dtosach agus leantar le hathghabháil. Is é mar atá i 2006 maidir leis na costais seo ná mar a leanas:

	2006	2005
	€	€
Gan íoc ar 1 Eanáir	2,712,413	1,960,679
Athghafa i rith na bliana ¹	(852,980)	(662,066)
Costais infhaigthe ar ais i rith na bliana	1,306,508	1,643,303
Costais díscriofa i rith na bliana	(169,655)	(229,503)
Gan íoc ar 31 Nollaig	2,996,286	2,712,413

Athbhreithníonn an Bord in-aisghabhálacht na gcostas thusas ar bhonn leanúnach. Réamh-mheastar nach n-aisghabhfar cuid mhaith acu.

¹ Bhí an méid a athghabhadh glanta le táillí dlí sa bhliain reatha.

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Note 12 Consultants' Fees and Services

In accordance with section 120(2) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, 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 2006, about 48% of all inspectors' reports came from part-time consultant inspectors and their fees, along with associated costs relating to recording of oral hearings, accounted for nearly 87% (2005:89%) of all consultancy fees and services costs.

Note 13 Premises

The Board occupies and pays rent on premises at 64 marlborough Street, Dublin 1 which is held on a 25 year lease from October 2001.

The costs in relation to the fit-out and certain other matters, other than normal establishment and operating costs, were allocated for capital purposes and included under Leasehold Premises in the Fixed Assets. Ongoing improvements to the premises are treated in a similar manner.

The financial commitment on the above lease is the annual rent (which is subject to a 5 year rent review). At present it is €1,108,497.

Note 14 Board Members & Staff Interests

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.

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Nóta 12 Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleora

De réir ailt 120(2) den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000, fostáonn an Bord comhairleoirí páirtaimseartha ar bhonn pá de réir cáis de réir rátaí molta ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil le cead an Aire Airgeadais. Chomh maith leis sin, fostáonn an Bord, de réir ailt 124 den Acht, comhairleoirí eile faoi mar a tá riachtanach chun a gcuid feidhmeanna a chomhlíonadh. I 2006, tháinig timpeall 48% de thuarscálacha cigireachta ó chomhairleoirí agus bhí a dtáillí chomh maith le costais bainteach le taifead éisteacht béal freagrach do beagnach 87% (2005:89%) do gach tálle comhairleach agus costas seirbhíse.

Nóta 13 Áitreabh

Átíonn an Bord, agus íocann cíos ar, áitreabh ag 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1, atá ar léas 25 bliain aige ó Dheireadh Fómhair 2001.

Leithdháiltear costais maidir le feistiú agus rudaí áirithe eile, seachas gnáthchostais bhunaíochta agus oibríochta, chun críocha caipitiúla, agus cuimsítear iad faoi Áitreabh Léasach sna Sócmháinní Seasta. Pléitear le feabhsúcháin leanúnacha ar an áitreabh sa dóigh chéanna

Is é geall airgeadais ar an léas thusa ná an cíos bliantúil (atá géillsineach d'athbhreithniú cíosa gach 5 bliain). Faoi láthair tá sé €1,108,497.

Nóta 14 Comhaltaí an Bhoird & Leasa na Foirne

Tá sé riachtanach do comhaltaí an Bhoird agus do chuid áirithe den fhoireann dearbhú/nochtadh a dhéanamh ar aon leasa de réir forálacha an Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000.

Forálann alt 147 den Acht 2000 dearbhú reachtúil ag comhaltaí agus cuid áirithe den fhoireann. Tá clár do leasa ar coimeád ag an Rúnaí maidir le halt 147 den Acht agus tá sé ar fáil chun iniúchadh poiblí i rith uaireanta oifige.

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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 2006, members made three (3) disclosures, staff made five (5) disclosures and consultants made two (2) disclosures.

Note 15 Code of Conduct and Ethics

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 2006, all members made statements in accordance with the Acts.

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 2006, no members made disclosures, three (3) staff made disclosures and no consultants made disclosures under the Code.

Note 16 Approval of Financial Statements

The Board approved the financial statements on 17 August 2007.

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Baineann Alt 148 d'Acht 2000 le nochtadh i dtaobh leas tairbhiúil airgid nó eile in aon achomharc nó ábhar eile a chinnfidh an Bord, nó atá ábhartha dóibh. I 2006, rinne comhalaí trí (3) nochtadh, an fhoireann cúig (5) nochtadh, agus comhairleoirí dhá (2) nochtadh.

Nóta 15 Cód iompair agus Eitic

De réir an Chóid Chleachtais do Chomhlachtaí Stáit, ní mór cód cleachtais scríofa a chur ar fáil do comhalaí Boird. Tá cód a théann leis na treoirlínte i bhfeidhm agus ní foláir do chomhalaí leasanna a nochtadh don Rúnai ar bhonn bliantúil.

Chomh maith leis sin, tá comhalaí agus baill foirne áirithe faoi réir riachtanais na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001, agus déantar ráitis bhliantúla de leasanna incláraithe faoi na hAchtanna sin. De réir na nAchtanna, tá sé riachtanach ráitis chomhalaí den Bhord a thabhairt do Choimisiún na gCaighdeán in Oifigí Poiblí gach bliain. In 2006, rinne gach ball ráitis de réir na nAchtanna.

Faoi alt 150 den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000, ghlac an Bord le cód iompair chun déileáil le heasaontas leasa agus chun muinín an phobail a spreagadh in ionracas agus iompar a chuid gnó. Baineann an cód le comhalaí, baill foirne áirithe agus daoine eile a mbaineann an Bord úsáid as a seirbhísí. I 2006, ní dhearna aon chomhala, rinne triúir (3) ball foirne agus ní dhearna aon chomhairleach nochtadh faoin gCód.

Nóta 16 Na Ráitis Airgeadais a Phormheas

Rinne an Bord na ráitis airgeadais a phormheas ar an 17 Lúnasa 2007.

APPENDIX 11 REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL



Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

I have audited the financial statements of An Bord Pleanála for the year ended 31 December 2006 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.

Respective Responsibilities of the Board and the Comptroller and Auditor General

An Bord Pleanála is responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000 and for ensuring the regularity of transactions. An Bord Pleanála prepares the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland. The accounting responsibilities of the Members of the Board are set out in the Statement of Board's Responsibilities.

My responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

I report my opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland. I also report whether in my opinion proper books of account have been kept. In addition, I state whether the financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

I report any material instance where moneys have not been applied for the purposes intended or where the transactions do not conform to the authorities governing them.

I also report if I have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of my audit.

I review whether the Statement on the System of Internal Financial Control reflects An Bord Pleanála's compliance with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State

AGUISÍN 11 TUARASCÁIL AN ARD-REACHTAIRE CUNTAS AGUS CISTE

Tuarascáil an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste le cur i láthair Thithe an Oireachtais

Tá ráitis airgeadais An Bhoid Pleanála don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2006 iniúchta agam faoin Acht um Pleanál agus Forbairt 2000.

Tá na ráitis airgeadais, a ullmháiodh faoi na beartais chuntasaíochta arna leagan amach sna ráitis, comhdhéanta den Ráiteas ar Bheartais Chuntasaíochta, an Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais, an Ráiteas Gnóthachan agus Caillteanas Aitheanta Iomlán, an Clár Comhardaithe, an Ráiteas ar Shreabhadh Airgid agus na nótaí goalmhara.

Freagrachtaí an Bhoid agus an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste faoi seach

Tá an Bord Pleanála freagrach as na ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú de réir an Actica um Pleanál agust Forbairt 2000 agus as rialtacht na n-idirbheart a chinntí. Ullmhaíonn An Bord Plenála na ráitis airgeadais de réir Cleachtais Chuntasaíochta a nGlahtar Leis go Coitianta in Éirinn. Tá freagrachtaí cuntasaiochta Chomhaltaí an Bhoid leagtha amach sa Ráiteas um Fhreagrachtaí an Bhoid.

Is é m'fhreagrachta ná na ráitis airgeadais a iniúchadh de réir cheanglas ábhartha dlí agus rialúcháin agus Caighdeán Idirnáisiúnta maidir le hlniúchóireacht (Ríocht Aontaithe agus Éire).

Tuairiscím mo thuairim maidir le cibé an dtugann na ráitis airgeadais léargas fiorcheart, de réir Cleachtais Chuntasaíochta a nGlahtar Leis go Coitianta in Éirinn. Tuairiscím freisin cibé, dar liom, an raibh leabhair chuntais chuí coinnithe. Lena chois sin, deirim cibé an dtugann na ráitis airgeadais leis na leabhair chuntais.

Tuairiscím ar aon chás ábhartha nár feidhmíodh suimeanna airgid chun na gcríoch a bhí beartaithe nó sa chás nach leanann na hidirbhearta do n húdaráis a rialáonn iad.

Tuairiscím freisin mura bhfuil an fhaisméis agus na mínithe ar fad faigte agam agus atá riachtanach chun críocha m'iniúchta.

Scrúdaím an Ráiteas maidir leis an Córas um Rialú Inmhéánach Airgeadais le féachaint an léiritear ann gur



Bodies and report any material instance where it does not do so, or if the statement is misleading or inconsistent with other information of which I am aware from my audit of the financial statements. I am not required to consider whether the Statement on the System of Internal Financial Control covers all financial risks and controls, or to form an opinion on the effectiveness of the risk and control procedures.

I read other information contained in the Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. I consider the implications for my report if I become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Basis of Audit Opinion

In the exercise of my function as Comptroller and Auditor General, I conducted my audit of the financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board and by reference to the special considerations which attach to State bodies in relation to their management and operation. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures and regularity of the financial transactions included in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to An Bord Pleanála's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations that I considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

chomhlíon An Bord Pleanála an Cód Cleachtais maidir le Rialachas Comhlacthaí Stát agus tuairiscim ar aon chás ábhartha nach ndéanann sé amhlaidh, nó más rud é go bhfuil an ráiteas míthreorach nó nach dtagann sé le faisnéis eile atá ar eolas agam de bharr na ráitis airgeadais a bheith iniúchta agam. Ní cheanglaítear orm a bheithníu cibé an gclúdaíonn an Ráiteas maidir leis an Córas um Rialú Inmheánach Airgeadais gach priacal agus rialú airgeadais, ná teacht ar thuairim maidir le héifeachtacht na nósanna imeachta maidir le priacail agust rialú.

Léim faisnéis eile atá sa Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, agus breithním cibé an dtagann sé leis na ráitis airgeadais iniúchta. Breithním na himpleachtaí do mo thuarascáil má thagaim ar an eolas faoi aon rud atá, de réir cosúlachta, ina mhíráiteas nó ina neamhréireacht ábhartha leis n ráitis airgeadais.

An Bunús atá le mo Thuairim ar na Ráitis

I mbun m'fheidhme mar Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste, rinne mé m'iniúchadh ar na ráitis airgeadais de réir Caighdeán Idirmáisiúnta maidir le hInniúchóireacht (Ríocht Aontaithe agus Éire) arna n-eisiúint ag an mBord um Chleachtas Inniúchóireachta agust trí thagairt a dhéanamh do na nithe ar leith is gá a chur san áireamh i ndáil le cúrsáid bainisteoireachta agust oibriúcháin a ghabhann le comhlacthaí Stát. Déantar scrúdú mar chuid den iniúchadh, ar bhonn tástála, ar fhianaise a bhaineann le suimeanna agus rialtacht na n-idirbheart airgeadais a chuirtear san áireamh sna ráitis airgeadais, agus leis na hidirbhearta a phoilsítear iontu. Chomh maith leis sin, cuimsíonn an t-iniúchadh measúnacht ar na meastacháin agus ar na breitheanna suntasacha a rinneadh agus na ráitis airgeadais á n-ullmhú, agus measúnacht le féachaint an n-oireann na beartais chuntasaíochta don bhail atá ar chúrsaí an Bhoird Pleanála, ar feidhmíodh na beartais sin ar bhealach leanúnach agus ar foilsíodh iad ar bhealach sásúil.

Phleanál mé agus rinne mé m'iniúchadh sa chaoi is go bhfaighinn an fhaisnéis agus na mínithe ar fad a mheas mé a bheith riachtanach ionas go mbeadh leordhóthain fianaise agam a d'fhágfadh cinnteacht réasúnach ann go bhfuil na ráitis airgeadais saor ó mhíráiteas ábhartha, cibé acu calaois nó neamhrialtacht eile nó earráid is cúis leis sin. I dteacht ar mo thuairim, rinne mé meastóireacht ar a shásula is a cuireadh faisnéis i láthair sna ráitis airgeadais san iomlán freisin.



Opinion

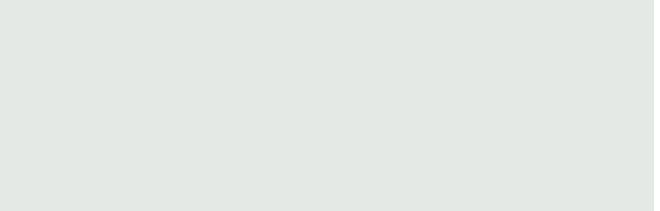
In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, of the state of An Bord Pleanála's affairs at 31 December 2006 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Purcell".

John Purcell
Comptroller and Auditor General

27 August 2007



Tuairim

Is é mo thuairim go dtugan na ráitis airgeadais léargas fiorcheart, de réir Cleachtais Chuntasaioctha a nGlaictar Leis go Coitianta in Éirinn, ar riocht ghnóthaí an Bhoird Pleanála ag 31 Nollaig 2006 agus ar a ioncam agust ar a chaiteachas don bhliain dar críoch sin.

Is é mo thuairim go raibh leabhair chuntais chuí connithe ag an mBord Pleanála. Tá na ráitis airgeadais ag teacht leis na leabhair chuntais.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Purcell".

John Purcell
Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste

27 Lúnasa 2007

