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. ÁR BPÁIRT A DHÉANAMH MAR CHOMHLACHT NEAMHSPLEÁCH LENA CHINNTIÚ GO BHFUIL MEAS AG FORBAIRT FHISICEACH AGUS AG TIONSCADAIL BHONNEAGAIR MHÓRA IN ÉIRINN AR PHRIONSABAIL FHORBARTHA INCHOTHAITHE AGUS GO NDÉANFAR PLEANÁIL I SLÍ ÉIFEACHTACH, CHOTHROM AGUS OSCAILTE.



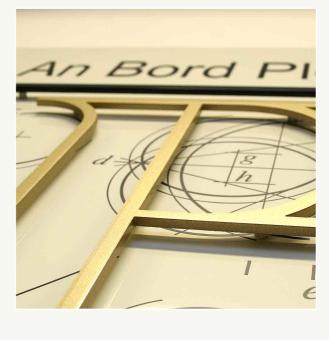
An Bord Pleanála











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MISSION STATEMENT

RÁITEAS MISIN



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.



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

Objectives

The objectives of the Board and our performance in 2005 in relation to these objectives are on our website.

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

Cuspóirí

Tá cuspóirí an Bhoird agus ár bhfeidhmíocht i 2005 i dtaobh na cuspóirí seo ar fáil ar ár suíomh idirlín.

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

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

COMHALTAÍ AN BHOIRD





















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

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

CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

RÁITEAS AN CHATHAOIRI IGH

Workload and Performance in 2005

The year 2005 was the busiest ever for An Bord Pleanála. The record intake of cases, which almost reached the 6,000 mark, was due to a number of factors – the continuing high demand for housing, the acceleration of infrastructure programmes, a large increase in employment and the phasing out of tax based incentives for certain kinds of development. Notwithstanding a 5% increase in cases determined, this resulted in a significant rise in the workload on hands at year end and a fall off in the Board's performance in relation to the timeliness of its decision making.

An overview of the Board's workload and performance in 2005 can be gauged from the following facts:

- intake of new cases 5,946 up 13% on 2004.
- cases determined 5,387 up 5%.
- workload on hands at year end 2,062 up 37%.
- 18 week statutory objective met in 78% of cases, compared to 85% in 2004.
- average time to determine cases 15 weeks, compared to 14 weeks in 2004.

Other noteworthy features in 2005

- The percentage of local authority planning decisions appealed to the Board showed a slight increase to 7.4% (from 6.9%* in 2004).
- The rate of reversal of local planning authority decisions appealed showed a slight decrease - 30% in 2005 compared to 32% in 2004. The large disparity between local authorities in the rate of reversal, apparent in previous years, continued in 2005.
- Just under half of planning appeals lodged with the Board came from third parties, a slight decrease on 2004.
- Invalid appeals constituted 17.3% (19.6% in 2004) of all appeals determined, with late appeals (5.4%), invalid fee (4.7%) and third party appeals with no acknowledgement (4.4%) being the main reasons. The Board took additional measures in 2005 to help people avoid making invalid appeals.
 - * An incorrect figure was published in the 2004 Annual Report.

Ualach Oibre agus Feidhmíocht i 2005

Ba í 2005 an bhliain ba ghnóthaí riamh do An Bord Pleanála. Bhí an iontógáil curiarrachta, a beagnach shroich 6000, dlite do roinnt fachtóirí – an t-ard éilimh leanúnach do thithíocht, an luasghéarú de chláir bhonneagair, méadú mhór i bhfostaíocht agus an díothú amach de thionscnaimh bunaithe ar cháin do chineálacha áirithe forbairt. D'ainneoin méadú de 5% i gcásanna ar a rinneadh cinneadh, de thoradh ar seo bhí ardú suntasach san ualach oibre a bhí ar láimh ag deireadh na bliana agus titim i bhfeidhmíocht an Bhoird maidir le tráthúlacht a gcinnteoireacht.

Is féidir forbhreathnú d'ualach oibre agus feidhmíocht an Bhoird i 2005 a thomhas ó na fíricí seo a leanas:

- cásanna nua a fuarthas 5,946 suas 13% ó 2004
- cinntí ar chásanna 5,387 suas 5%
- ualach oibre ar láimh ag deireadh na bliana 2,062 suas 37%
- baineadh amach cuspóir reachtúil ar chinneadh a dhéanamh laistigh de 18 seachtain in 78% de chásanna, i gcomparáid le 85% i 2004.
- meán ama chun cinneadh a dhéanamh ar chásanna15 seachtain i gcomparáid le 14 seachtain i 2004

Gnéithe suntasacha eile i 2005

- Thaispeáin céatadán na gcinntí pleanála de chuid na n-údarás áitiúla ar a rinneadh achomharc orthu méadú bheag go 7.4% (ó 6.9%* i 2004).
- Thaispeáin an ráta cúlaithe ar chinntí an údaráis áitiúil ar a rinneadh achomharc orthu laghdú bheag -30% i 2005 i gcomparáid le 32% i 2004. Lean an neamhionannas mhór idir údaráis áitiúla sa ráta cúlaithe, a bhí soiléir sna blianta roimhe seo, i 2005.
- Tháinig díreach faoi leath de na hachomhairc phleanála a lóisteáladh leis an mBord ó thríú páirtithe, laghdú bheag ar 2004.
- Ba achomhairc neamhbhailí iad 17.3% (19.6% i 2004) de na hachomhairc go léir a rinneadh cinneadh orthu, le achomhairc dhéanacha (5.4%), táille neamhbhailí (4.7%) agus achomhairc tríú páirtithe gan admháil (4.4%) mar na príomh chúiseanna. Ghlac an Bord beartais breise i 2005 chun cabhrú le daoine achomhairc neamhbhailí a dhéanamh a sheachaint.

^{*} Bhí figiúr míceart foilsithe i dTuarascáil Bhliantúil 2004.



■ There were 139 applications for leave to appeal by third parties of which 21% succeeded. All appeals for leave to appeal were decided within the statutory 4 week period.

Current Trends and Outlook

Although the early months of 2006 are showing a slight drop in the intake of cases, it is still very high by historical standards. This, together with the high workload on hands at the start of the year, is putting the Board under severe pressure in 2006 and performance in relation to its statutory 18-week timeliness objective has deteriorated significantly. Apart from work volumes, it is clear that the increased scale and complexity of projects and the more demanding legal context in which we operate are factors which make it more difficult to achieve our strategic target of determining 90% of cases within the 18-week period. To end May 2006 the target was achieved in 58% of cases disposed of. The Board regrets the delays that are occurring in the determination of appeals.

In response to its increasing workload the Board sought approval to employ additional staffing resources and on 1st December, 2005 received approval in principle from the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to an additional 24 permanent staff, to be introduced on a phased basis, which would bring the authorised staff complement to 160.5. The number of Board Members remains at 10. The Board has been active in recruiting additional staff in 2006. As a further measure







■ Bhí 139 iarratas ar chead achomhairc ag tríú pháirtithe as a d'éirigh 21% díobh. Rinneadh cinneadh ar na cead achomhairc go léir laistigh den thréimhse reachtúil de 4 seachtain.

Claontaí agus Dearcadh Reatha

Cé go bhfuil na míonna luath de 2006 ag taispeáint titim beag in iontógáil na gcásanna, tá sé an-ard fós de réir chaighdeáin stairiúla. Tá sé seo, in éineacht leis an ualach oibre ard ar láimh ag tosach na bliana, ag cur an Bord faoi bhrú uafásach i 2006 agus mheath a fheidhmíocht maidir lena gcuspóir tráthúlachta reachtúil de 18-seachtain go suntasach. Lasmuigh de lín oibre, tá sé soiléir gur fachtóirí iad an scála méadaithe agus coimpléascacht na dtionscadal agus an comhthéacs dleathach níos éilithí ina bhfeidhmímid a ndéanann níos deacra é dúinn ár sprioc straitéiseach de 90% de na cásanna a shocrú laistigh den thréimhse 18-seachtain a bhaint amach. Ag deireadh Bealtaine 2006 baineadh an sprioc amach i 58% de na cásanna a cuireadh de láimh. Is oth leis an mBord na moilleanna atá ag tarlú agus cinntí á dhéanamh ar achomhairc.

Mar fhreagra lena ualach oibre atá ag méadú lorg an Bord formheas d'fhonn breis acmhainní foirne a fhostú agus ar 1 Nollaig, 2005 fuair sé formheas i bprionsabail ón Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil do 24 foireann buan breise, le bheith curtha isteach ar bhonn céimithe, a thabharfaidh líon na foirne údaraithe go 160.5. Fanann líon na mball Boird ag 10. Bhí an gníomhach ag earcú breis foirne i 2006. Mar bheart breise chun déileáil leis an riaráiste de chásanna mhéadaigh an Bord an painéal de

to deal with the backlog of cases the Board has increased the panel of fee-per-case consultant planners from 53 to 76. I hope that these additional resources will enable the Board in the second half of 2006 to arrest the decline in our timeliness performance and move back towards achieving our strategic target.

Infrastructure Projects

The Board constantly reviews its system of 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 2005 the Board received 78 and disposed of 77 planning appeals that were classed as major infrastructure developments, 61% being determined within 18 weeks. Of the 124 local authority sponsored projects (roads, waste, compulsory purchase, etc.) submitted to the Board in 2005, 74% were determined within 18 weeks.

The continued high level of demand for housing is reflected in the very strong trend in the number of appeals relating to large housing developments. Schemes of 30 or more housing units are accorded priority status in the Board - in 2005 the volume of these appeals increased by 21%.

In previous Annual Reports, I referred to the potential for delays in securing final planning clearance for major infrastructure projects arising from judicial review. Of the 36 High Court judicial review proceedings instituted in 2005, 7 were related to major infrastructure cases. It is obvious that there is an increasing tendency for those opposed to projects to use judicial review to seek to overturn or at least delay projects rather than to address any real defect in the operation of the statutory procedures by the Board.

The Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Bill 2006

The Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Bill 2006, published in February 2006, will reform the consent process for a wide range of major infrastructure projects. It will have major significance for the Board both in terms of the scope of projects coming before it and the discharge of its mandate in relation to these projects. The Bill provides

phleanálaithe comhairleacha táille in aghaidh-an-cháis ó 53 go 76. Tá súil agam go ligfidh na hacmhainní breise seo don Bhord an laghdú inár bhfeidhmíocht tráthúlachta a shocrú agus gluaiseacht ar ais i dtreo ár sprioc straitéiseach a bhaint amach sa dara leath de 2006.

Tionscadail Bhonneagair

Déanann an Bord athbhreithniú ar a chóras tosaíochta de thionscadail bhonneagair mhóra (bíodh siad ina achomhairc phleanála nó tionscadail a bhfuil urraithe ag an údarás áitiúil) chun a chinntiú go bhfuil siad chomh éifeachtach agus is féidir d'fhonn an scála ama do chinntí a ghiorrú. I 2005 fuair an Bord 78 agus chuir sé 77 achomharc pleanála de láimh a bhí rangaithe mar fhorbairtí bhonneagair mhóra, cinneadh á thabhairt ar 61% dóibh laistigh de 18 seachtain. De na 124 tionscadal atá urraithe ag údarás áitiúil (bóthair, fuíoll, ceannachán éigeantach, srl.) a cuireadh isteach don Bhord i 2005, rinneadh cinneadh ar 74% dóibh laistigh de 18 seachtain.

Tá an t-ard-éilimh leanúnach do thithíocht léirithe sa chlaonadh an-láidir i líon na n-achomharc a bhaineann le forbairtí tithíochta móra. Tá stádas tosaíochta tugtha ag an mBord do scéimeanna tithíochta de 30 aonad nó níos mó – tháinig ardú de 21% ar líon na n-achomharc seo a rinneadh.

Rinne mé tagairt i dTuarascálacha Bliantúla roimhe seo, ar an bhféidearthacht atá ann do mhaoileanna chun cead pleanála deireanach a fháil do thionscadail bhonneagair mhóra a fháil a thagann ó athbhreithniú breithiúnach. As na 36 cás athbhreithnithe bhreithiúnaigh Ard-Chúirte ar cuireadh tús leo i 2005, bhain 7 cinn le cásanna bonneagair móra. Tá sé soiléir go bhfuil claonadh méadaithe ann dóibh san a bhfuil i gcoinne tionscadail chun athbhreithniú breithiúnach a úsáid chun tionscadail a chur ar cheal nó ar a laghad maoil a chur orthu seachas dul i ngleic le haon bhotún san fheidhmiú de na nósanna reachtúla ag an mBord.

An Bille Pleanála agus Forbartha (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006

Déanfaidh an Bille Pleanála agus Forbartha (Bonneagar Straitéiseach), 2006, arna foilsíodh i bhFeabhra 2006, leasú ar an bpróiseas ceadaithe do raon leathan tionscadail bhonneagair. Beidh tábhacht mhór aige seo don Bhord i dtéarmaí scóip na dtionscadal ag teacht roimhe agus an cur de láimh dá shainordú maidir le na tionscadail seo araon.

for the setting up of an Infrastructure Division in the Board to handle proposals from both public and private sectors relating to transportation, environmental and energy projects which are considered by the Board to be of national or regional strategic importance. The Board will become the consent authority of first instance for these strategic projects. The procedures to be put in place by the Board to give effect to the statutory provisions in the Bill will have to ensure that the requirement to process applications efficiently and expeditiously is balanced by the need to facilitate meaningful participation by local communities and interested statutory and non-governmental organisations. Interested parties, from whatever angle they are coming, must feel that their views are taken into account in the final decision. In accordance with the mandate given to it by the legislation, the Board is determined that all projects coming before it will continue to be assessed rigorously, based on the principles of proper planning and sustainable development. The Board is acutely aware of the importance of maintaining public confidence in the way it determines these strategic projects.

In order to assist project sponsors, interested parties and local authorities in the effective operation of the new legislation, the Board will publish guidance including details of its procedures before the new provisions come into effect.

Consideration is also being given to the adequacy of the authorised staffing resources to discharge its new responsibilities and to the restructuring of the Board's internal organisation.

Improving the Organisation

■ The Board's proposals for restructuring and resourcing arising out of recommendations on the Organisational Review of the Board's staffing and structures were submitted to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in April 2004 for approval. Since then these have been the subject of detailed negotiations with the Department. However, the implementation of the recommendations of the consultants who carried out the Organisational Review has become the subject of an industrial relations dispute between the Board and the trade union representing staff. The dispute has been referred to the Labour Relations

Forálann an Bille don bhunú de Rannóg Bonneagair sa Roinn chun déileáil le moltaí ó na hearnálacha poiblí agus príobháideacha araon maidir le tionscadail iompair, comhshaoil agus fuinnimh a cheapann an Bord a bhfuil de tábhacht náisiúnta nó straitéiseach réigiúnaí. Éireoidh an Bord ina údarás ceadaithe de chéad chás do na tionscadail straitéiseacha seo. Beidh air na nósanna imeachta atá le bheith curtha in áit ag an mBord d'fhonn éifeacht a thabhairt do na forálacha reachtúla sa Bhille, cinntiú go bhfuil an riachtanas chun iarratais a phróiseáil go héifeachtach agus go pras cothromúil leis an riachtanas chun rannpháirtíocht fiúntach ag pobail áitiúla agus eagraíochtaí reachtúla agus neamh-rialtais le suim acu ann a éascú. Caithfidh páirtithe ag a bhfuil suim acu, ó pé taobh as a dtagann siad, mothú go bhfuil a gcuid dearcaidh á dtógáil san áireamh sa chinneadh deireanach. De réir an tsainordaithe tugtha dó ag an reachtaíocht, tá an Bord tiomanta go leanfaidh gach tionscadal a thagann roimhe a bheith measta go righin, bunaithe ar na prionsabail de phleanáil cheart agus forbairt inchothaithe. Tá an Bord lán meabhrach den tábhacht a bhaineann le muinín an phobail a chothabháil sa tslí go ndéanann sé cinneadh ar na

D'fhonn cabhrú le hurraitheoirí tionscadail, páirtithe le suim acu agus údaráis áitiúla san fheidhmiú éifeachtach den reachtaíocht nua, foilseoidh an Bord treoir le sonraí dá nósanna imeachta sula dtagann na forálacha nua i bhfeidhm san áireamh.

Tá aird á thabhairt chomh maith do leordhóntacht na n-acmhainní foirne údaraithe chun a ndualgais nua a chur de láimh agus don ath-struchtúrú d'eagraíocht inmheánach an Bhoird.

Ag cur Feabhas ar an Eagraíocht

Cuireadh rúin an Bhoird ar ath-struchtúrú agus athchonraitheoireacht a tháinig as na moltaí ar an
Athbhreithniú Riaracháin de fhoirne agus struchtúir
an Bhoird faoi bhráid na Roinne Comhshaoil,
Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil in Aibreán 2004 le
haghaidh formheasa. Táid ina ábhair ghnóthaíochta
sonracha laistigh den Roinn ó shin. Tá cur i
bhfeidhm na moltaí de chuid na comhairleoirí a
rinneadh an t-Athbhreithniú Riaracháin éirithe ina
ábhar díospóide chaidrimh thionsclaíocha idir an
Bord agus an fhoireann ionadaíochta
ceardchumainn, áfach. Tá an díospóid tarchurtha
don Choimisiún Caidrimh Oibreachais agus an Chúirt
Saothair a rinneadh an chéad moladh i bhFeabhra

Commission and the Labour Court who made an initial recommendation in February 2006.

Negotiations were resumed with the union on the basis of the Labour Court's recommendation.

- The report on the equality initiative (referred to in the 2004 Report) has been accepted by the Board and is currently being implemented. We are also participating in the National Disability Authority's Excellence Through Access Award scheme.
- 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.
- An Appraisal and Development System is in place for Board Members and all staff within the organisation, including a Forecasting and Appraisal Scheme for inspectors.
- The Board has adopted a detailed customer service action plan, which states clearly the level of service our customers can expect. An improved system of dealing with complaints is an important element in this plan. Information on the level of complaints is now included in the Annual Report. Some complaints provide useful feedback for the organisation.
- The Board and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government have set up a joint standing committee to review matters of common interest, including the quality and consistency of the Board's decisions and to provide feedback from the Board on planning authority decisions.
- The Board welcomes the use of the Irish language by those doing business with us and encourages and supports staff to become fluent in the language. The Board has been requested, under section 11 of the Official Languages Act 2003, to prepare a draft Scheme specifying the services it proposes to provide through Irish. The Board expects to present the Scheme to the Minister of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in 2006.

- 2006. Tosaíodh ar ghnóthaíocht arís leis an gceardchumann ar bhonn an mholta de chuid na Cúirte Saothair.
- Tá an Bord tar-éis glacadh leis an dtuairisc ar an dtionscnaimh comhionannais (gur rinneadh tagairt dó i dtuarascáil 2004) agus tá sé á chur i bhfeidhm faoi láthair. Táimid ag glacadh páirte chomh maith i Scéim Duais Sármhaithis Trí Rochtain an Údaráis Náisiúnta Míchumais.
- Tá polasaí á fheidhmiú ag an mBord atá deartha chun an áit oibre a chur chun cinn mar áit atá saor ó chiníochas agus ó idirdhealú agus crá eile agus a chuireann fáilte roimh éagsúlacht san áit oibre..
- Tá sé mar pholasaí againn caidreamh a chothú leis an bpobal lár-chathrach áitiúil ina bhfuilimid lonnaithe agus tá caidreamh déanta againn le scoileanna áitiúla agus tá tairiscint déanta ar thaithí oibre a thabhairt do dhaoine óga áitiúla.
- Tá Córas Meastóireachta agus Forbartha in áit do Bhaill Bhoird agus an fhoireann go léir leis an eagraíocht, le Scéim Réamhaisnéise agus Meastóireachta le haghaidh cigirí.
- Tá plean gníomhaíochta custaiméara sonrach glactha ag an mBord, a shainíonn an leibhéil seirbhíse gur féidir lenár gcustaiméirí a bheith ag súil leis. Is gné tábhachtach den phlean seo córas feabhsaithe chun déileáil le gearáin. Tá eolas ar leibhéil na ngearán curtha san áireamh ins an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil. Tugann roinnt ghearáin aiseolais úsáideach don eagraíocht .
- Tá coiste chomh-sheasta bunaithe ag an mBord agus an Roinn Chomhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtas Áitiúil chun athbhreithniú a dhéanamh ar ábhair atá de suim comónta, le caighdeán agus comhsheasmhacht cinntí an Bhoird agus aiseolas a sholáthar ón mBord ar chinntí an údaráis phleanála.
- Fáiltíonn an Bord roimh úsáid na Teanga Gaeilge acu siúd a dhéanann gnó linn agus spreagann agus tacaíonn an Bord leis an bhfoireann chun líofacht sa teanga a bhaint amach. D'iarradh ar an mBord, faoi alt 11 d'Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003, chun Scéim dréachta a ullmhú a shonraíonn na seirbhísí atá ar intinn aige a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge. Tá sé ar intinn ag an mBord an Scéim a chur i láthair an Aire Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta i 2006.



- An Internal Audit in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies was carried out for 2005 and the report was approved by the Internal Audit Committee consisting of three Board Members. Also, external financial consultants engaged in 2003 to review financial management systems within the Board, assisted with the implementation of revised systems in accordance with their recommendations.
- The Board's Progress Reports on the implementation of the Revised Action Plan, under the Sustaining Progress National Agreement, 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.







- Rinneadh Iniúchadh Inmheánach de réir Cód
 Cleachtais don Rialú de Chomhlachtaí Stáit i gcóir
 2005 agus bhí an tuarascáil formheasta ag an
 gCoiste Iniúchta Inmheánach ar a bhfuil trí Bhall den
 Bhord. Chomh maith, fostaíodh comhairleoirí
 airgeadais seachtracha i 2003 chun athbhreithniú a
 dhéanamh ar na córais bhainistíochta airgeadais
 laistigh den Bhord, a bhí cabhraithe le cur i
 bhfeidhm na gcóras athbhreithnithe de réir a gcuid
 moltaí
- Tá Tuarascálacha Dul Chun Cinn an Bhoird ar chur i bhfeidhm an Phlean Ghníomhaíochta Athbhreithnithe, faoin gComhaontú Náisiúnta um Choinneáil an Dul Chun Cinn, formheasta ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtas Áitiúil.

Muinín an Phobail

Tá trí chroí-phrionsabail an Bhoird, neamhspleáchas, neamhchlaontacht agus oscailteacht leagtha síos inár Ráiteas Misin agus ár gcuspóirí agus tá siad bun-tacaithe ag reachtaíocht. Táimid meabhrach i gcónaí go mbraitheann muinín an phobail ar mhacántacht agus ar chaighdeán ár gcinnteoireacht agus an gairmiúlacht lena ndéanaimid ár bhfeidhmeanna. Tá cód iompair reachtúil ann do gach ball an Bhoird, foireann agus comhairleoirí, a chuireann dualgais diana ar bhaill agus ar fhostaithe an Bhoird chun aon leas atá acu a chur in iúl agus iad féin a iompar go hiondúil i slí a cuireann le muinín an phobail. Is é polasaí an Bhoird glacadh leis an cur chuige is oscailte agus is féidir ina caidreamh leis an bpobal agus feidhmímid córas comhaid ata oscailte ina iomlán chomh luath agus atá cinntí déanta ar chásanna.

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.

Accounts

Appendix 10 contains the Board's audited accounts for 2005. A change in 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. For comparison purposes, the 2004 figures have been restated to reflect FRS 17.

Expenditure increased from the restated figure of €17,731,540 in 2004 (€14,944,540 stated in the 2004 report) to €18,799,861 in 2005 due mainly to increased remuneration and operating costs associated with the increase in intake of cases. In 2005, fee income together with costs recouped from local authorities on infrastructure projects was €2,673,237 which represented 14% of the total costs of the Board's operations (12% in 2004).

In 2005, income amounted to €18,600,906 (which includes €3,199,000 to reflect the net additional superannuation costs arising under FRS 17) leaving a deficit for the year of €198,955. There was an incoming deficit of €187,844 which left a cumulative deficit of €11,111. (The deficit figures are unaffected by FRS 17).

Thanks

I wish to thank the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Mr Dick Roche, T.D. and officials of the Department for their support for the Board. I wish to express my appreciation to the other members of the Board and staff at all levels for their ongoing commitment and cooperation and also to the consultants and fee-per-case inspectors. 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 Toisc go mbaineann ár gcinntí le mór-fhorbairtí is rud nádúrtha é go mbeadh cuid acu mar chúis conspóide poiblí. Síleann an Bord, áfach, go bhfuil sé ceart an cleachtais gan dul i mbun plé ar chásanna aonair atá fad-bunaithe a chothú toisc an nádúr leath-dlíthiúil a bhaineann lenár bhfeidhmeanna agus chun baol claontachta a sheachaint i gcásanna sa todhchaí.

Cuntais

Tá cuntais iniúchta an Bhoird do 2005 ar fáil in Aguisín 10. De bharr athrú ar chóras cuntasaíochta airgeadais (FRS 17) caithfidh an Bord faisnéis ón scéim pinsin a chur san áireamh mar cuid dílis den chuntais agus tá sé seo léirithe san cuntais. Le haghaidh cuspóirí comparáide, tá na figiúirí 2004 athráite chun FRS 17 a léiriú.

Tháinig ardú ar chaiteachas ón fhigiúr athráite de €17,731,540 i 2004 (€14,944,540 ráite i dturascáil 2004) go dtí €18,799,861 i 2005 toisc an t-ardú i líon costais oibríocta agus luach saothair a bhí ag baint dóibh le cásanna a fuarthas. I 2005, ba é €2,673,237 an teacht isteach ó tháillí agus costais a fuarthas ó údaráis áitiúla ar thionscadail bhonneagair, a léirigh 14% de chostais iomlána oibríochta an Bhoird (12% I 2004).

I 2005, tháinig ioncam go dtí €18,600,906 (a chur san áireamh €3,199,000 chun costais aoisliúntais breise glan a léiriu a bhí ag fáil ó FRS 17) ag fágáil easnamh don bhliain de €198,955. Bhí easnamh ioncaim de €187,844 a d'fhág easnamh carnach de €11,111. (Ní cuireann FRS 17 isteach ar na figiúirí easnamh).

Buíochas

Is maith liom buíochas a ghabháil leis an Aire Chomshaoil, Oidhreachta, agus Rialtas Áiliúil, an t-Usal. Dick Roche, T.D. agus oifigigh na Roinne dá dtacaíocht don Bhord. Is ian liom no bhuíochas a ghabháil le baill eile an Bhoird agus leis an bhfoireann ag gach leibéil dá dílseacht agus comhoibriú leanúnach agus leis na comhairleoirí agus leis na cigirí a ghéibheann táille in aghaidh an cás. Tá buíochas tuillte chomh mailt le bainistíocht agus le hoifigigh na n-údarás pleanála dá gcomhoibriú agus le comhairleoirí dlí an Bhoird.

Seán Ó Conchuir, Cathaoirleach

Ilu O'Connen

ALL CASES

GACH CÁS

Figures 1 to 6 contain key performance indicators in relation to all casework received and disposed of by the Board in 2005 and compares with 2004 or ten-year trends. A breakdown of casework by reference to normal planning appeals, local authority projects and other cases is provided in the following tables.

Tá mórtháscairí feidhmíochta i bhfigiúir 1 go dtí 6 maidir le gach cás a faighte agus curtha de láimh ag an mBord i 2005 agus déantar comparáid le 2004 nó le claonta ar feadh tréimhse deich mbliana. Tugtar briseadh síos ar an gcásobair de réir tagartha do ghnáth achomhairc phleanála, tionscadail údaráis áitiúla agus cásanna eile sna táblaí seo a leanas.

IGURE 1: Jummary All Cases		FIGIÚR 1: Achoimre Gach Cás				
		2005	2004	Méadú/(laghdú) % Increase/ (decrease) %		
On hands at start	Idir lámha ag an tús	1,503	1,353	11%		
Received	Faighte	5,946	5,261	13%		
Disposed of	Curtha de láimh	5,387	5,111	5%		
On hands at end	ldir lámha ag an deireadh	2,062	1,503	37%		
Disposed of within statutory objective period	Curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil	78%	85%			
Average time taken (weeks)	Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí)	15	14			

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Received: Highest level since Board was

established. Second highest was in 2001. Intake was up 24% on the annual average over the period 1996 to 2005.

Disposed of: Second highest level. Disposals

were up 15% on the annual average over the period 1996 to

2005.

On hands at end: Third highest since 1996.

Disposed of within statutory objective period:

Fourth highest level since 1996.

Average time taken Downward trend in preceding

years was arrested due to large increase in intake of cases.

Príomh-chlaonadh

Faighte: An leibhéal is airde ó bhunaíodh

an Bord. 2001 ab ea an dara ceann is airde. Bhí ardú de 24% ar an meán bliantúil thar an tréimhse ó 1996 go dtí 2005.

Curtha de láimh: An dara leibhéal is airde. Bhí líon

na gcásanna a cuireadh de láimh ardaithe 15% ar an meán bliantúil thar an tréimhse ó 1996 go dtí

2005.

Idir lámha ag deireadh: Tríú leibhéal is airde ó 1996.

Curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil: An ceathrú leibhéil is airde ó

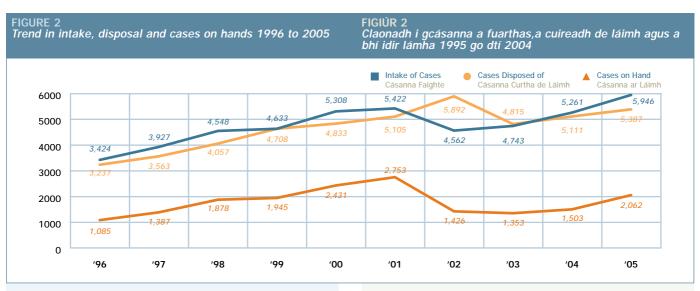
1996.

Meán am a tógadh: Cuireadh stop leis an claonadh de

laghdú sna blianta roimhe leis an méadú mór i líon na gcásanna á

thógáil isteach.





GURE 3 nalysis of cases on hands	FIGIÚR 3 Anailís ar chásanna idir lámha							
		Laistigh d thréimhse Within s objective	tatutory			réimhse reachtu bjective period		Cásanna i nGéilleadh Cases in Abeyance
		<14 weeks	≥ 14 but <18	≥ 18 but <22	≥ 22 but <26	≥ 26 but <30	≥ 30	
Major Infrastructure Appeals	Cásanna Móra Bhonneagair	11	6	4	2	1	2	-
Local Authority Projects	Tionscadail na nÚdarás Áitiúil	29	9	0	4	0	4	4
All Priority	Gach Tosaíocht	150	59	24	21	17	24	-
All Cases (incl. non-priority)	Gach Cás (neamh- thosaíocht san áireamh)	1,213	436	209	103	55	41	5
		1,6	49		40)8		5
		'			2,062			

The number of cases on hand over the statutory objective period at end of year represented 20% 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 lámha thar an sprioc thréimhse reachtúil,ag deireadh na bliana, 20% de gach cás a bhí idir lámha.

Sprioc thréimhsí reachtúla do chinntí a dhéanamh ar chásanna

Leag na forálacha atá sna hAchtanna um Pleanail, Rialú Tógala agus Truailliú Uisce agus i Rialacháin déanta faoi na hAchtanna mar chuspóir ag an mBord riachtanas chun a chinntiú go dtabharfar cinneadh ar achomhairc 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.

mí le roinnt cásanna cé i gcásanna eile níl aon sprioc thréimhse ama reachtúil ann. Is cuspóir 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.

FIGURE 4
Percentage of cases determined within statutory objective period 1996 to 2005





During 2005, 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. In 22% of those cases, the Board failed to determine the case before the date specified in such notices. Figure 5 gives details of the number of weeks it took to decide cases from 1996 to 2005.

Le linn 2005, chlóigh an Bord leis an riachtanas reachtúil go dtabharfaí fógra i scríbhinn do na páirtithe i gcás áit nach féidir nó nach bhfuil sé oiriúnach cinneadh a dhéanamh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil. Theip ar an mBord cinneadh a dhéanamh i 22% de chásanna roimh an dáta a bhí tugtha ins na fógraí sin. Tugann an tábla thíos sonraí faoi líon na seachtain a thóg sé cinneadh a dhéanamh i gcásanna ó 1996 go dtí 2005.

RE 5 ge time taken to dispose of cases		FIGIÚR 5 Meán ama a thóg sé cásanna a chur de láimh				
Bliain Year	Gnáth Achomhairc Phleanála Normal planning appeals	Number of Weeks Tionscadail Údarás Áitiúil Local Authority Projects	Líon Seachtain Cásanna Eile Other cases	lomlán All		
1996	15	-	-	15		
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		

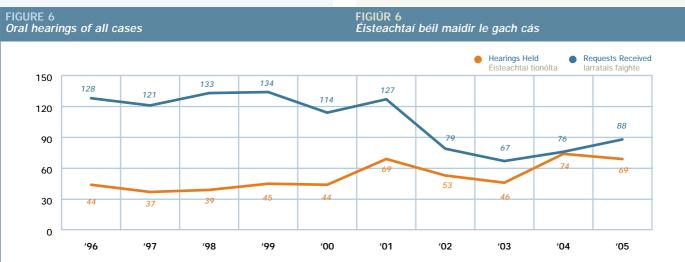


Oral hearings

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.

Éisteachtaí Béil

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 Bhord nó nár iarr. Caithfidh an Bord éisteacht bhéil a reáchtáil maidir le orduithe ceannaithe éigeantacha áirithe agus scéimeanna bóthair.



Note: Oral hearings from 2001 include oral hearings of local authority compulsory purchase orders and road schemes. In 2005 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 béil maidir le horduithe ceannaithe éigeantacha údarás áitiúil agus scéimeanna bóthair san áireamh in éisteachtaí béail ó 2001. I 2005 bhí 80 iarratas ar éisteachtaí béil maidir le gnáth achomhairc ph

Inspectors' Reports and Recommendations

In 2005, the number of formal decisions made with Inspectors' reports were 3,814. The number of Inspectors' recommendations not generally accepted by the Board was 479 (12.6%) compared to 411 (11.9%) in 2004.

Moltaí agus Tuarascálacha gCigirí

I 2005, rinneadh 3,814 cinneadh foirmiúil le tuarascálacha na gCigirí. Níor ghlac an Bord go ginearálta le 479 (12.6%) de mholtaí na gCigirí í gcomparáid le 411 (11.9%) i 2004.

NORMAL PLANNING APPEALS

GNÁTH ACHOMHAIRC PHI FANÁI A

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 2005, up 2% on 2004. 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.

Réamhrá

93% de na cásanna go léir a fuarthas i 2005 ",suas 2% ar 2004," ba ea gnáth achomhairc phleanála, sé sin, faoi alt 37 den Acht Pleanála 2000 (agus faoi alt 26 d'Acht Pleanála 1963 do shean chásanna pleanála). Eascraíonn 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 thuasluaite agus an éifeacht atá ag na cinntí achomhairc trí thagairt a dhéanamh don chatagóir achomhairc agus do chinneadh an údaráis phleanála.

GURE 7 ummary of appeals	FIGIÚR 7 Achoimre na nAchomharc			
		2005	2004	Ardú/ (laghdú) % Increase/ (decrease) %
On hands at start	Idir lámha ag an tús	1,389	1,244	12%
Received	Faighte	5,503	4,810	14%
Disposed of	Curtha de láimh	4,964	4,665	6%
On hands at end	Idir lámha ag deireadh	1,928	1,389	39%
Disposed of within statutory objective period	Curtha de láimh laistigh de sprioc thréimhse reachtúil	78%	86%	
Average time taken (weeks)	Meán ama a tógadh (seachtainí)	15	14	7%

Received: The intake was the highest ever

recorded. The ending of some of the 'Urban and Rural Renewal Tax Incentive Schemes was probably a major factor in the high rate in the

increase in intake.

On hands at end: Highest since 2001.

Faighte: Ba é seo an líon is mó

achomhairc faighte riamh. Is cosúil go raibh deireadh a chur le roinnt de na Scéimeanna Dreasachta Cánach Uirbeacha agus Tuaithe mar phríomhfhachtóir sa mhéadú ard in achomhairc ag

teacht isteach.

Idir Lámha ag deireagh: Is airde ó 2001.



GURE 8 lalysis of appeals disposed of and analysis of invalid cases	FIGIÚR 8 Anailís ar achomhairc a cuireadh de láimh chásanna neamhbhailí	agus ana	ailís ar
Appeals Disposed of	Achomhairc curtha de láimh	2005	2004
Formally	Go foirmeálta	3,633	3,289
Otherwise	Ar bhealaí eile	1,331	1,37
- Invalid All	- Neamhbhailí Iomlán	859	91
• late	- Déanach	270	31
no acknowledgement	- gan admháil	216	28
• incorrect fee, no fee	- táille mícheart, gan táille	234	17
name/address of appellant/agent	- ainm/seoladh achomharcóir/gníomhaire	99	10
• grounds/subject	- bonn/ábhar	20	1
• hours	- uaireanta	14	1
• other	- eile	6	
Appeal withdrawn by appellant (section 140(1) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc aistarraingthe ag an achomharcóir (alt 140(1)den Acht 2000)	334	32
Application withdrawn by applicant (section 140(1) of 2000 Act)	- Iarratas aistarraingthe ag an iarratasóir (alt 140(1)den Acht 2000)	94	7
Appeal dismissed (section 37(4)(b) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 37(4)(b)den Acht 2000)	1	
Appeal dismissed (section 133 of the 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 133 den Acht 2000)	1	
Appeal dismissed (section 138(1)(a)(i) of 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 138(1)(a)(i))den Acht 2000)	17	3
Appeal dismissed (section 138(1)(b) of the 2000 Act)	- Achomharc dífe (alt 138(1)(b)den Acht 2000)	17	1
Appeal declared withdrawn (section 140(2) of 2000 Act)	- Fógraíodh gur aistarraingíodh an achomharc (alt 140(2)den Acht 2000)	2	
Application declared withdrawn (section 140(2) of 2000 Act)	- Fógraíodh gur aistarraingíodh an an t-iarratas (alt 140(2)den Acht 2000)	5	
- Otherwise disposed of	- Curtha de láimh i slí eile	1	
Total	Iomlán	4,964	4,66

Invalid Appeals

Despite measures taken by the Board, the rate of invalid appeals in 2005 only reduced from 19.6% in 2004 to 17.3% of the total disposed.

Fees: The increase in invalid cases relating to incorrect fee probably arises from the introduction of revised fees in February 2005.

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

D'ainneoin na bearta glachta ag an mBord, níor laghdaigh ráta na n-achomharc neamhbhailí ach ó 19.6% i 2004 go 17.3% i 2005 den iomlán curtha de láimh.

Táillí: Is cosúil gur tharla an méadú i gcásanna neamhbhailí maidir le táille mhícheart toisc gur tugadh táillí athbhreithnithe isteach i mí Feabhra 2005.

Déanach: Is é ceithre seachtain ón lá a dhéanann an túdarás pleanála 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 Achta 2000 go hiondúil go mbeadh admháil ón údarás pleanála 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 7.4%, compared to 6.9%* in 2004.

South Dublin (16.1%), Dublin City (15.8%) and Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown (15.1%) had the highest levels of decisions appealed. Areas with the highest rate of appealed decisions overturned by the Board were Donegal (56.7%), Mayo (46.5%) and Cavan (42.1%) while those with the lowest rate of appealed decisions overturned were Offaly (15.4%), Meath (21.4%) and Kilkenny (22.7%).

* An incorrect figure was published in the 2004 Annual Report.

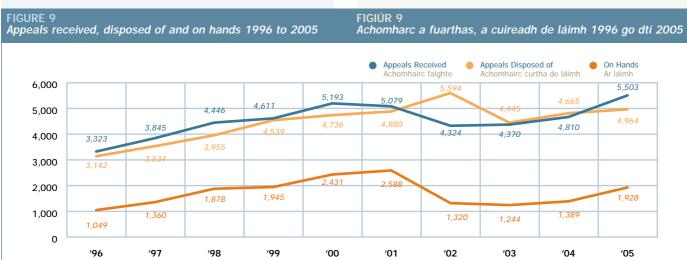


Achomhairc de réir Ceantair

Taispeánann Aguisín 2 anailís de chinntí ar iarratais phleanála, achomhairc,agus cinntí ar achomhairc do gach ceantar chontae agus cathrach. Ar an iomlán, ba é 7.4% an céatadán achomharc a fuarthas mar chéatadán de chinntí ar iarratais phleanála na n-údarás pleanála i gcomparáid le 6.9%* i 2004.

Bhí na leibhéil is airde de chinntí ar a rinneadh achomhairc ag Baile Átha Cliath (16.1%), Cathair Átha Cliath (15.8%) agus Dún Laoghaire/Ráth an Dúin (15.1%). Ba iad Dún na nGall (56.7%), Maigh Eo (46.5%) agus na An Cabhán (42.1%) na háiteanna leis an ráta is airde de chinntí achomhairc iompaithe ag an mBord, fad ia a bhí an ráta is ísle de chinntí achomhairc iompaithe in Uíbhi Fhailí (15.4%), sa Mhí (21.4%) agus i gCill Chainnigh (22.7%).

* figiúirí 2004 athbhreithnithe i ndiaidh fhoilsiú na tuarascála.





Major Infrastructure Appeals

The number of major infrastructure appeals received during 2005 was 78, the number disposed of was 77, of which 61% were disposed of within the statutory objective period. The average time taken to dispose of major infrastructure appeals was 23 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 78 achomharc um bhonneagar mór le linn 2005, bhí 77 curtha de láimh, dá raibh 61% curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil. Thóg é 23 seachtain ar an meán chun achomhairc um bhonneagair mhóra a chur de láimh. Is iad seo a leanas na critéir fhorleathana a chuirtear i bhfeidhm agus cinneadh á dhéanamh ar cibé ar chóir stádas bonneagair mhóir a thabhairt d'achomharc pleanála:

- Tionscadail náisiúnta agus/nó réigiúnacha/áitiúla de thábhacht eacnamaíoch ar leith,
- Cumas fostaíochta suntasach,
- Tionscadail thionsclaíocha/tráchtála/chónaithe mórscála 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 2005, planning authorities submitted the planning file and other documents in relation to appeals to the Board within the statutory period of two weeks in 66% of appeals (71% in 2004).

Rural Housing

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government launched the Sustainable Rural Housing Guidelines on the 13th 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 6.

Cáipéisí á chur faoi bhráid an Bhoird ag Údaráis Phleanála

I 2005, chuir údaráis phleanála an comhad pleanála agus cáipéisí eile maidir le hachomhairc, faoi bhráid an Bhoird laistigh den tréimhse reachtúil de dhá sheachtain i gcás 66% de na hachomhairc (71% i 2004).

Tithíocht Tuaithe

Sheol an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil na Treoirlínte ar Thithíocht Tuaithe Inchothaithe ar 13ú 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 Aguisín 6.

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS

TIONSCADAIL ÚDARÁS ÁITIÚIL

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.

Tá freagracht ag an mBord faoi Achtanna Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000 go dtí 2004 as meastóireacht agus cinntí a dhéanamh ar thionscadail mór- infrastuchtúir na nÚdarás Áitiúil (motor-bhealaí agus tionscadail bhóthair ina measc) chomh maith le moltaí na nÚdarás 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.

GURE 10 ummary analysis	FIGIÚR 10 Achoimre Anailíseach					
		2005	2004	Ardú/ (Laghdú) % Increase/ (decrease)%		
On hands at start	ldir lámha ag an tús	58	54	7%		
Received	Faighte	124	129	(4%)		
Disposed of • formally • otherwise	Curtha de láimh • foirmiúil • ar bhealaí eile	132 84 48	125 78 47	6% 8% 2%		
Disposed of within statutory objective period all formally decided	Curtha de láimh laistigh den sprioc thréimhse reachtúil • gach cás • Cineadh déanta go foirmiúil	74% 61%	73% 58%			
Average time taken (weeks) • all • formally decided	Meán ama tógtha (seachtainí) • gach cás • Cineadh déanta go foirmiúil	16 22	18 22	(11%)		

IGURE 11 lature of decisions		FIGIÚR 11 An Sórt Cinntí						
			Approved* Ceadaithe	e*				
Cineál Cáis Case type		Le hathraithe With modifications	Gan athraithe Without modifications	lomlán Ceadaithe Total approved	Diúltaithe* Refused*	lomlán cinntí Total decisions		
Compulsory Acquisition	Fála Éigeantacha	17	18	35	8	43		
Road Projects	Tionscadail Bóithre	12	-	12	1	13		
Other local authority projects	Tionscadail eile na nÚdarás Áitiúla	14	3	17	-	17		
Total	lomlán	43	21	64	9	73		

In addition, the Board directed that an EIS not be prepared in 3 EIA sub-threshold cases and be prepared in 6 such cases. It also provided responses in relation to 2 EIA scoping requests. There were 48 informal decisions, i.e. where no objections were received in compulsory acquisition cases.

Sa bhreis ar seo d'ordaigh an Bord gan MTT a ullmhú i 5 cás MTT fotháirsigh agus go n-ullmhófaí ceann i 4 cás eile mar sin. Chuir sé eolas ar fáil i dtaobh iarratas amháin do scóipeáil MTT. Bhí 47 cinntí neamh-fhoirmiúla m.sh. áit nár fuarthas aon cur i gcoinne i gcásanna fála éigeantacha.

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

^{*} Baintear úsáid as na téarmaí "ceadaithe" agus "diúltaithe" go comhráiteach. Baineann téarmaí éagsúla ag braith ar an reachtaíocht cuí.

OTHER CASES

CÁSANNA EILE



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 2005 is set out in Figure 12.



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

Tá feidhmeanna eile tugtha don Bhord seachas gnáth achomhairc phleanála agus tionscadail údarás áitiúil,faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála; An tAcht um Rialú Foirgníochta 1990, na hAchtanna Rialtais Áitiúil (Truailliú Uisce) 1977 agus 1990; agus an tAcht um Thruailliú Aeir 1987. Tá achoimre de na cásanna a tháinig faoi bhráid an Bhoird i 2005 leagtha amach i bhFigiúr 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 Aeir

					Curth	Disposed of in ' na de láimh sa	Year bhliain	
		On hands start of year	Received in year	Sub-total	Formally decided	Otherwise disposed	AII	On hands end of year
		ldir Lámha ag tús na bliana	Faighte sa bhliain	Fo-lomlán	Cinntí Foirmiúla	Curtha de láimh i slí eile	Gach	ldir lámha ag deireadh na bliana
Planning Acts	Achtanna Pleanála							
Leave to Appeal	Cead Achomharc	4	139	143	96	37	133	10
Referrals	Tarchuir 1	26	106	132	58	39	97	35
Determinations ¹	Cinntí 1	3	8	11	4	3	7	4
Section 254 Licences	Ceadúnais Rannóg 254	4	6	10	6	1	7	3
Planning Scheme(SDZ)	Scéim Pleanála (SDZ)	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Sub Total	Fo-lomlán	38	259	297	164	80	244	53
Building Control Act	Acht um Rialú Foirgníochta							
Fire Safety Certificate	Teastas Sábháilteachta Tine	9	37	46	22	3	25	21
Relaxation & Dispensation Certificates	Teastais Riartha agus Maolaithe	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Sub Total	Fo-lomlán	9	38	47	22	3	25	22
Water Pollution Acts	Achtanna um Thruailliú Uisce							
Discharge to water	Curtha chuig Uisce	2	13	15	7	2	9	6
Discharge to sewers	Curtha chuig Séarachas	0	2	2	1	1	2	0
Sub Total	Fo-lomlán	2	15	17	8	3	11	6
Air Pollution Act	Acht um Thruailliú Aer							
Air emission	Scaoileadh aer	7	7	14	10	1	11	3
Total	Iomlán	56	319	375	204	87	291	84

233 (80%) of the 291 cases were disposed of within 18 weeks/4 months, as appropriate.

These cases relate to the 1963 to 1999 Planning Acts.

233 (80%)de na 291 cásanna curtha de láimh laistigh de 18 seachtaine/4 mí,mar is cuí. Baineann roinnt de na cásanna sin leis na hAchtanna Pleanála 1963 go 1999.

HUMAN RESOURCES

ACMHAINNÍ DAONNA

The Board recognises that its main asset is its staff. The Board's authorised staffing complement at the end of 2005, exclusive of Board members, was 146.5. The highest level of staff employed by the Board was 145.5 in July 2005. The average number of staff employed during 2005 was 134.5 (128 in 2004).

The following staff were employed as at 31 December 2005. The organisational structure is on page 28.

Chief Officer*Paul MullallySecretary*Diarmuid CollinsPlanning Officer*Tom O'Connor

Deputy Planning Officers*

Ben Cranwell, Des Johnson, Padraic 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, Philip Davis, Jane Dennehy, Michael Dillon, David Dunne, Philip Green, Philip Jones, Dermot Kelly, Kevin Moore, Laurie Mulrine, Danny O'Connor, Robert Ryan, Keith Sargeant, Ruairí Somers, Brendan Wyse, Öznur Yücel-Finn.

Senior Executive Officers

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

Planning Inspectors

Caryn Coogan, Des Cox, Derek Daly, Emer Doyle, Breda Gannon, Pauline Fitzpatrick, Leslie Howard, Brian Keaney, Suzanne Kehely, Jenny Kelly, Mary Kennelly, Mairead Kenny, Kevin Lynch, Pat Lyons, Conor McGrath, Deirdre MacGabhann, Stephen O'Sullivan, Tom Rabbette, Melissa Walsh.

* Member of Management Committee

Aithníonn an Bord go bhfuil a phríomh shócmhainn a fhoireann. Bhí an comhlán foirne údaraithe an Bhoird ag deireadh 2005, gan comhaltaí an Bhoird san áireamh, mar 146.5. Ba ee an leibhéal is airde den fhoireann fostaithe ag an mBord ná 145.5 i mí Iúil 2005. Tá an meán uimhir foirne fostaithe i rith 2004 ná 128 (128 i 2004).

Tá an fhoireann a fostaíodh mar ag 31 Nollaig 2005 mar seo a leanas. Tá an struchtúr eagraíochta ar leathanach 28.

Príomh Oifigeach* Paul Mullally

Rúnaí* Diarmuid Collins

Oifigeach Pleanála* Tom O 'Connor

Oifigigh Tánaisteacha Pleanála*

Ben Cranwell, Des Johnson, Padraic Thornton, Michael Walsh

Oifigigh Riaracháin Sinsearacha*

Chris Clarke, Gerard Egan, Bríd Hill, Ellen Morrin.

Cigirí Pleanála Sinsearacha

Andrew Boyle, Paul Caprani, James N. Carroll, Mary Cunneen, Philip Davis, Jane Dennehy, Michael Dillon, David Dunne, Philip Green, Philip Jones, Dermot Kelly, Kevin Moore, Laurie Mulrine, Danny O'Connor, Robert Ryan, Keith Sargeant, Ruairí Somers, Brendan Wyse, Öznur Yücel-Finn.

Oifigigh Feidhmiúcháin Sinsearacha

Michael Donlan, Marcella Doyle, Tom Gill, Josephine Hayes, Mary Kelly, Carol Moloney, Myriam O'Neill, Bernie Redmond.

Cigirí Pleanála

Caryn Coogan, Des Cox, Derek Daly, Emer Doyle, Breda Gannon, Pauline Fitzpatrick, Leslie Howard, Brian Keaney, Suzanne Kehely, Jenny Kelly, Mary Kennelly, Mairead Kenny, Kevin Lynch, Pat Lyons, Conor McGrath, Deirdre MacGabhann, Stephen O'Sullivan, Tom Rabbette, Melissa Walsh.

* Comhaltaí den Choiste Bainistíochta



Executive Officers

Frances Barrett, Miriam Baxter, Bronwyn Byrne, Muiríosa Cassells, Patrick Cosgrave, Darren Coombes, Cora Cunningham, Frank Dempsey, Kieran Doherty, Eamonn Dowling, John Duffy, Tom Egan, Nóirín Finnegan, Regina Fitzgerald, Jane Gilvarry, Mary Holohan, Gráinne Kelly, Shane Kelly, Violet Kennedy, Anne Killian, Fergal Kilmurray, Patricia Leggett, Sinead McInerney, Brid McManus, Nichola McNamee, Aisling Matthews, Sue Morel, Carmel Morgan, Helen Murphy, Catherine Nolan, Mairead Oglesby, Lisa Quinn, Luke Ryan, Noel Ryan, Nora Ryan, Kieran Somers, Bríd Tiernan, Mary Tucker, Patricia Wall, Siobhán White, Gavin White.

Administrative **Assistants**

Christopher Byrne, Alison Cassidy, Roslyn Collins, Ian Conroy, Anne Marie Corbett, Rory Creagh, Stephen Deighan, Rita Donnelly, Marie Doyle, Gavin Duffy, James Fagan, Niall Fitzpatrick, Siobhan Gavin, Seamus Grant, Josephine Halpin, Anna Howard, Barry Keegan, Christian Keegan, Michelle Keenan, Anna Kelsh, Rita Kiernan, Mary Ledwith, Leonard Mangan, Mark Masterson, Susan Moloney, Wayne Moss, Alan McArdle, Keelin McCarthy, Yvonne McCormack, Mary McGrath, Neil Molloy, Treasa NicRéamoinn, Ted O'Brien, Carmen O'Carroll, Joe Reilly, Jim Roe, Maeve Shaw, Dermot Staunton, Stephen Sutton, Sinead Sweeney, David Walker, Eilis Weafer, Colm Walsh, Jenny Walton.

Oifigigh Feidhmiúcháin Frances Barrett, Miriam Baxter, Bronwyn Byrne, Muiríosa Cassells, Patrick Cosgrave, Darren Coombes, Cora Cunningham, Frank Dempsey, Kieran Doherty, Eamonn Dowling, John Duffy, Tom Egan, Nóirín Finnegan, Regina Fitzgerald, Jane Gilvarry, Mary Holohan, Gráinne Kelly, Shane Kelly, Violet Kennedy, Anne Killian, Fergal Kilmurray, Patricia Leggett, Sinead McInerney, Brid McManus, Nichola McNamee, Aisling Matthews, Sue Morel, Carmel Morgan, Helen Murphy, Catherine Nolan, Mairead Oglesby, Lisa Quinn, Luke Ryan, Noel Ryan, Nora Ryan, Kieran Somers, Bríd Tiernan, Mary Tucker, Patricia Wall, Siobhán White, Gavin White.

Cúntóirí Riaracháin

Christopher Byrne, Alison Cassidy, Roslyn Collins, Ian Conroy, Anne Marie Corbett, Rory Creagh, Stephen Deighan, Rita Donnelly, Marie Doyle, Gavin Duffy, James Fagan, Niall Fitzpatrick, Siobhan Gavin, Seamus Grant, Josephine Halpin, Anna Howard, Barry Keegan, Christian Keegan, Michelle Keenan, Anna Kelsh, Rita Kiernan, Mary Ledwith, Leonard Mangan, Mark Masterson, Susan Moloney, Wayne Moss, Alan McArdle, Keelin McCarthy, Yvonne McCormack, Mary McGrath, Neil Molloy, Treasa NicRéamoinn, Ted O'Brien, Carmen O'Carroll, Joe Reilly, Jim Roe, Maeve Shaw, Dermot Staunton, Stephen Sutton, Sinead Sweeney, David Walker, Eilis Weafer, Colm Walsh, Jenny



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

During 2005, 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. Feeper-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 parttime consultant inspectors in 2005 and 2004. The number of reports received from these inspectors in 2005 represented 37% of all reports received, (35% in 2004).

Consultants retained by the Board in the foregoing capacities in 2005, other than FPC Inspectors, are on page 28.

Comhairleoirí, Moltóiri agus Cigirí Comhairleacha Páirtaimseartha

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

I rith 2005, choimeád an Bord, faoi alt 124 den Acht Pleanála 2000, seirbhísí de chomhairleoirí gairmiúla chun iad a mholadh ar chúrsaí speisialta a ardaíonn in achomhairc áirithe.

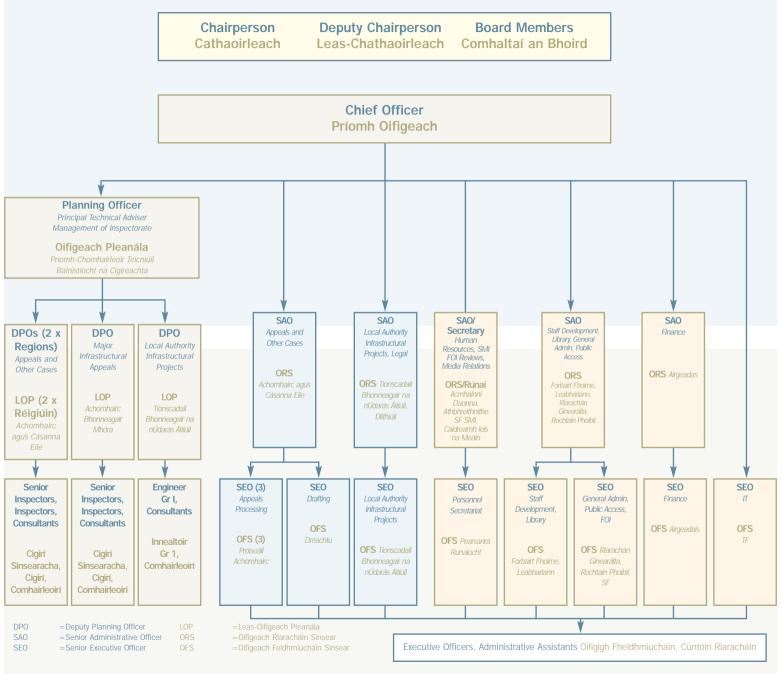
De réir alt 120(2) den Acht, lean an Bord le cigirí comhairleacha páirtaimseartha a fhostú i dtreo is go mbeidís in ann cloí lena sprioc thréimhse ama chun cásanna a réiteach. Tuairiscíonn Cigirí Táille-in-aghaidhgach-cás (TC), atá mar lucht pleanála cáilithe, ar achomhairc pleanála casta níos lú/níos ísle. Bhí lucht pleanála cáilithe ó chomhlachtaí 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 béil a chur ar siúl agus tuairiscí 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 faighte ó chigirí comhairleora páirt-aimseartha i 2005 agus 2004. Sheas an líon tuarascálacha faighte ó na cigirí sin 37% de gach tuarascáil faighte, (35%i 2004).

Tá comhairleoirí coimeádta ag an mBord sna cumais roimhe seo i 2005, seachas Cigirí TC, ar leathanach 28.

GURE 13 eports received from Part-time Consultant Inspectors		FIGIÚR 13 Tuairiscí faighte ó Chigirí Comhairleora Páirt-aimsea				
		2005	2004	Méadú/ (Laghdú)% Increase/ (decrease) %		
FPC Inspectors	Cigirí TC	1,309	1,068	23%		
PCF Inspectors	Cigirí CCG	46	69	(33)%		
PTC Inspectors	Cigirí CPT	85	84	1%		
TOTAL	Iomlán	1,440	1,221	18%		



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ORGANISATIONAL CHART



Professional Consultancy Firms (PCFs)

CDN - Graham Carlisle

Ian Bertram & Associates - Ian Bertram

RPS Planning - Andrew Hubbold, William Strachan

King Sturge & Company - Andrew Penna

Keith Hamilton

Planning Regeneration and Management Consultants - Keith Reid

Knight Frank LLP - Keith Fenwick

Part Time Consultants (PTCs)

Eoghan Brangan, Larry Brassil, Richard J. Burke, Brendan Devlin, Jonathan Evans, Gerry Farrington, Des Fitzgerald, James J. Harney, Thomas Haugh, Jim Hearn, Dom Hegarty, Gerard McGlinchey, Billy Moore, Andy O'Connell, John O'Donnell, Padraig O'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 linn 2004 (gan Cigirí ar Tháille in aghaidh an Cháis san áireamh)

Comhlachtaí Comhairleora Gairmiúla (CCG)

CDN - Graham Carlisle

Ian Bertram & Associates - Ian Bertram

RPS Planning - Andrew Hubbold, William Strachan

King Sturge & Company - Andrew Penna

Keith Hamilton

Planning Regeneration and Management Consultants - Keith Reid

Knight Frank LLP - Keith Fenwick

Comhairleoirí Páirtaimseartha (CPA)

Eoghan Brangan, Larry Brassil, Richard J. Burke, Brendan Devlin, Jonathan Evans, Gerry Farrington, Des Fitzgerald, James J. Harney, Thomas Haugh, Jim Hearn, Dom Hegarty, Gerard McGlinchey, Billy Moore, Andy O'Connell, John O'Donnell, Padraig O'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

AIRGEADAS

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 2005 amounted to €2,460,496 of which €355,743 was refunded where appeals were found to be late or otherwise invalid. In 2005, the net receipts from fees represented about 11% of total expenditure (9% in 2004).

Income and expenditure

In 2005, 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.

Táillí

Tá táillí iníoctha 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 béil faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála, na hAchtanna um Thruailliú Uisce, um Thruailliú Aeir agus um Rialú Foirgníochta. Tá táillí iníoctha chomh maith le daoine/comhlachtaí seachas páirtithe, aitheanta go ginearálta mar "bhreathnóirí", maidir le haighneachtaí nó breathnóireacht déanta ag an mBord. Níl aon táillí iníoctha as déanamh agóide, aighneachtaí ná breathnóireachta maidir le cásanna tionscadail an rialtais áitiúil.

Tháinig na fáltais comhlán ó tháillí i 2005 go dtí €2,460,496 óna raibh €355,743 aisíoctha san áit go raibh achomharc déanach nó olc ar slí eile. I 2005, bhí na fáltais ghlan ó tháillí mar 11% den chaiteachas iomlán (9% i 2004).

loncam agus caiteachas

I 2005, 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 macasamhail de na cuntais in Augisín 10. Tá na deimhniúcháin faoin Acht um Íoc Pras Cuntas 1997 in Aguisín 7.

Costais agus tuarastail na gcomhaltaí

Ní foláir do chomhaltaí an Bhoird gan aon fhostaíocht eile a ghlacadh agus íochtar tuarastal leo faoin gcóras ÍMAT. Ní íochtar táillí le comhaltaí

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

Iniúchadh Inmheánach agus Rialú Airgeadais

Tá glactha leis an gCód Cleachtais don Rialachas de Chomhlachtaí Stáit agus táthar ag géilleadh do, go mór mhór, go bhfuil gach gnáthamh cuí do thuairisciú airgeadais, iniúchadh inmheánach, sholáthar agus cur de láimh shócmhainní á chur i bhfeidhm. Tá ráiteas ar an gcóras Rialaithe Airgeadais Inmheánach in Aguisín 8.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

IMFACHTAÍ DI Í



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 Planning Act, such decisions can only be challenged by way of an application for judicial review to the High Court.

During 2005, High Court judicial review proceedings arising from the Board's decisions and procedures in relation to appeals and other matters were instituted in 36 cases (32 in 2004). In the course of the year proceedings were discontinued or dismissed in 10 cases (17 in 2004). Leave applications for judicial review were refused in 9 cases (6 in 2004).

High Court judgements on substantive cases were given in 8 (7 in 2004) cases, 3 (3 in 2004) of which found in favour of the Board and 5 (4 in 2004) against. In respect of the latter cases, 2 (4 in 2004) of these decisions were in circumstances where the Board consented to the quashing of its decision order due to procedural defects while the other three resulted in quashing of Board Orders as a consequence of legal defects in the local planning authority handling of the relevant planning applications.







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, ní féidir agóid a dhéanamh i gcoinne a leithéid de chinneadh ach amháin trí iarratas ar athbhreithniú breithiúnach leis an Ard-Chúirt.

I rith 2005, d'ordaíodh athbhreithniú breithiúnach Ard-Chúirte ag éirí ó chinntí agus imeachtaí an Bhoird maidir le hachomhairc agus ábhair eile i 36 cás (32 i 2004). I rith na bliana caitheadh amach nó stopadh 10 cás cúirte (17 i 2004). Diúltaíodh cead iarratais chun athbhreithniú breithiúnach i 9 cás (6 i 2004).

Tugadh breith Ard-Chúirte ar chásanna i 8 cás (7 i 2004), 3 (3 i 2004) i bhfabhar an Bhoird agus 5 (4 i 2004) ina choinne. Maidir leis na cásanna ina choinne, bhí dhá ceann de na cinntí seo (4 i 2004) 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 trí cinn eile tiosc lochtanna dlíthiúla sa chaoi a phléigh an t-údarás pleanála i gceist.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

ROCHTAIN AR EOLAS

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 3,943 in 2005.

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.

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 thuas-luaite le fáil ar a shuíomh idirlín an Bhoird.

Bhí 3,943 iarratas ar rochtain phoiblí ar chomhaid chásoibre i 2005.

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

FIGURE 14 Freedom of Information – Breakdown of requests FIGIÚR 14 Saoráil Faisnéise – Miondealú ar Iarratais

2005	2004
0	0
9	10
6	5
smuigh de SF 0	1*
1	4
2	0
	0 9 6

There were 2 requests for Internal Review in 2005; both were refused. There was 1 appeal to the Information Commissioner (decision pending).

Bhí dhá iarratas do Athbhreithniú Inmheánach i 2005; diúltaíodh an dá cheann. Bhí achomharc amháin curtha chuig an gCoimisinéir Faisnéise (ag feitheamh le cinneadh).

Customer Services/Complaints

In accordance with our Customer Service Action Plan, the Board undertook to put in place 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.

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.

^{*} Transferred to Dublin City Council

^{*} Tarchurtha go dtí Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath



In 2005, the Board received 230 letters in relation to decided cases and replied to 239. The nature of the correspondence was varied and not all would constitute a complaint. The most common type of correspondence came from participants who disagreed with the decision in whole or in part, or with some aspect of the handling of the case. Other correspondence sought further information, whilst much of the correspondence raised issues about how the Board's decision is implemented.

All of the correspondence was dealt with through the system for dealing with complaints. In 2004, the system was restructured to provide direct feedback to the separate areas of the organisation, the Board itself, the Inspectorate and the Appeals Administration areas. This is done through a committee established for the task. In 2005, the Board issued a letter designed to improve the clarity of a decision in 38 cases.







I 2005, fuair an Bord 230 litir maidir le cásanna a raibh cinneadh déanta orthu agus d'fhreagair siad 239 acu. Bhí nádúir an chomhfhreagrais éagsúil agus ní thabharfaí gearáin orthu go léir. Tháinig an chuid is mó den chomhfhreagras ó chomhpháirtithe nár aontaigh go hiomlán nó i bpáirt le cinneadh, nó leis an slí a pléadh lena gcás. Bhí comhfhreagras eile ag lorg eolais, agus bhí mórán den chomhfhreagras ag ardú saincheisteanna ar conas a chuirtear cinneadh an Bhoird i bhfeidhm.

Déileáladh leis an gcomhfhreagras go léir tríd an gcóras chun déileáil le gearáin. I 2004, rinneadh athstruchtúrú ar an gcóras chun aischur díreach a chur ar fáil i ngach cás go dtí na limistéir ar leith den eagraíocht, an Bord féin,an Fhoireann Chigireachta agus Riarachán Achomhairc. Déantar é seo trí choiste bunaithe don chúram. I 2005, d'eisigh an Bord litir deartha le cinneadh a shoiléiriú, nó dearmad a shocrú i 38 cás.

CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES

COMHAIRLE LE COMHLACHTAÍ

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 2005, the Board met with the General Council of County Councils, Chief Reporter – Scotland, Irish Construction Federation, Irish Development Agency Ireland, Mayor of Cork City and Mayor of Cork County, Aquaculture Licences Appeals Board and Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Environment and Local Government.

Tá sé mar dhualgas ar an mBord iad féin a choimeád ar an eolas faoi pholasaithe chomhlachtaí áirithe agus ar phleanáil cheart agus forbairt mharthanach. San áireamh leis seo tá Airí Rialtais agus údaráis phleanála.

Lean an Bord lena chleachta de choimeád i dteagmháil le húdaráis phoiblí agus eagraíochtaí ionadaíochta eile a mbíonn tionchar ag a bhfeidhmeanna ar an bpróiseas pleanála. I rith 2005, thionól an Bord le Comhairle Ghinearálta na gComhairlí Contae, Príomh-Thuairisceoir-Albain, Irish Construction Federation, Irish Development Agency Ireland, Ardmhéara Chathair Chorcaí agus Ardmhéara Chontae Chorcaí, Aquaculture Licenses Appeals Board agus Comhchoiste an Oireachtais ar an gComhshaol agus Rialtas Áitiúil.

AGUISÍN 1

Anailís ar ghnáth chinntí achomhairc phleanála

Analysis of normal planning appeal decisions

APPENDIX 1

AGUISÍN 2

Normal plant	ning appeals received	d and decided	d by area i	n 2005				
	nhairc phleanála faigh				de réir chea	ntair i 200	5.	
		(1) Méid Cinntí	(2) Méid cinntí	(3) % de chinntí	(4) Cinntí	(5) % de chinntí	(6) % de chinntí	(7) % de chinntí
		déanta ag údarás pleanála	achomharc don Bhord		achomharctha mar % de gach achomharc	an údaráis phleanála deimhnithe	an údaráis phleanála athraithe ag	an údaráis phleanála freaschuirthe
		(1)	(2)	(3)	don Bhord (4)	ag an mBord (5)	an mBord (6)	ag an mBord (7)
		No. of decisions made by	No. of decisions appealed	% of decisions appealed	Decisions appealed as a % of	% of planning authority	% of planning authority	% of planning authority
		planning authority	to Board		all appeals to Board	decisions confirmed by Board	decisions varied by Board	decisions reversed by Board
County	Contae							
Carlow	Ceatharlach	888	74	8.3%	1.3%	31.7%	34.2%	34.1%
Cavan	An Cabhán	2,207	91	4.1%	1.7%	22.8%	35.1%	42.1%
Clare	An Clár	2,182	161	7.4%	2.9%	40.7%	30.6%	28.7%
Cork	Corcaigh	7,529	471	6.3%	8.6%	34.3%	38.5%	27.2%
Donegal	Dún na nGall	5,579	178	3.2%	3.2%	18.3%	25.0%	56.7%
Dun Laoghaire	Dún Laoghaire/	·						
/Rathdown	Ráth an Dúin	2,483	376	15.1%	6.8%	21.9%	50.3%	27.8%
Fingal	Fine Gall	2,062	277	13.4	5.0%	41.7%	33.3%	25.0%
Galway	Gaillimh	4,473	208	4.6%	3.8%	34.0%	39.6%	26.4%
Kerry	Ciarraí	4,110	230	5.6%	4.2%	25.5%	32.9%	41.6%
Kildare	Cill Dara	2,465	236	9.6%	4.3%	26.3%	39.1%	34.6%
Kilkenny	Cill Chainnigh	1,804	127	7.0%	2.3%	42.4%	34.9%	22.7%
Laois	Laois	1,303	55	4.2%	1.0%	50.0%	21.4%	28.6%
Leitrim	Liatroim	1,241	86	6.9%	1.6%	38.3%	26.7%	35.0%
Limerick	Luimneach	2,397	101	4.2%	1.8%	47.2%	25.7%	27.1%
Longford	An Longfort	1,165	91	7.8%	1.7%	25.0%	38.3%	36.7%
Louth	Lú	1,919	113	5.9%	2.1%	25.6%	37.2%	37.2%
Mayo	Maigh Eo	3,107	176	5.7%	3.2%	20.8%	32.7%	46.5%
Meath	An Mhí	2,522	186	7.4%	3.4%	38.5%	40.1%	21.4%
Monaghan	Muineachán	1,475	49	3.3%	0.9%	24.0%	40.0%	36.0%
North Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh	1,757	62	3.5%	1.1%	30.8%	46.1%	23.1%
Offaly	Uíbh Fhailí	1,131	93	8.2%	1.7%	52.3%	32.3%	15.4%
Roscommon	Ros Comáin	1,652	140	8.5%	2.5%	34.9%	24.2%	40.9%
Sligo	Sligeach	1,752	82	4.7%	1.5%	44.4%	28.9%	26.7%
South Dublin	Áth Cliath Theas	1,327	214	16.1%	3.9%	43.3%	28.0%	28.7%
South Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Theas	1,497	91	6.1%	1.7%	29.7%	42.2%	28.1%
Waterford	Port Láirge	1,366	89	6.5%	1.6%	32.7%	34.6%	32.7%
Westmeath	An Iarmhí	1,317	115	8.7%	2.1%	35.2%	32.4%	32.4%
Wexford	Loch Garman	4,005	145	3.6%	2.6%	32.9%	32.9%	34.2%
Wicklow	Cill Mhantáin	1,998	281	14.1%	5.1%	29.6%	46.3%	24.1%
City	Cathair							
Cork	Corcaigh	921	129	14.0%	2.3%	31.2%	45.1%	23.7%
Dublin	Baile Átha Cliath	3,818	605	15.8%	10.9%	30.5%	43.1%	26.4%
Galway	Gaillimh	607	88	14.5%	1.6%	40.9%	27.3%	31.8%
Limerick	Luimneach	381	48	12.6%	0.9%	29.4%	38.2%	32.4%
Waterford	Port Láirge	393	35	8.9%	0.6%	38.0%	33.3%	28.6%
Total	Iomlán	74,833	5,503	7.4%	100%	32.5%	37.1%	30.4%
		,	2,230			22.270	2	

Area' is a county planning authority and all other planning authorities in that area except city councils. Figures of decisions made by planning authorities courtesy of the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government.

^{&#}x27;Ceantar 'is ea údarás pleanála contae agus aon údarás pleanála sa cheantar sin ach amháin comhairtí cathrach. Figiúirí ar chinntí déanta ag údaráis phleanála le caoinchead ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

AGUISÍN 3

Normal planning appeals received by development category/area Gnáth achomhairc phleanála faighte de réir catagóire/ceantair forbartha																
		Agricultural Talmhaíocht	Community Facilities Áiseanna Pobail	Education Oideachas	Industry Tionscadal	Leisure/Sport Fóillíocht/Spórt	Residential Cónaithe	Transport Iompar	Utilities Fóntais	Wholesale Mórdhíol	Mixed Measctha	Signs Comharthaí	Offices Oifigí	Retail Miondíol	Miscellaneous Ilghnéitheach	Total Iomlán
County																
Carlow	Ceatharlach	1	2	0	2	0	49	1	2	0	9	0	1	6	1	74
Cavan	An Cabhán	0	1	0	2	2	71	0	0	2	5	0	<u>·</u> 1	6	1	91
Clare	An Clár	3	2	1	2	0	119	0	12	0	8	2	0	12	0	161
Cork	Corcaigh	6	7	0	19	12	368	4	12	1	16	2	4	17	3	471
Donegal	Dún na nGall	1	3	0	5	4	129	2	11	0	10	0	0	12	1	178
Dun Laoghaire/	Dún Laoghaire/															
Rathdown	Ráth an Dúin	2	5	5	5	2	298	6	5	0	26	2	5	12	3	376
Fingal	Fine Gall	3	3	4	10	2	209	3	9	2	14	2	1	12	3	277
Galway	Gaillimh	1	3	0	6	1	154	3	11	2	18	1	0	7	1	208
Kerry	Ciarraí	3	0	3	8	7	177	3	9	0	8	3	1	5	3	230
Kildare	Cill Dara	3	3	5	10	6	149	6	10	0	13	1	4	25	1	236
Kilkenny	Cill Chainnigh	1	4	2	5	0	81	1	5	0	12	1	2	7	6	127
Laois	Laois	0	0	1	2	0	36	0	2	0	10	0	0	4	0	55
Leitrim	Liatroim	1	1	0	5	1	66	0	2	0	5	0	2	3	0	86
Limerick	Luimneach	2	1	1	2	1	75	0	5	0	5	1	1	6	1	101
Longford	An Longfort	3	1	0	0	0	64	0	0	1	11	1	2	8	0	91
Louth	Lú	3	2	2	3	3	68	0	3	1	7	2	2	14	3	113
Mayo	Maigh Eo	4	0	0	8	1	139	1	7	0	8	0	1	7	0	176
Meath	An Mhí	10	2	2	7	3	125	2	4	0	18	0	3	10	0	186
Monaghan	Muineachán	4	0	0	4	0	31	0	0	0	3	0	1	5	1	49
North Tipperary	Tiobraid															
	Árann Thuaidh	0	1	0	2	2	39	0	9	0	5	0	1	3	0	62
Offaly	Uíbh Fhailí	1	2	0	6	1	58	2	1	0	4	1	2	15	0	93
Roscommon	Ros Comáin	5	1	0	7	2	105	3	1	0	13	0	0	2	1	140
Sligo	Sligeach	0	0	0	4	1	68	0	4	0	4	0	0	1	0	82
South Dublin	Áth Cliath Theas	3	3	4	4	2	159	4	13	0	3	3	3	12	1	214
South Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Th	eas1	0	1	2	1	65	1	6	1	6	0	0	7	0	91
Waterford	Port Láirge	2	2	0	3	0	71	0	4	1	2	0	1	3	0	89
Westmeath	An Iarmhí	0	1	1	3	2	80	0	1	0	12	0	2	13	0	115
Wexford	Loch Garman	4	0	0	5	1	118	1	4	0	4	0	1	6	1	145
Wicklow	Cill Mhantáin	2	1	5	11	10	202	2	3	1	18	2	3	19	2	281
City	Cothoir															
City Cork	Cathair	0	3	1	1	2	74	0	4	0	18	2	5	17	2	129
Dublin	Corcaigh Baile Átha Cliath	0	4	8	5	3	418	0	7	0	79	6	11	41	19	605
							59									
Galway	Gaillimh	0	2	2	2	0		0	4	0	11	0	0	8	0	88
Limerick Waterford	Luimneach	0	1	2	0	2	21	0	9	0	6	2	0	7	0	48 35
Total	Port Láirge Iomlán	7 0	1 62	50	3 163		20 3,965	0 49	0 179	0 12	3 394	34	60	3 335	1	5,503
iotal	IUIIIIdII	70	02	50	103	75 .	3,703	47	1/7	12	374	34	00	ააა	33	5,503

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'.

San áireamh sna figiúirí taispeánta faoi 'Cónaitheach 'san Aguisín seo tá brúnna,óstáin,tithe altranais agus a leithéid de lóistín. D'fhéadfadh aonaid chónaithe a bheith san áireamh chomh maith faoi chatagóir forbartha eile m.sh.faoi 'Measctha'. Note: Nóta:

AGUISÍN 4



Cead tugtha ar achomharc do aonaid chónaithe de réir ceantair

ccac tabara	ar acrominare do aoriara crionaririe de reir cearitair				
		An méid aonaid ceadaithe 2005	Mar % den iomlán ceadaithe	An méid aonaid ceadaithe 2004	Mar % den iomlán ceadaithe
		No. of units granted in 2005	As % of total granted	No. of units granted in 2004	As % of total granted
County	Contae				
Carlow	Ceatharlach	209	0.9%	105	0.4%
Cavan	An Cabhán	291	1.3%	73	0.5%
Clare	An Clár	367	1.6%	90	0.6%
Cork	Corcaigh	2,534	11.0%	1,119	7.3%
Donegal	Dún na nGall	798	3.5%	152	0.9%
Dun Laoghaire/	Dún Laoghaire/				
Rathdown	Ráth an Dúin	1,648	7.2%	1,606	7.6%
Fingal	Fine Gall	1,394	6.1%	1,435	7.3%
Galway	Gaillimh	546	2.4%	68	0.5%
Kerry	Ciarraí	189	0.8%	182	1.7%
Kildare	Cill Dara	1,835	8.0%	1,872	10.1%
Kilkenny	Cill Chainnigh	374	1.6%	1,189	5.9%
Laois	Laois	603	2.6%	454	2.5%
Leitrim	Liatroim	167	0.7%	60	0.5%
Limerick	Luimneach	121	0.5%	31	0.3%
Longford	Longfort	850	3.7%	96	0.6%
Louth	Lú	20	0.1%	327	2.2%
Mayo	Maigh Eo	213	0.9%	148	0.7%
Meath	An Mhí	1,226	5.3%	1,262	5.3%
Monaghan	Muineachán	97	0.4%	5	0.2%
North Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh	22	0.1%	305	2.9%
Offaly	Uíbh Fhailí	257	1.1%	118	0.9%
Roscommon	Ros Comáin	477	2.1%	47	0.3%
Sligo	Sligeach	225	1.0%	177	0.8%
South Dublin	Áth Cliath Theas	1,335	5.8%	1,036	6.6%
South Tipperary	Tiobraid Árann Theas	604	2.6%	144	0.7%
Waterford	Port Láirge	40	0.2%	73	1.4%
Westmeath	An Iarmhí	436	1.9%	171	0.9%
Wexford	Loch Garman	294	1.3%	138	0.9%
Wicklow	Cill Mhantáin	947	4.1%	571	2.8%
0.1	Outlied:				
City	Cathair	000	4.40	4.00	0.40
Cork	Corcaigh	933	4.1%	609	3.4%
Dublin	Baile Átha Cliath	3,538	15.4%	4,848	22.2%
Galway	Gaillimh	95	0.4%	99	0.5%
Limerick	Luimneach	26	0.1%	30	0.3%
Waterford	Port Láirge	245	1.1%	134	0.5%
Total	lomlán	22,956	100%	18,774	100%

Note: Residential units in this Appendix refer only to domestic houses, apartments, flats and duplex units. Excluded are units in hostels, hotels, nursing homes and other commercial, institutional and similar types of accommodation.

Nóta: Déanann na haonaid chónaithe a bhfuil tagairt déanta dóibh san Aguisín seo tagairt do thithe teaghlaigh, árasáin, agus aonaid dúbailte. As an aireamh tá aonaid i mbrúnna, ostáin, tithe altranais agus lóistín institiúideach, trádála agus a leithéid.

AGUISÍN 5



Achoimre do gach cás curtha de láimh trí thagairt do sprioc thréimhse reachtúil

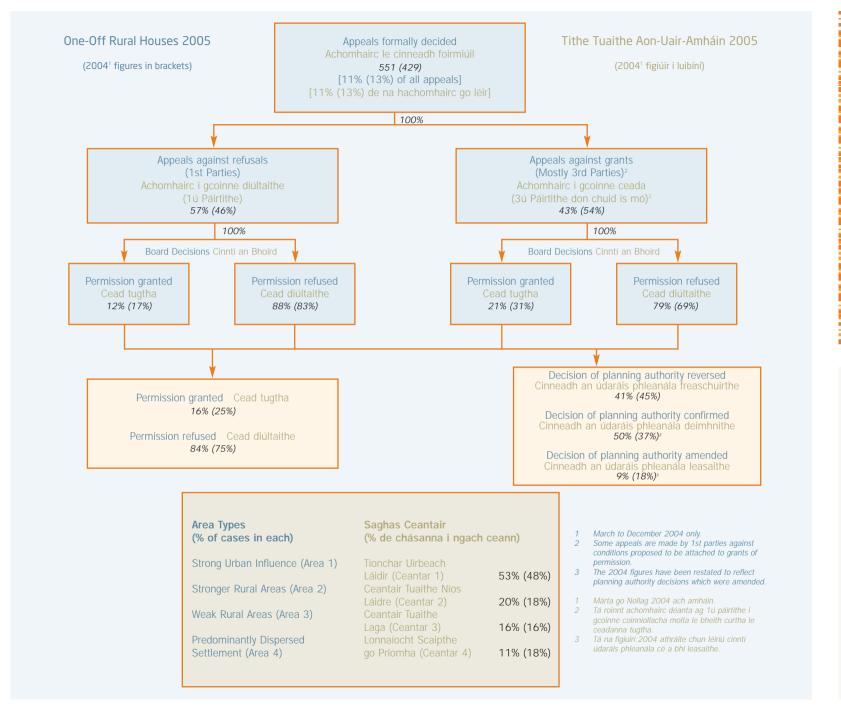
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Bliain	А		% Laistigh den Sprioc Thréimhse Reachtúil ¹	А		% Laistigh den Sprioc Thréimhse Reachtúil ¹	А		% Laistigh den Sprioc Thréimhse Reachtúil 1	А		% Laistigh den Sprioc Thréimhse Reachtúil ¹
	Nor	mal Plannii	ng Appeals	Loca	l Authorit	y Projects ²		All Other C	ases		Total Case	S
Year	A	В	% Within Statutory Objective Period ¹	A	В	% Within Statutory Objective Period 1	А	В	% Within Statutory Objective Period 1	А	В	% Within Statutory Objective Period ¹
1996	2,919	223	93%	-	_	-	63	12	84%	3,002	235	93%
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%

Notes:

- A: Number disposed of within statutory objective periods.
- B: Number not disposed of within statutory objective periods.
- 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.
- Is é an sprioc thréimhse reachtúil ná 18 seachtain i gcás achomhairc,tarchuir agus tionscadail na n-údarás áitiúil faighte ag an mBord faoin Acht 2000 agus 4 mí i gcás achomhairc agus cásanna eile faoi na hAchtanna Pleanála 1963 go 1999, faoin Acht um Rialú Foirgníochta agus faoi na hAchtanna um Thruailliú Uisce. Ní bhaineann sprioc thréimhse 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.



Analysis of rural housing decisions

AGUISÍN 6

APPENDIX 6

Anailís ar chinntí ar thithíocht tuaithe

AGUISÍN 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 2005 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 2005, 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.

An tAcht um Íoc Pras Cuntas 1997

Tagann an Bord laistigh de réimse an Achta um loc Pras Cuntas 199, mar atá leasuithe ag Rialacháin (locaíocht Déanach in Idirbhearta Tráchtála) na gComhphobal Eorpach 2002. Tá cleachtais íocaíochta an Bhoird tuairiscithe thíos don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2005 maidir le halt 12 den Acht.

- 1. Is é polasaí an Bhoird géilleadh do fhorálacha ábhartha an Achta agus, go háirithe, a chinntiú go ndíoltar sonraisc go pras. Tá gnáthaimh áirithe ar bun a chuireann ar a gcumas sonraisc a rianú lena chinntiú go ndéantar íocaíochtaí roimh an dáta dlite. Cláraítear sonraisc go laethúil agus déantar íocaíochtaí mar is gá lena chinntiú go bhfuil íocaíochtaí tráthúla déanta. I 2005, níor eagraigh an Bord tréimhsí íocaíochta lasmuigh de théarmaí an Achta.
- 2. Ionchorpraíonn an córas rialaithe inmheánach a leithéid de rialúcháin agus ghnáthaimh agus atá riachtanach chun géilleadh don Acht a chinntiú. San áireamh leis an gcóras seo tá rialúcháin ríomhaireachta agus cuntasaíochta 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 thuas 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 fheabhais.



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:

■ Total number of late payments in excess of €320

Total value of late payments in excess of €320 €12,758

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■ Total value of all late payments (A)
€12,758

■ Total value of all payments (B) €6,922,095

■ (A) as a % of (B) 0.18%

■ Total amount of interest paid on late payments€36

Since 1 January 2005 there have been no material developments insofar as the Board's compliance with the Act is concerned.

P. M. Mulally Chief Officer

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22 June 2006

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:

Líon iomlán na n-iocaíochtaí déanacha sa bhreis ar €3204

Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí déanacha sa bhreis ar €320 €12,758

Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí déanacha (A) €12,758

Luach iomlán na n-íocaíochtaí (B) €6,922,095

■ (A)mar % de (B) 0.18%

Méid úis iomlán íoctha ar íocaíochtaí déanacha€36

Ó 1 Eanáir 2005 ní raibh aon fhabhraíocht ábhartha maidir le géilliúlacht an Bhoird don Acht.

P. M. Mullally

Príomh Oifigeach

22 Meitheamh 2006

AGUISÍN 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 has established a process to identify and evaluate business risks by putting in place an Audit Needs Risk Assessment which will lead 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 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;

Ráiteas ar an gcóras Rialaithe Airgeadais Inmheánach

Freagracht as an gCóras Rialaithe airgeadais inmheánach

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

Ní féidir leis an gcóras ach deimhniú réasúnta ní deimhniú dearfa a sholáthar go bhfuil sócmhainní á gcaomhnú, idirbhearta údaraithe agus taifeadta i gceart, agus go bhfuil dearmadaí coiscthe nó braite i dtréimhse tráthúil.

Príomh Imeachtaí Rialaithe

Tá céimeanna tógtha ag an mBord chun timpeallacht rialaithe cuí a chinntiú trí:

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

Tá próiseas bunaithe ag an mBord chun rioscaí gnó a mheas trí

- nádúir, méid agus impleachtaí airgeadais an riosca a bhfuil an comhlacht ag féachaint ar a aithint, leis an méid agus an catagóir a bhraitheann siad atá inghlactha san áireamh;
- an seans de na rioscaí aitheanta a tharlú a mheas;
- an costas a bhaineann le rialúcháin áirithe a oibriú a mheas i leith an leas a bhaintear as

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

 córas cuimsitheach buiséadach le buiséad bliantúil atá athbhreithnithe agus aontaithe ag comhaltaí an Bhoird; 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

Jeln O'Connen

As noted above, the Audit Committee reviewed the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control. In the year 2005 the Board did not formally review the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control. The Board will fully conform with internal audit procedures in 2006.

John O'Connor Chairperson

22 June 2006

- athbhreithniú rialta ag comhaltaí an Bhoird ar thuarascálacha airgeadais bliantúla agus tréimhsiúla a chuireann feidhmíocht airgeadais in iúl i gcoinne réamhaisnéisí:
- ag socrú spriocanna chun feidhmíocht airgeadais a thomhas agus gníomhaíochtaí eile;
- treoirlínte rialaithe infheistíochta caipitil a shainiú go soiléir:
- smachtaí ar thionscadail bhainistíochta fhoirmiúla.

Cheap an Bord comhairleoirí chun a fheidhm iniúchta inmheánach a dhéanamh, a oibríonn maidir leis an gCód Cleachtais Creatlaí is Fearr leagtha síos sa Chód Cleachtais don Rialachas de Chomhlachtaí Stáit. Tá obair an iniúchta inmheánaigh curtha ar an eolas ag anailís ar an riosca a bhfuil an comhlacht oscailte chuige, agus tá pleananna iniúchta bliantúla bunaithe ar an anailís seo. Tá na pleananna anailíse riosca agus iniúchta inmheánaigh formhuinithe ag an gCoiste Iniúchta agus molta ag an mBord. Soláthraíonn an Iniúchóir Inmheánach tuarascáil gnímh iniúchta inmheánach don choiste iniúchta. San áireamh sa tuarascáil tá tuairim an Iniúchóra Inmheánaigh ar chumas agus éifeachtacht an chórais rialaithe airgeadais inmheánaigh.

Tá éifeachtacht córas athbhreithnithe an Bhoird ar rialúcháin inmheánacha airgeadais curtha ar eolas ag an iniúchóir inmheánach, an Coiste Iniúchta a dhéanann sóistiú ar obair an iniúchóra inmheánaigh, na bainisteoirí feidhmiúcháin laistigh den Bhord atá freagrach as forbairt agus coimeád an fráma rialaithe airgeadais, agus do thrácht déanta ag an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste ina litir bhainistíochta nó tuarascála eile.

Athbhreithniú Bliantúil ar Rialúcháin

Mar atá thuasluaite, rinne an Coiste Iniúchta athbhreithniú ar éifeachtacht an chórais rialaithe airgeadais inmheánaigh. Sa bhliain 2005 ní dhearna an Bord athbhreithniú foirmiúil ar éifeachtacht an chórais rialaithe airgeadais inmheánaigh. Cloífidh an Bord go hiomlán le gnáthaimh iniúchta inmheánaigh i 2006.

Séan Ó Conchúir Cathaoirleach

Sean o Conchius

22 Meitheamh 2006

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AGUISÍN 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 Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, cover costs associated with travel from home to Dublin, and accommodation in Dublin.

There are no fees paid to Board Members.

bly O'Counen

John O'Connor Chairperson

Brian Hunt Deputy Chairperson

22 June 2006

Ráiteas ar Luach Saothair agus Táillí na gComhaltaí

Ginearálta

Tá treoirlínte a chlúdaíonn íocaíocht de tháillí leis an gCathaoirleach agus comhaltaí eile den Bhord leagtha amach sa Chód Cleachtais don Rialachas de Chomhlachtaí 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 pholasaí pá

Costais agus Táillí na gComhaltaí

Tá pá an Chathaoirligh, faoi alt 105(14)(a) den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000 socraithe mar an bpá céanna a íoctar le breitheamh Ard-Chúirte. Tá pá an phoist de Leas-Chathaoirleach socraithe ar ráta ar chomard leis an uasmhéid le scála pá Rúnaí Cúnta sa Státseirbhís. Tá pá comhaltaí eile socraithe ar ráta ar chomard leis an íosmhéid do Rúnaí Cúnta sa Státseirbhís.

Íochtar liúntas gluaisteáin seasta leis an gCathaoirleach agus liúntas ionadach ar leibhéil ceadaithe ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil i 1994.

Cháiligh comhalta amháin do chostais speisialta. Clúdaíonn na costais, a bhí ceadaithe ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil, costais bainteach le taisteal óna mbaile go Baile Átha Cliath, agus lóistín i mBaile Átha Cliath.

Ní íochtar aon táillí le Comhaltaí an Bhoird.

Sean & Concluin Brien Hu

Séan Ó Conchúir

Cathaoirleach

Leas-Chathaoirleach

22 Meitheamh 2006

APPENDIX 10 Financial Statements

AGUISÍN 10 Ráitis Airgeadais



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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.

Jeln O'Connen Brian Hunt

John O'Connor Chairperson

Brian HuntDeputy Chairperson

22 June 2006

Ráiteas faoi Dhualgais an Bhoird

Tá sé riachtanach de réir Ailt 117(1) den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000 don Bhord 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 cuntasaíochta oiriúnacha a roghnú agus ansin iad a chur i bhfeidhm i slí seasmhach,
- breithiúnais a dhéanamh agus meastacháin atá réasúnta agus stuama,
- ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú ar bhonn gnóthais leantach, agus
- sonrú an bhfuil caighdeán cuntasaíochta 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 ag tógáil céimeanna réasúnta chun camastaíl agus míriail eile a bhraith.

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

Sean & Concluin Brian Hunt

Séan Ó Conchúir Cathaoirleach

Brian Hunt Leas-Chathaoirleach

22 Meitheamh 2006



1. General

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

Under the Planning and Development Act 2000, 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.

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.

4. Fees

In 2005, 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,

Ráiteas ar Pholasaithe Cuntasaíochta

1. Ginearálta

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

Faoin Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000, 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 (Truailliú Uisce) 1977 agus 1990, agus faoin Acht um Thruailliú Aeir 1987.

2. Bunús an Ullmhúcháin

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

3. Deontas Oireachtais

Déantar cuntasaíocht ar dheontais Oireachtais ar bhonn fáltais airgid tirim.

4. Táillí

I 2005, bhí táillí seasta ag an mBord maidir le halt 144 den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000 iníoctha chuig an mBord maidir le hachomhairc agus tarchuir faoin Acht. Íocadh táillí leis an mBord chomh maith maidir le rialacháin 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,

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.

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
- 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.

- 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 gnóthaí eile faoi na hAchtanna seo.

Taispeántar ioncam ó tháillí sna cuntais mar aisíoc glan 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 ísliú luacha ar an modh líne díreach ar ráta bliantúil de 10% do fhoirgnimh ar léas 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. 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
- Scéim Pinsean Ranníocach Céilí agus Leanaí Fhoireann An Bhoird Phleanála 1986
- Scéim Aoisliúntais (Cathaoirleach agus Comhaltaí)
 An Bhoird Phleanála 1986 go 2002
- Scéim Pinsean Ranníocach (Cathaoirleach agus Comhaltaí) An Bhoird Phleanála 1986 go 2002.

Tá an íocaíocht de shochair aoisliúntais le agus maidir le fostaithe agus comhaltaí den Bhord foráilte 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 Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000.

The schemes are funded annually on a pay-as-you-go basis from monies available to it, including monies from exchequer funds provided by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and from contributions deducted from staff 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 Recognised Gains and Losses and a corresponding adjustment is recognised in the amount recoverable from exchequer funds provided by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

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

This accounting policy is in line with the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard 17, which has been adopted by the Board in full for the first time in 2005. Previously, superannuation costs were charged to the Income and Expenditure Account in the year in which benefits became payable. No provision was made in respect of benefits earned in the period but payable in a later period. The effect of the change in accounting policy arising from the introduction of FRS17 is to recognise as expenditure in the year the cost of pensions earned rather than the payments made to pensioners, and a corresponding funding amount. In addition, the Balance Sheet recognises the cumulative liability for pensions earned by employees as at 31 December together with a corresponding asset, whereas previously this note was disclosed by note only.

Tá an scéim maoinithe go bliantúil ar bhonn 'íoc mar a théann tú' ó airgid ar fáil dó, lena n-áirítear airgead curtha ar fáil ag an Roinn Airgeadais 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 a thacú le deontais faighte sa bhliain chun íocaíochtaí aoisliúntais a íoc.

Tá gnóthachain agus caillteanais achtúire ag éirí ó fhiachais scéime léirithe sa Ráiteas ar Gnóthachain agus Caillteanais Aitheanta agus i gcoigeartú comhsheasmhach agus tá sá aitheanta sa mhéid atá inaisghafa ón Roinn Airgeadais.

Léiríonn fiachais aoisliúntais luach reatha íocaíochtaí aoisliúntais don todhchaí atá tuillte ag fostaithe go dtí seo. Léiríonn maoiniú aoisliúntais iarchurtha an tsócmhainn chomhsheasmhach, a bheith aisghafa i dtréimhsí sa todhchaí ón Roinn Airgeadais.

Tá an polasaí cuntasaíochta faoi réir riachtanais Chaighdeáin Tuairiscithe Airgeadais 17, a ghlac an Bord go hiomlán don chéad uair i 2005. Roimhe sin, bhí costais aoisliúntais gearrtha ar an gCuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais don bhliain ina raibh na sochair iníoctha. Ní raibh aon fhoráil déanta maidir le sochair tuillte sa tréimhse a bhí iníoctha i dtréimhse níos déanaí. Éifeacht an athraithe i bpolasaí cuntasaíochta toisc an CTA17 a thabhairt isteach ná go aithnítear costas na bpinsean tuillte mar chaiteachas sa bhliain seachas na híocaíochtaí a rinneadh le pinsinéirí, agus méid mhaoinithe chomhfhreagrach. Chomh maith leis sin, aithníonn an Clár Comhardaithe an dliteanas carnach do phinsin tuillte ag fostaithe mar atá ar 31 Nollaig in éineacht le sócmhainn chomhfhreagrach, áit nach raibh an nóta seo nochta ach mar nóta amháin roimhe seo.



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 9). Income from such awards is accounted for on a cash receipt basis.

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.

8. Costais Dlí

Is é polasaí an Bhoird aon chostas dlíthiúil tugtha ina gcoinne tar éis conclúid cásanna de bhun Costais agus Billí 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 athghabháil san áit go bhfuil costais molta ag na Cúirteanna (féach nóta 9). Tá ioncam óna leithéid de dháimhe curtha san áireamh ar bhonn fáltais airgid tirim.

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 2005

CUNTAS IONCAIM AGUS CAITEACHAIS

don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2005



		2005	2004
		€	€ As re-stated
Income:	loncam:	12.074.000	12 510 000
Oireachtas Grant Fees (Note 1)	Deontas Oireachtais Táillí (Nóta 1)	12,074,000 2,104,753	12,510,000 1,671,408
Infrastructural Cost Recoupment	Costas Aisíoc Bonneagair	568,484	453,666
Miscellaneous	llghnéitheach	5,435	6,317
Net Deferred Funding	Maoiniú Glan Iarchurtha		
for Superannuation (Note 3(b))	do Aoisliúntas (Nóta 3(b))	3,199,000	2,787,000
Profit(Loss) on Disposal of Fixed Assets	Brabús/Caillteanas ar Shócmhainní Seasta a Chur de Láimh	(42)	0
	Shochilalilii Scasta a Chui de Lalilii	17,951,630	17,428,391
Transfer (to)/from	Tarchuir (go dtí)/ó	,,	,,.
Capital Account (Note 7)	Chuntas Caipitiúil (Nóta 7)	649,276	687,808
		18,600,906	18,116,199
Expenditure:	Caiteachas:		
Salaries, Allowances and	Tuarastail,Liúntais agus		
Superannuation (Note 2)	Aoisliúntas (Nóta 2)	11,228,490	10,318,685
Establishment Expenses (Note 4)	Costais Bhunaíochta (Nóta 4)	2,790,288	2,813,788
Operating Expenses (Note 5)	Costais Oibre (Nóta 5)	4,781,083	4,599,067
Total Expenditure	Caiteachas Iomlán	18,799,861	17,731,540
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	Farasbarr/(Easnamh)don bhliain	(198,955)	384,659
Surplus/(Deficit) brought forward	Farasbarr/(Easnamh)tugtha ar aghaidh	187,844	(196,815)
Cumulative Surplus/(Deficit)	Farasbarr Carntha/(Easnamh)	(11 111)	107.044
at 31 December	ag an 31 Nollaig	(11,111)	187,844
Statement of Recognised Gains & Losses	Ráiteas ar Ghnóthachain agus Chail	Ilteanais Aitheanta	
Experience gains and (losses) on superannuation scheme liabilities	Gnóthachain agus (caillteanais) taithí ar fhiachais na scéime aoisliúntais	(1,189,000)	(1,365,000)
Changes in assumptions underlying the present	Athruithe in bhfoshuímh ag tacú le luac		(1,303,000)
value of superannuation scheme liabilities	reatha fhiachais na scéime aoisliúntai		(7,870,000)
Actuarial (loss)/gain on Superannuation Liabilities (Note 3(f))	Gnóthachan/(caillteanas) achtúire ar Fhiachais Aoisliúntais (Nóta 3(f))	(6,885,000)	(9,235,000)
Adjustment to Deferred	Coigeartú ar Mhaoiniú		
Superannuation Funding (Note 3(b))	Aoisliúntais Iarchurtha Nóta 3(b)	6,885,000	9,235,000
Surplus/(Deficit)	Farasbarr/	(400.055)	004 (50
for year	(Easnamh) don bhliain	(198,955)	384,659
Total Recognised gain/(loss)	Gnóthachan/(Cailliúint)		
for year	Aithnithe Iomlán don bhliain	(198,955)	384,659

The Statement of Accounting Policies, Cash Flow Statement and Notes 1 to 14 form part of these financial statements. Tá an Ráiteas ar Pholasaithe Cuntasaíochta, an Ráiteas faoi Shreabhadh Airgid agus Nótaí 1 go 14 ina bpáirt de na ráitis airgeadais seo.

John O'Connor Chairperson 22 June 2006

Ellen Morrin Senior Administrative Officer Cathaoirleach 22 Meitheamh 2006

Séan Ó Conchuir Eibhlinn Ní Mhuirín Oifigigh Riaracháin Sinsearacha

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2005

CLÁR COMHARDAITHE mar atá ar an 31 Nollaig 2004



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John O'Connor Chairperson

Chairperson 22 June 2006

Ellen Morrin Senior Administrative Officer **Séan Ó Conchúir** Cathaoirleach

22 Meitheamh 2006

Sean Ó Conchuir Eibhlinn Ní Mhuirín

Oifigigh Riaracháin Sinsearacha

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for year ended 31 December 2005

RÁITEAS FAOI SHREABHADH **AIRGID**

don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2005



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

Réiteach de fharasbarr oibríochta/ (easnamh)go dtí sreabhadh isteach glan ó gníomhaíochtaí oibríochta

		2005 €	2004
Surplus/(deficit) for year	Farasbarr/(easnamh)don bhliain	(198,955)	384,659
Movement on Capital Account	Gluaiseacht ar Chuntas Caipitiúil	(649,276)	(687,808)
Depreciation	Dímheas	754,868	756,003
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(Méadú)/laghdú i bhféichiúnaithe	75,232	(170,755)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	Méadú/(laghdú) i gcreidiúnaithe	283,432	431,155
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow)	Insreabhadh airgid glan/ (Sreabhadh amach)	265,301	713,254
Cash Flow Statement	Ráiteas faoi Shreabhadh Airgid		
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	Insreabhadh airgid glan/(sreabhadh am ó ghníomhaíochtaí oibríochta	nach) 265,301	713,254
Capital Expenditure (net of Disposals)	Costas Caipitiúil (glan ó Dhiúscairtí) (105,592)	(68,195)
Increase/(decrease) in cash	Méadú/(laghdú)in airgead tirim	159,709	645,059
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds	Réiteach de shreabhadh airgid glan go dtí gluaiseacht i gcistí glan		
Increase/(decrease) in cash in year	Méadú/(laghdú) in airgead tirim sa bhli	ain 159,709	645,059
Net Funds at 1 January	Cistí Glan ar 1 Eanáir	917,548	272,489
Net Funds at 31 December	Cistí Glan ar 31 Nollaig	1,077,257	917,548

The Statement of Accounting Policies and Notes 1 to 14 form part of these Financial Statements.

Tá an Ráiteas ar Pholasaithe Cuntasaíochta agus Nótaí 1 go dtí 14 mar pháirt de na ráitis airgeadais seo.

John O'Connor
Chairperson

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Sean Ó Conchúir
Cathaoirleach
Senior Administrative Officer

for year ended 31 December 2005



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Note 2 Salaries and Allowances

At 31 December 2005, the Board consisted of a chairperson and nine ordinary members, (nine members at the end of 2004) in accordance with section 104 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000. Membership of the Board is wholetime.

At 31 December 2005, there were 133 whole-time equivalent employees in the Board of which 41 were professional and 92 were administrative. The average number of wholetime equivalent employees during the year was 134.5 (128.3 in 2004). During 2005, the intake of cases increased by 13% and the volume of cases disposed of increased by 5%. Staffing levels are approved by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government with the consent of the Minister for Finance.

	2005	2004
	€	€ Re-Stated
		Re-Stateu
Salaries and Allowances	7,162,711	6,561,745
Superannuation Costs	3,646,967	3,382,869
Employers' PRSI	418,812	374,071
	11,228,490	10,318,685

Note 1	Ioncam Táille		
		2005 €	2004 €
	Táillí faighte	2,460,496	1,982,523
	Aisíocanna	(355,743)	(311,115)
		2,104,753	1,671,408

Nóta 2 Tuarastail agus Liúntais

Ar 31 Nollaig 2005, bhí an Bord déanta suas de Chathaoirleach agus ocht ngnáth bhall, (dáréag ball ag deireadh 2004)maidir le halt 104 den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha, 2000. Tá ballraíocht den Bhord lánaimseartha.

Ar 31 Nollaig 2005, bhí ionann agus 133 fostaí lánaimseartha sa Bhord ina raibh 41 gairmiúil agus bhí 92 riarthach. Ba é an meán uimhir fostaithe ionann lánaimseartha i rith na bliana ná 134.5 (128.3 i 2004). I rith 2005, mhéadaigh an tógáil isteach de chásanna faoi 13% agus an méid cásanna a cuireadh de láimh faoi 5%. Tá na leibhéil foirne formheasta ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil le cead an Aire Airgeadais.

	2005 €	2004 € Re-Stated
Tuarastail agus Liúntais	7,162,711	6,561,745
Costais Aoisliúntais	3,646,967	3,382,869
ÍMAT na bhFostaithe	418,812	374,071
	11,228,490	10,318,685

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Note 3 Superannuation

(a) Superannuation Scheme

The Board operates a defined benefit scheme that is unfunded.

The valuation used for FRS17 disclosures has been based on an actuarial valuation on 11th May 2006 by a qualified independent actuary to take account of the requirements of FRS17 in order to assess the scheme liabilities at 31st December 2005. The financial assumptions used to calculate scheme liabilities under FRS17 are

A	31/12/05	At 31/12/04	At 31/12/03
Discount rate	4.25%	4.75%	5.5%
Rate of expected salary increase	3.25%	3.25%	3.5%
Rate of increase in pensions payment	3.25%	3.25%	3.5%
Inflation	2.25%	2.25%	2.5%

(b) Net Deferred Funding for Pensions in year

2005	2004
(€,000)	(€,000)

Funding recoverable in respect of the current year:

Superannuation costs	3,893	3,405
State grant applied to pay pensioners	(694)	(618)
pay perisioners	3.199	2.787

(c) Analysis of total pension costs charged to Expenditure

	2005 (€,000)	2004 (€,000)
Current service cost	1,484	1,320
Interest on Superannuation Scheme Liabilities	2,409	2,085
Employee Contributions	(246)	(22)
	3,647	3,383

Note 3 Aoisliúntas

(a) Scéim Aoisliúntais

Feidhmíonnn an Bord scéim sochair sainmhínithe nach bhfuil maoinithe.

Tá an luacháil a úsáidtear do nochtadh FRS17 bunaithe ar luacháil achtúire déanta ar 11ú Bealtaine 2006 ag achtúire cáilithe neamhspleách chun riachtanais FRS17 a chur san áireamh d'fhonn fiachais na scéime a mheasúnú ar 31ú Nollaig 2005. Is iad na foshuímh airgeadais a úsáidtear chun fiachais na scéime a ríomh faoi FRS17 ná

	At 31/12/05	At 31/12/04	At 31/12/03
Ráta lascaine	4.25%	4.75%	5.5%
Ráta ardaithe tuarastail measta	3.25%	3.25%	3.5%
Ráta méadaithe ir íocaíochtaí i bpins		3.25%	3.5%
Boilsciú	2.25%	2.25%	2.5%

(b) Maoiniú Iarchurtha Glan do Phinsin sa bhliain

	(€,000)	(€,000)
Maoiniú inaisghafa ma na bliana reatha:	aidir le costais	aoisliúntais
Costais aoisliúntais	3,893	3,405
Deontas stáit chun pinsinéiri a íoc	(694)	(618)
	3,199	2,787

(c) Anailís ar chostais phinsin iomlán gearrtha ar Chaiteachas

	2005 (€,000)	2004 (€,000)
Costas Seirbhíse Reatha	1,484	1,320
Ús ar Fhiachais na Scéime Aoisliúntais	2,409	2,085
Ranníocaíochtaí na bhfostaithe	(246)	(22)
	3,647	3,383

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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 2005 amounts to €60 million (2004: €49.2 million).

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

	2005 (€,000)	2004 (€,000)
Net Pension Liability at 1 January	(49,224)	(36,584)
Current Service Cost	(1,484)	(1,320)
Past Service Cost	0	0
Other Finance Income	(2,409)	(2,085)
Actuarial loss recognised in STRGL	(6,885)	(9,235)
Net Pension Liability at 31 December	(60,002)	(49,224)

(d) Sócmhainn Mhaoinithe Iarchurtha do Aoisliúntas

Aithníonn an Bord na méideanna dlite mar shócmhainn comhsheasmhach leis an bhfiachas iarchurtha neamh-mhaoinithe do aoisliúntas ar bhonn roinnt eachtraí a tharla roimhe seo. San áireamh sna heachtraí seo tá bunú na scéime aoisliúntais, agus an pholasaí agus an chleachtais maidir le haoisliúntais a mhaoiniú don státseirbhís lena n-áirítear ranníocaíochtaí ag Cé nach bhfuil aon chomhaontú foirmiúil 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 2005 ná €60 milliún (2004: €49.2

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

	2005 (€,000)	2004 (€,000)
Fiachas Pinsin Glan ar 1 Eanáir	(49,224)	(36,584)
Costas Seirbhíse Reatha	(1,484)	(1,320)
Costas Seirbhíse Cheana	0	0
Ioncam Airgeadais Eile	(2,409)	(2,085)
Caillteanas achtúire aitheanta san RGCA	(6,885)	(9,235)
Fiachas Pinsin Glan ar 31 Nollaig	(60,002)	(49,224)

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History of experience gains and	losses			
Stair na ngnóthachan agus na gca	aillteanas taithí			
		2005 €,000	2004 €,000	2003 €,000
Experience gains/(losses) on scheme liabilities	Gnóthachain/(caillteanais) t ar fhiachais na scéime	aithí		
Amount	Méid	(1,189)	(1,365)	(2,111)
Percentage of present value of scheme liabilities	Céatadán de luach reatha fhiachais na scéime	(2.0%)	(2.8%)	(5.8%)
Actuarial gain/(loss) recognised in Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses	Gnóthachan/(caillteanas) ao Ráiteas ar Ghnóthachain a Chaillteanais Aitheanta		a	
		€,000	€,000	€,000
Amount	Méid	(6,885)	(9,235)	(2,111)
Percentage of present value of scheme liabilities	Céatadán de luach reatha fhiachais na scéime	(11.5%)	(18.8%)	(5.8%)

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Note 4	Establishment Expenses Costais Bhunaíochta			
			2005 €	2004 €
	Rent and Service Charge (Note 11)	Cíos agus Táille Seirbhíse (Nóta 11)	1,825,621	1,814,180
	Repairs and Maintenance	Deisiú agus Cothabháil	53,462	95,795
	Insurance	Árachas	48,645	52,326
	Light and Heat	Teas agus Solas	107,692	95,484
	Depreciation	Dímheas	754,868	756,003
	Total	Iomlán	2,790,288	2,813,788
Note 5	Operating Expenses Costais Oibríochta		2005 €′000	2004 €′000
	Travel and Subsistence	Taisteal agus Maireachtáil	394,097	381,577
	Legal Fees (Note 9)	Táillí Dlí <i>(Nóta 9)</i>	1,469,392	1,419,794
	Office Equipment and Stationery	Trealamh Oifige agus Stáiseanóireacht	264,285	270,166
	Information and Communications Technology	Teicneolaíocht Fhaisnéise agus Chumarsáide	129,865	110,673
	Printing and Books	Leabhair agus Cló	39,922	36,442
	Statutory Notices	Fógraí Reachtúla	259,748	251,220
	Recruitment, Staff Training and Development and Conferences	Earcaíocht,Traenáil Fhoirne agus Forbairt agus Comhdhálacha	230,522	213,086
	Telephone and Postage	Guthán agus Post	200,591	185,178
	Consultants' Fees and Services (Note 10)	Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleora (Nóta 10)	1,771,315	1,713,556
	Audit Fees	Táillí Iniúchta	16,800	13,200
	Sundries	Ilnithe	4,546	4,175
	Total	Iomlán	4,781,083	4,599,067

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Note 6	Fixed Assets Sócmhainní Seasta						
				Léas-sheilbh Áitreabh	Troscáin & Feisteas	Trealamh	lomlán
				Leasehold Premises	Furniture & Fittings	Equipment	Total
				€	€	€	€
	Cost	Costas					
	Balance at 01/01/05	larmhéid a	ar 01/01/05	6,449,704	76,771	1,128,489	7,654,964
	Additions	Breis		0	3,395	104,262	107,657
	Disposals	Cur de Lái	mh	0	0	(28,517)	(28,517)
	Balance at 31/12/05	larmhéid a	ar 31/12/05	6,449,704	80,166	1,204,234	7,734,104
	Depreciation	Dímheas					
	Balance at 01/01/05	larmhéid a	ar 01/01/05	1,931,250	41,349	946,294	2,918,893
	Charge for the year	Táille don	bhliain	644,970	16,032	93,866	754,868
	Disposals	Cur de Lái	mh	0	0	(26,452)	(26,452)
	Balance at 31/12/05	larmhéid a	ar 31/12/05	2,576,220	57,381	1,013,708	3,647,309
	Net Book Value	Luach Le	abhair Glan				
	31 December 2005	31 Nollaig	2005	3,873,484	22,785	190,526	4,086,795
	31 December 2004	31 Nollaig	2004	4,518,454	35,422	182,195	4,736,071
Note 7	Capital Account Cuntas Caipitiúil						
						2005 €	2004 €
	Balance at 1 January		larmhéid ar	1 Eanáir		4,736,071	5,423,879
	- Income allocated for c purposes (net of asset			nnte ar mhaithe le Ian ó dhiúscairtí só		105,592	68,195
	- Amortisation in line with asset depreciation		- Amúchadh dímheasa s			(754,868)	(756,003)
	Transfer from/(to) Incom and Expenditure Account		Tarchuir ó/(g Ioncaim agu	o dtí)Cuntas us Caiteachais		(649,276)	(687,808)
	Balance at 31 December	er	larmhéid ar	31 Nollaig		4,086,795	4,736,071

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Note 8 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 9 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 2005 regarding these costs was as follows:-

	2005 €	2004
Outstanding at 1 January	1,960,679	1,397,118
Recovered during year 1	(662,066)	(235,434)
Recoverable costs arising during year	1,643,303	798,995
Costs written-off during year	(229,503)	Nil
Outstanding at 31 December	2,712,413	1,960,679

The Board is currently reviewing the recoverability potential 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 8 Teagmhasaí maidir le Caingne Dlí

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

Nóta 9 Costaisí Dlí Infhaighte Ar Ais

Mar a taispeántar ag 8 sa Ráiteas ar Pholasaithe Cuntasaíochta, iompraíonn an Bord costais áirithe dlí i dtosach agus leantar le hathghabháil. Is é mar atá i 2005 maidir leis na costais seo ná mar a leanas:

	2005 €	2004 €
Gan íoc ar 1 Eanáir	1,960,679	1,397,118
Athghafa i rith na bliana ¹	(662,066)	(235,434)
Costais infhaighte ar ais i rith na bliana	1,643,303	798,995
Costais díscríofa i rith na bliana	(229,503)	Nil
Gan íoc ar 31 Nollaig	2,712,413	1,960,679

Tá an Bord ag déanamh athbhreithnithe faoi láthair ar fhéidearthacht athghabhála na gcostas thuasluaite. Táthar ag réamhghabháil go mbeidh mórán den mhéid gan athghabháil.

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

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Note 10 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 2005, about 37% of all inspectors' reports came from consultant inspectors and their fees, along with associated costs relating to recording of oral hearings, accounted for nearly 95% of all consultancy fees and services costs.

Note 11 Premises

In October 2001, the Board acquired and paid rent on new premises at 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 on a 25 year lease. The Board moved into its new premises on 28th January 2002. The Board was responsible for the fit out and certain other costs related to leasing the new premises.

The costs in relation to the new premises, 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 12 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

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Nóta 10 Táillí agus Seirbhísí Comhairleora

De réir ailt 120(2) den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000, fostaíonn 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, fostaíonn an Bord, de réir ailt 124 den Acht, comhairleoirí eile faoi mar a tá riachtanach chun a gcuid feidhmeanna a chomhlíonadh. I 2005, tháinig timpeall 37% de thuarascálacha cigireachta ó chomhairleoirí agus bhí a dtáillí chomh maith le costais bainteach le taifead éisteacht béil freagrach do beagnach 95% do gach táille comhairleach agus costas seirbhíse.

Nóta 11 Áitreabh

I nDeireadh Fómhair 2001, ghlac an Bord seilbh agus d'íocadar cíos ar áitreabh nua 64 Sráid Mhaoilbhríde, Baile Átha Cliath 1 ar léas 25 bliain. D'aistrigh an Bord isteach san áitreabh nua ar an 28ú Eanáir 2002. Bhí an Bord freagrach as feistiú agus costais áirithe eile bainteach le léas an áitribh nua.

Tá na costais bainteach leis an áitribh nua, seachas gnáth chostas bunaíochta, roinnte ar son chuspóirí caipitiúil agus curtha san áireamh faoi Áitreabh Léas-sheilbh ins na Shócmhainní Sheasta. Tá feabhsaithe leanúnach san áitreabh cóirithe mar an gcéanna.

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

Nóta 12 Comhaltaí an Bhoird & Leasa na Foirne

Tá se riachtanach do chomhaltaí an Bhoird agus do chuid áirithe den fhoireann dearbhú/nochtadh a dhéanamh ar aon leasa de réir forálacha an Achta 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 2005, members made no disclosures and staff made three (3) disclosures.

Note 13 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 Public Offices Commission every year. In 2005, 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 2005, one (1) member, three (3) staff and one (1) consultant made disclosures under the Code.

Note 14 Approval of Financial Statements

The Board approved the financial statements on 22 June 2006.

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Baineann alt 148 den Acht 2000 le nochtadh leasa airgid nó leasa eile, a bheadh ábhartha nó, aon achomharc nó ghnó eile a bhfuil cinneadh le déanamh ag an mBord maidir leis. I 2005, ní dhearna aon chomhalta nochta agus rinne an fhoireann trí (3) nochtadh.

Nóta 13 Cód Iompair agus Eitic

larann an Cód Cleachtais do Chomhlachtaí Stáit cód cleachtais scríofa do bhaill an Bhoird. Tá cód géillsineach do na treoirlínte ag feidhmiú agus tá sé riachtanach do chomhaltaí dearbhú a dhéanamh maidir le leasa leis an Rúnaí ar bhun bliantúil

Chomh maith leis sin, tá roinnt áirithe den fhoireann freagrach le riachtanais an Achta um Eitic in Oifig Phoiblí 1995 agus 2001, agus déantar ráitis bliantúil inchláraithe faoin Acht. Tá sé riachtanach de réir an Achta ráitis comhaltaí an Bhoird a thabhairt do Choimisiúin na n-Oifigí Poiblí gach bliain. I 2005, rinne gach ball ráiteas de réir na nAchtanna.

Faoi alt 150 den Acht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000, ghlac an Bord le cód iompair chun déileáil le easaontas leasa agus chun muinín an phobail a spreagadh in ionracas agus iompar gnó. Tá an cód feidhmeach do comhaltaí, roinnt áirithe den fhoireann agus daoine a mbaineann an Bord úsáid as a seirbhísí. I 2005, rinne comhalta amháin (1), triúir (3) foirne agus comhairleoir amháin (1) nochtadh faoin gCód.

Nóta 14 Na Ráitis Airgeadais a Fhormheas

Rinne an Bord na ráitis airgeadais a fhormheas ar an 22 Bealtaine 2006.

APPENDIX 11 REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL

AGUISÍN 11 TUARASCÁIL AN ARD-REACHTAIRE CUNTAS AGUS CISTE

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 2005 under the Planning and Development Act, 2000.

The financial statements, which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein, comprise the 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 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.

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

Tá ráitis airgeadais An Bord Pleanála don bhliain dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2005 iniúchta agam faoin Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000.

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

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

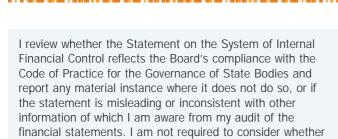
Tá An Bord Pleanála freagrach as na ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú de réir Achta um Pleanáil agus Forbairt, 2000 agus as rialtacht na n-idirbheart a chinntiú. Ullmhaíonn An Bord Pleanála na ráitis airgeadais de réir Cleachtais Chuntasaíochta a nGlactar Leis go Coitianta in Éirinn. Tá freagrachtaí cuntasaíochta Chomhaltaí an Bhoird leagtha amach sa Ráiteas um Fhreagrachtaí an Bhoird.

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

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

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



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.

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 judgments made in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Board'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.

Scrúdaím an Ráiteas maidir leis an Córas um Rialú Inmheánach Airgeadais le féachaint an léirítear ann gur chomhlíon an Bord an Cód Cleachtais maidir le Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit agus tuairiscím 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 bhreithniú 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 agus rialú.

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 Idirnáisiúnta maidir le hIniúchóireacht (Ríocht Aontaithe agus Éire) arna n-eisiúint ag an mBord um Chleachtais Iniúchóireachta agus trí thagairt a dhéanamh do na nithe ar leith is gá a chur san áireamh i ndáil le cúrsaí bainisteoireachta agus oibriúcháin a ghabhann le comhlachtaí Stáit. 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 fhoilsítear 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, ar feidhmíodh na beartais sin ar bhealach leanúnach agus ar foilsíodh iad ar bhealach

Phleanáil 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 shásúla 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 the Board's affairs at 31 December 2005 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

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

Gerard Smyth

For and on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General

29 June 2006

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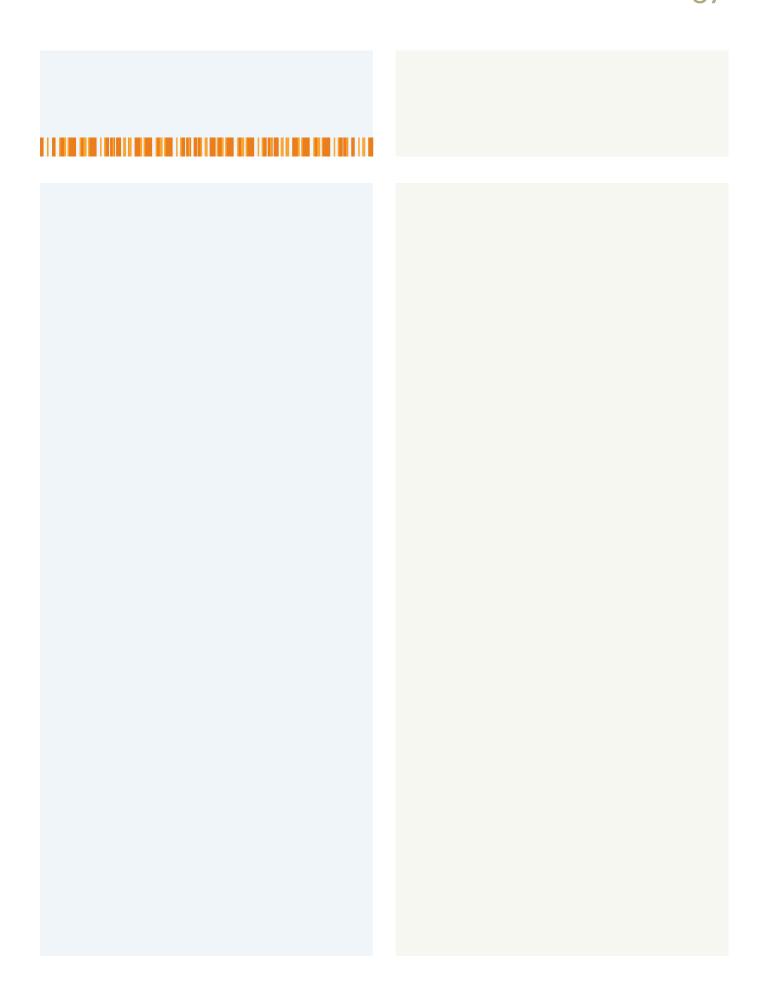
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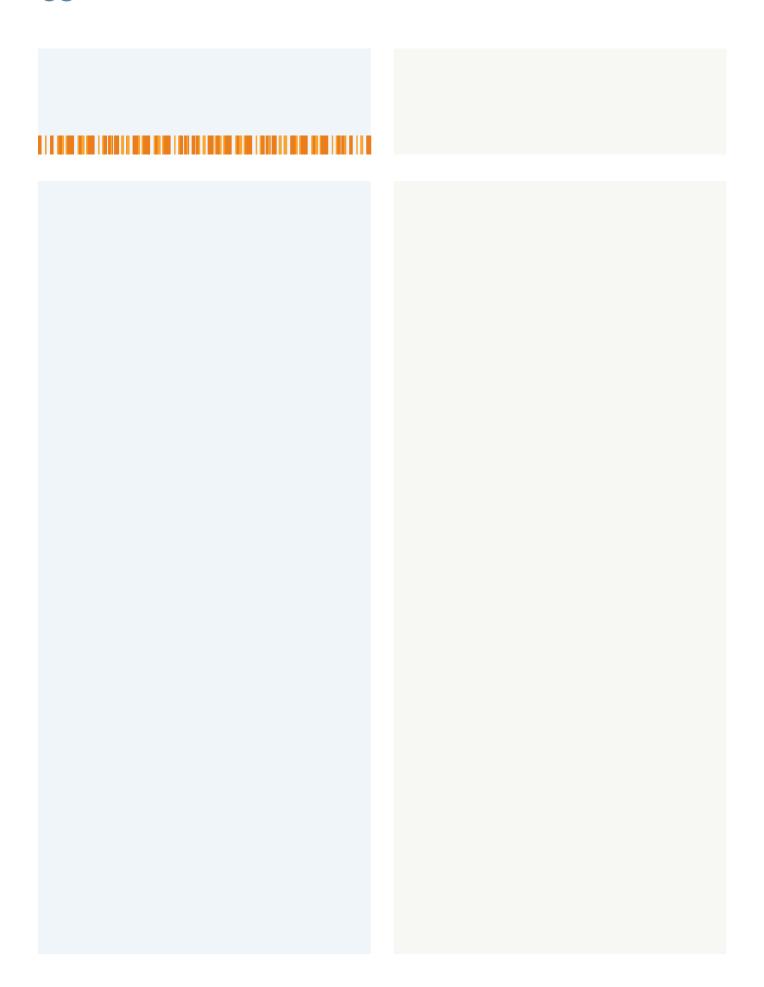
Is é mo thuairim go raibh leabhair chuntais chuí coinnithe ag an mBord. Tá na ráitis airgeadais ag teacht leis na leabhair chuntais.

Gerard Smyth

Le haghaidh agus thar cheann an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste

29 Meitheamh 2006







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