

TRANSPORT

Account of the sum expended, in the year ended 31 December 2008, compared with the sum granted and of the sum which may be applied as appropriations-in-aid in addition thereto for the salaries and expenses of the Office of the Minister for Transport, including certain services administered by that Office, for payment of certain grants and certain other services.

Service	Estimate Provision	Outturn	Closing Accruals
ADMINISTRATION	€000	€000	€000
A.1. SALARIES, WAGES AND ALLOWANCES	34,171	33,916	
A.2. TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE	1,938	1,323	4
A.3. INCIDENTAL EXPENSES			
<i>Original</i>	2,421		
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>800</u>	3,221	3,255
A.4. POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES	795	807	14
A.5. OFFICE MACHINERY AND OTHER OFFICE SUPPLIES AND RELATED SERVICES	1,688	2,297	27
A.6. OFFICE PREMISES EXPENSES	925	1,274	16
A.7. CONSULTANCY SERVICES	1,608	1,008	49
A.8. VALUE FOR MONEY AND POLICY REVIEWS	125	165	
ROADS			
B.1. ROAD IMPROVEMENT/MAINTENANCE			
<i>Original</i>	2,298,175		
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>(922)</u>	2,297,253	2,286,205
B.2. ROAD HAULAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME		100	76
B.3. ROAD SAFETY AGENCIES AND EXPENSES			
<i>Original</i>	44,152		
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>923</u>	45,075	44,222
B.4. VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENCING EXPENSES			1,412
<i>Original</i>	14,034		
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>6,200</u>	20,234	20,199
PUBLIC TRANSPORT			
C.1. PUBLIC SERVICE PROVISION PAYMENTS			
<i>Original</i>	332,730		
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>(655)</u>	332,075	331,384
C.2. PUBLIC TRANSPORT INVESTMENT PROGRAMME			
<i>Original</i>	986,000		
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>(7,669)</u>	978,331	890,284
C.3. PUBLIC TRANSPORT AGENCIES AND EXPENSES			41
<i>Original</i>	14,140		
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>(2,500)</u>	11,640	11,453
CIVIL AVIATION			
D.1. AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION INSURANCE		595	552
D.2. REGIONAL AIRPORTS			(5)
<i>Original</i>	41,360		
<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>700</u>	42,060	27,064
D.3. PAYMENTS TO THE IRISH AVIATION AUTHORITY IN RESPECT OF EXEMPT SERVICES		2,558	3,003
D.4. MISCELLANEOUS AVIATION SERVICES		245	385
D.5. NORTH SOUTH CO-OPERATION		6,000	5,060

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Service	€000	Estimate Provision €000	Outturn €000	Closing Accruals €000
MARITIME TRANSPORT AND SAFETY				
E.1. MARITIME SAFETY AND IRISH COAST GUARD		43,738	43,170	824
E.2. SEAPORTS AND SHIPPING		3,861	3,475	
E.3. CROSS BORDER INITIATIVES		150	48	
MISCELLANEOUS				
F.1. SUBSCRIPTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS				
	<i>Original</i>	5,737		
	<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>1,600</u>	7,337	7,080
F.2. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES				
	<i>Original</i>	136		
	<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>1,524</u>	1,660	1,633
				13
	Gross Total			
	<i>Original</i>	3,837,382		
	<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>1</u>	3,837,383	3,719,338
				4,259
Deduct :				
G. APPROPRIATIONS-IN-AID			<u>610,889</u>	<u>609,587</u>
				121
	Net Total			
	<i>Original</i>	3,226,493		
	<i>Supplementary</i>	<u>1</u>	3,226,494	3,109,751
				4,138

Surplus to be surrendered

€116,743,251

The Statement of Accounting Policies and Principles and Notes 1 to 16 form part of this Account.

NOTES

1 EXCEPTIONS TO GENERAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Department's policy is to depreciate assets from the date of purchase. Similarly assets are depreciated only up to the date of disposal and not as stated in Paragraph 9 in the Statement of Accounting Policies and Principles in the preface to the Accounts.

2 OPERATING COST STATEMENT FOR 2008

	€000	€000	€000
Net Outturn			3,109,751
Changes in Capital Assets			
Purchases Cash	(4,246)		
Disposals Cash	—		
Depreciation	2,439		
Loss on Disposals	<u>1</u>	(1,806)	
Assets Under Development			
Cash Payments		(183)	
Changes in Net Current Assets			
Increase in Closing Accruals	19,201		
Increase in Stock	<u>(206)</u>	18,995	17,006
Direct Expenditure			<u>3,126,757</u>
Expenditure Borne Elsewhere			
Net Allied Services Expenditure	14,118		
Notional Rents	<u>1,250</u>		<u>15,368</u>
Operating Cost			<u><u>3,142,125</u></u>

3 STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	€000	€000	€000
Capital Assets (Note 4)			10,725
Assets Under Development (Note 5)			<u>1,654</u>
			12,379
Current Assets			
Stocks (Note 15)		841	
Prepayments		135	
Accrued Income		121	
Other Debit Balances:			
Retirement Lump Sum	596		
OPW	334		
Commission for Aviation Regulation	<u>118</u>	1,048	
PMG Balance and Cash	80,783		
Orders Outstanding	<u>(1,751)</u>	79,032	
		<u>81,177</u>	
Total Current Assets		<u>81,177</u>	
Less Current Liabilities			
Accrued Expenses		4,394	
Other Credit Balances:			
Department of Finance	64		
Due to State (Note 16)	226		
Pension Charges	225		
General	<u>344</u>	859	
Net Liability to the Exchequer (Note 6)		<u>79,221</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		<u>84,474</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>(3,297)</u>
Net Assets			<u><u>9,082</u></u>

4 STATEMENT OF CAPITAL ASSETS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	Land and Buildings €000	Office Equipment €000	Furniture and Fittings €000	Motor Vehicles €000	Specialist Equipment €000	Totals €000
Cost or Valuation at 1 January 2008	464	4,466	390	4,538	11,159	21,017
Additions	1,545	581	10	813	1,297	4,246
Disposals*	—	(2,383)	—	—	(62)	(2,445)
Department of Environment transfer	—	10,746	91	—	—	10,837
Gross Assets at 31 December 2008	2,009	13,410	491	5,351	12,394	33,655
Opening Balance at 1 January 2008	—	3,257	262	3,922	8,338	15,779
Depreciation for the year	—	1,184	28	274	953	2,439
Depreciation on disposals	—	(2,381)	—	—	(62)	(2,443)
Depreciation on transfers from Department of Environment	—	7,092	63	—	—	7,155
Cumulative Depreciation at 31 December 2008	—	9,152	353	4,196	9,229	22,930
Net Assets at 31 December 2008	2,009	4,258	138	1,155	3,165	10,725

Note: *Includes Transfer Assets disposed by Department of Transport

5 STATEMENT OF CAPITAL ASSETS UNDER DEVELOPMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	Specialist Equipment €000	Information Systems €000	Total €000
Amounts brought forward at 1 January 2008	398	—	398
Cash Payments for year	—	183	183
Transferred to Asset Register	(398)	(183)	(581)
Transferred from the Department of Environment	—	1,654	1,654
Amounts carried forward at 31 December 2008	—	1,654	1,654

6 NET LIABILITY TO THE EXCHEQUER**Reconciliation of Surplus to be Surrendered at year end to Debtor and Creditor Balances held at 31 December 2008**

	€000	€000
Surplus to be surrendered		116,743
Deferred Surrender		—
Exchequer Grant Undrawn		(37,522)
Net Liability to the Exchequer		79,221
Represented by:		
Debtors		
Debit Balances: Suspense	1,048	
Net PMG position and cash	79,032	80,080
Creditors		
Due to State (Note 16)	(226)	
Credit Balances: Suspense	(633)	(859)
		79,221

7 EXTRA RECEIPTS PAYABLE TO THE EXCHEQUER

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Pollution Recovery Costs	2,909
Pension charges in respect of seconded staff	201,549
	<u>204,458</u>

8 EXPLANATION OF THE CAUSES OF VARIATION BETWEEN OUTTURN AND ESTIMATE PROVISION

Sub head	Less/(More) than Provided €000	Explanation
A.2.	615	Savings arose due to lower than anticipated levels of official travel.
A.5.	(609)	Expenditure was greater than provided for due to transfer of the hosting and maintenance of the Safe Seas Ireland from the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and commencement of implementation of the new ICT strategy.
A.6.	(349)	Expenditure was greater than provided for due to essential refurbishment works in some of the Department's buildings and higher than anticipated energy costs.
A.7.	600	Significant efforts were made to reduce expenditure on Consultants during the year.
C.2.	88,047	A delay occurred in mobilisation by the main contractor on the Luas extension to Cherrywood and there were lower than anticipated claims by Iarnród Éireann in respect of its public transport safety and development programmes.
D.2.	14,996	Claims in respect of the capital programme of works at regional airports were less than anticipated. Allocations in respect of capital works at regional airports announced in February 2007 have not been paid out fully.
D.3.	(445)	The level of air traffic which gives rise to expenditure under this subhead is difficult to predict and was greater than expected.
D.4.	(140)	The consultancy costs related to the tender process for facility management at Dublin Airport were higher than expected during the year. This mainly related to future management options for Terminal 2 when completed.
D.5.	940	Claims in respect of the one approved capital project under this subhead were less than anticipated. The one approved project under this subhead is runway safety works at City of Derry Airport which is being co-funded with the UK Government.
E.3.	101	The approved capital projects under this subhead were largely completed prior to 2008 but claims in respect of final project payments were less than anticipated. Five projects were approved under the Interreg IIIA North South Programme which are now essentially completed.

9 APPROPRIATIONS-IN-AID

	Estimated €	Realised €
1. Recoupment for Seconded Staff	450,000	652,408
2. Road Transport Licence Fees	1,150,000	772,898
3. Irish Aviation Authority Refund of Subscriptions to International Organisations	5,783,000	7,412,640
4. Irish Aviation Authority Recoupment of Rents, etc.	305,000	355,972
5. Irish Aviation Authority Associated Costs	2,200,000	2,796,813
6. Recoupment of Costs of IAA Safety Audit	1,000	—
7. Miscellaneous Receipts	300,000	233,892
8. Receipts from Local Government Fund	582,360,000	567,860,000
9. National Toll Roads	17,900,000	28,889,583
10. Receipts under the Merchant Shipping and Mercantile Marine Acts	440,000	612,675
Total	610,889,000	609,586,881

Explanation of Variations

- 1 The number of staff on secondment was more than provided for in the estimate. It is difficult to estimate the number of staff which may be secondment throughout the course of the year.
- 2 Applications for licences and renewals were less than anticipated.
- 3 The Department's contributions to international aviation organisations are paid from subhead F.1 and recouped from the Irish Aviation Authority. The extra receipts match the additional expenditure from subhead F.1 in 2008.
- 4 The rents recouped from the Irish Aviation Authority were more than anticipated. The increase was due to receipt of a payment which should have been received last year.
- 5 The Department's administrative costs, such as salaries and overheads, in overseeing and monitoring the Irish Aviation Authority and for which the Department is reimbursed, were greater than estimated. The costs are calculated according to a Department of Finance formula for recovery of appropriate services by the Department.
- 6 No audit costs arose in 2008 in respect of the Irish Aviation Authority.
- 7 Miscellaneous receipts which by their nature are difficult to estimate were less than expected.
- 8 Receipts from the Local Government Fund relate to expenditure in respect of vehicle and driver licensing expenses and to grants paid to local authorities in respect of regional and local roads. The amount received by the Department from the Fund was less than originally anticipated due to reduced motor tax receipts.
- 9 The additional receipts are as a result of the buy-out of National Toll Roads' interest in the M50 toll bridge in 2008. Toll revenue received ordinarily related to the volume of traffic in the preceding year but, as part of the buy-out agreement, all toll revenue due to the State up to the buy-out date was paid by NTR.
- 10 The increase in fees reflected an increased level of mercantile marine and marine survey activity during 2008.

10 COMMITMENTS

Global Commitments

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(i) Procurement Subheads	87,321,293
(ii) Grant Subheads	81,763,669

11 MATURED LIABILITIES

The total of matured liabilities at 31 December 2008 was €1,048,124.

12 DETAILS OF EXTRA REMUNERATION

	Amount	Number of recipients	Recipients of €10,000 or more	Max. individual payment of €10,000 or more
	€			€
Higher, special or additional duties	925,532	268	81	51,974
Overtime and extra attendance	868,520	181	45	30,984
Shift and roster allowance	794,697	78	59	15,893
Total extra remuneration	2,588,749			

Note: Certain individuals received extra remuneration in more than one category.

13 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

From January 2008, responsibility for State funding for (1) regional and local roads and (2) vehicle and driver licensing expenses was transferred to the Department from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

41 members of staff were in receipt of merit awards in 2008. In total, €21,000 was awarded comprising €1,000 for 13 individual awards and €7,000 comprising €250 per team member for 8 team awards.

This account includes penalty interest payments under the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act, 1997 amounting to €284.

14 EU FUNDING

EU funding received by bodies under the aegis of this Department was as follows:

Funding under the European Cohesion Fund	€000
Public Transport (Iarnrod Eireann)	4,188

15 STOCKS

Stocks at 31 December 2008 comprised:	€000
Stationery and office supplies	29
IT Consumables, etc. (Provisional)	103
Specialised Consumables (Irish Coast Guard)	709
	<u>841</u>

16 DUE TO THE STATE

The amount due to the State at 31 December 2008 consisted of:	€000
Income Tax	(20)
Pay Related Social Insurance	16
Value Added Tax	75
Withholding Tax	155
	<u>226</u>

JULIE O'NEILL
Accounting Officer
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
31 March 2009

Certificate of the Comptroller and Auditor General

I have audited the Appropriation Account of the Vote for Transport for 2008 under Section 3 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act, 1993. The Account has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Accounting Policies and Principles. The duties of the Accounting Officer and of the Comptroller and Auditor General in relation to the Appropriation Accounts, and the basis of the audit opinion, are set out in Part 1 to this volume.

I have obtained all the information and explanations I considered necessary for the purposes of my audit. In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Department of Transport. The Appropriation Account is in agreement with the books of account.

In my opinion, the Appropriation Account properly presents the receipts and expenditure of the Vote for the year ended 31 December 2008.

Chapter 27 of my annual report refers to certain matters which I considered it appropriate to report on in accordance with Section 3 (10) of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act, 1993.



JOHN BUCKLEY
Comptroller and Auditor General
4 September 2009