

11th February 2019

Re: Acknowledgement of FOI request IE_FOI_215

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request dated 29th December 2018 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, and the clarification which was received on the 2nd January, for the following records held by Iarnród Éireann.

Request:

- Passenger Number for 2017 & 2018 on the following routes:
 - Dublin – Cork
 - Dublin – Galway
 - Dublin – Waterford
 - Dublin to
 - Belfast
 - Sligo
 - Rosslare
 - Tralee
 - Limerick
 - Westport
- When Iarnród Éireann will be placing the order for the new EMU and BI-Mode trains and the class 22000 coach order
- Confirmation of whether Iarnród Éireann will be leasing the British Rail Class 170/185

We, Annette Reilly & Gwen Jones, have now made a final decision to grant your request on 11th February 2019.

You have sought access to the records as listed above and I consider this an appropriate form of access in this case. Accordingly, a copy of the records is now attached including a copy of the schedule to these records.

Rights of appeal:

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you can make an appeal in relation to this matter, you can do so by writing to the FOI Unit, Corporate Communications, Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail, Connolly Station, Amien St, Dublin 1 or by e-mail to fo@irishrail.ie. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays, however, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances.

The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact the FOI Officer on 01, 7034293.

Yours sincerely,


Ms. Annette Reilly & Gwen Jones

Decision Makers, Iarnród Éireann

Freedom of Information Request:
 Schedule of Records for IE_FOI_215 : Summary for Decision Making

| Record No. | Date of Record | Brief Description | No. of Pages | Decision: Grant/Part Grant/Refuse | Section of Act if applicable | Record Edited/Identify Deletions: |
|------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | 06.02.19 | IE_FOI_215 Response Document | 1 | Grant | | |

Signed

Freedom of Information / Data Protection Executive

Response

1) Passenger Number for 2017 & 2018 on the following routes:

- a. Dublin – Cork
- b. Dublin – Galway
- c. Dublin – Waterford
- d. Dublin to
 - i. Belfast
 - ii. Sligo
 - iii. Rosslare
 - iv. Tralee
 - v. Limerick
 - vi. Westport

See table below. Please note that passenger figures quoted below capture end to end journeys and also intermediate journeys between stations along the route.

| | 2018 million | 2017 million |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dublin Cork | 3.458 | 3.148 |
| Dublin Tralee | 0.653 | 0.619 |
| Dublin Limerick | 1.005 | 0.910 |
| Dublin Galway | 2.025 | 1.846 |
| Dublin Westport | 0.577 | 0.559 |
| Dublin Waterford | 1.386 | 1.266 |
| Dublin Belfast | 1.290 | 1.175 |
| Dublin Sligo | 1.409 | 1.340 |
| Dublin Rosslare | 0.366 | 0.348 |

2) When Iarnród Éireann will be placing the order for the new EMU and Bi-Mode trains and the class 22000 coach order

Iarnród Éireann/Irish Rail and the National Transport Authority are currently in discussions relating to the tender process for the acquisition of new rolling stock fleet to cater for the DART expansion programme and service level increases across the IE Network. Once this process is complete, it is expected that we will be in a position to issue a contract award which takes circa 15 months post the OJEU publication. In relation to the purchase of intermediate vehicles to increase capacity across the 22000 class Diesel Multiple Unit fleet, discussions have taken place with both the National Transport Authority and the train manufacturer. Subject to reaching agreement on funding and pricing, we are hoping to place an order for the purchase of these vehicles mid 2019.

3) Confirmation of whether Iarnród Éireann will be leasing the British Rail Class 170/185

Iarnród Éireann/Irish Rail and the National Transport Authority are exploring a number of options for increasing short term fleet capacity including the leasing or purchase of fleet from the UK. At this juncture, it is too soon to confirm any individual option including the lease or purchase of Diesel Multiple Units.