

24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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E-Mail: [REDACTED]

**Re: FOI Request Response [IE\_FOI\_246]**

I refer to your e-mail request dated 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received on that day, for records held by Iarnród Éireann.

**Request:**

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***My understanding is that Irish Rail have provided this breakdown to the Department since the line (Ennis/Athenry) was opened, so the figures should be readily available.***

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I, Gwen Jones, have now made a final decision to grant your request on 20<sup>th</sup> May 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, Amiens St, Dublin 1 or by e-mail to [foi@irishrail.ie](mailto:foi@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,

**Gwen Jones**

**FOI Decision Maker, Commercial Department.**

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**Lynette O'Toole**

**Freedom of Information Executive**

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The number of passenger journeys on the Ennis-Athenry section of the Western Rail Corridor was 137,784 for 2018. Please note that the line was closed due to flooding from 26<sup>th</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

In relation to the number of passenger journeys between Oranmore and Galway, below are the figures from date of opening in 2013.

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Passengers</b>
2013	5,522
2014	11,624
2015	13,852
2016	19,887
2017	34,138
2018	54,417

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Schedule of Records for IE\_FOI\_246 : 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
B.20.05.19	20th May 2019	Western Rail Corridor passenger numbers	1	Grant		

Signed: Gwen Jones

IE Decision Maker