



# **An Roinn Iompair** **Department of Transport**

## **Freedom of Information Publication Scheme**

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2014**

## **Introduction**

Section 8 of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2014 requires FOI bodies to prepare and publish as much information as possible in an open and accessible manner on a routine basis outside of FOI, having regard to the principals of openness, transparency and accountability as set out in Sections 8(5) and 11(3) of the Act. This allows for the publication or giving of records outside of FOI provided that such publication or giving of access is not prohibited by law. The scheme commits FOI bodies to make information available as part of their normal business activities in accordance with this scheme.

## **Publication Scheme Prepared by the Department of Transport**

The Department of Transport has prepared a Publication Scheme containing information about the Department in conformity with the Model and Guidelines approved by the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

## **Publication Format**

The information in the publication scheme has been grouped into the six classes listed in the model publication scheme and guidelines made by the Minister for Public Expenditure. These six classes are:

1. Information about the FOI body
2. Services provided or to be provided to the public
3. Decision making process for major policy decisions
4. Financial information
5. Procurement
6. FOI Disclosure Log and other information to be published routinely

In addition to publishing the scheme on the Department's website, Section 8(6) of the FOI Act provides that a printed version of the basic scheme should be made available at the Department's Head Office for a member of the public to view during normal hours.

A hard copy of the scheme is available for inspection by members of the public at no less than 24 hours' notice at the Department of Transport, Leeson Lane, Dublin, D02 TR60. To arrange an appointment, please contact the Department's FOI Unit on (01) 604 1178 or by email at [freedominformation@transport.gov.ie](mailto:freedominformation@transport.gov.ie).

## Information about the FOI body

### 1. Who we are and what we do?

#### Establishment of Organisation

The Department of Transport was established on 17 September 2020. Since its original establishment (as the Department of Transport and Power) in 1959 during the 16<sup>th</sup> Dáil, the Department has undergone several name changes.

#### Mission Statement

The Mission Statement outlined in the Department of Transport's [Statement of Strategy 2021-2023](#) is:

*"To deliver an accessible, efficient, safe and sustainable transport system that supports communities, households and businesses."*

#### Roles, responsibilities, and functions:

There are currently 6 key sectoral areas of the Department. They are:

1. Aviation
2. Corporate Affairs and Central Policy Coordination
3. Transport Investment and Public Transport Policy
4. Maritime
5. Climate Action
6. Road Transport Services

#### Governance/Management arrangements

##### Role of Minister

The principal legislative provisions governing the Minister's powers are the Ministers and Secretaries Acts 1924 as amended, and the Public Service Management Act 1997. The structures of Government Departments and distribution of their business are regulated by these Acts. Under the legislation, the Minister with responsibility for each Department is designated as a 'corporation sole' and as such the person with legal responsibility for the Department's activities. This means that the Minister is ultimately responsible for Departmental policy within the overall context of Government policy.

While the Minister of State has responsibility for international and road transport and logistics, the Minister retains responsibility in these areas for matters such as making appointments, submissions to Government, the estimates process, and final decisions on allocations of financial support and is involved in all decisions on significant policy issues.

##### Role of Secretary General

The Secretary General is the Administrative Head of the Department and its Accounting Officer. The Ministers and Secretaries Act 1924 and Public Services Management Act 1997 outline the statutory responsibility of the Secretary General. Under the 1997 Act, certain

duties are assigned to the Secretary General (Section 4(1), 9(1) and 9(2)), including, but not limited to the duties outlined below:

- Managing the business generally of the Department
- Implementing Government policies appropriate to the Department
- Monitoring Government policies that affect the Department
- Delivering outputs as determined by the Minister
- Providing policy advice to the Minister on matters within the remit of the Department
- Preparing Statements of Strategy for submission to the Minister
- Providing reports to the Minister on the implementation of the Statement of Strategy
- Ensuring proper use of resources and the provision of cost-effective public services
- Preparing an outline of how specific responsibilities are to be assigned to other offices in the Department
- Managing matters relating to appointments, performance, discipline, and dismissal of civil servants below the grade of Principal Officer or its equivalent.

The list of duties specified in the Public Services Management Act 1997, while extensive, is not necessarily exhaustive and the Secretary General may also be required, under the Act, to carry out other functions on behalf of the Minister. While the Secretary General may delegate responsibility and accountability by way of assignment (where each officer is accountable to the Secretary General) he/she retains ultimate responsibility and accountability for the actions of the Department, irrespective of the delegation of assigned responsibilities.

As Accounting Officer, the Secretary General is personally answerable to the Oireachtas Committee of Public Accounts (PAC) for regularity, propriety, and value for money through rigorous post factum examination of the manner in which Accounting Officers have discharged their responsibilities by means of independent audit and examinations by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

### ***Role of Assistant Secretaries***

Assistant Secretaries lead and are responsible for the delivery and objectives in their sectoral areas and for providing policy advice and reports to the Minister as required. Specific responsibilities are assigned to officers at Assistant Secretary level within the overall management framework for the Department and the Civil Service. On assignment at Assistant Secretary level or on assignment of new responsibilities, a letter of assignment is issued to the Assistant Secretary from the Secretary General. Included with the letter is an outline of the Assignment of Responsibility and Accountability within the Department in accordance with Sections 4 and 9 of the [Public Service Management Act 1997](#). An Assistant Secretary heads up each of the above mentioned sectoral areas within the Department.

### ***Role of Principal Officers***

On assignment at Principal Officer level or on assignment of new responsibilities, a letter of assignment is issued to the Principal Officer from the Secretary General. Included with the letter is an outline of the Assignment of Responsibility and Accountability within the Department in accordance with Sections 4 and 9 of the [Public Service Management Act 1997](#). Specific responsibilities for a Division within the Department are assigned to officers at Principal Officer level.

### **Management Board Overview**

The Management Board has six members (with two Assistant Secretary vacancies at present), comprising the Secretary General and Assistant Secretaries of the Department. The Management Board is supported by a Secretary to the Board who is a member of staff of the Department.

The Management Board is responsible for:

- Providing leadership and strategic direction for the Department and to the Transport sectors
- Providing quality, coordinated and timely advice on strategic matters affecting the Department to the Minister and Minister of State, through use of its strategic business planning process and management information tools.
- Providing appropriate leadership, judgment, oversight, management, and review of the Department's strategy statements and business plans and activities, and where appropriate, of the relevant sector-wide statements and plans.
- Providing oversight of the distribution of the Department's resources, directing resources to where they are most needed, and leading innovation in how the services of the Department and sector are delivered.
- Ensuring that an appropriate Corporate Governance Framework is in place for the Department and each sector and, in particular:
  - Assisting the Secretary General in discharging Accounting Officer functions
  - Seeking to ensure that the Department operates within its defined boundaries to an agreed and acceptable degree of risk and a reasonable assurance that all material financial and regulatory requirements are being met
  - Ensuring that effective governance and accountability arrangements are in place between the Department and its agencies and bodies and
  - Providing appropriate leadership and development support for all staff.

Management and key decision making in the sectoral areas of the Department are not confined to the Management Board. The Senior Management Forum (members of the Management Board. Principal Officer's and equivalent grades are central to coordination of governance, leadership, and management of the Department. The Senior Management Forum meets at suitable intervals during the year to discuss key issues relating to the Department and its governance.

### **Governance Framework**

The purpose of the Department of Transport's Corporate Governance Framework is to provide a clear and comprehensive overview of the corporate governance arrangements that exist and operate within the Department of Transport. The arrangements detailed throughout this document represent the mechanisms put in place by the Department to ensure that good governance is embedded in the day to day working of the Department. This document brings together in one place an overview description of how many distinct and interlinked processes that have been put in place over time. The framework focuses on key areas of governance and provides a high-level description of the very detailed processes and functions. While it does not attempt to detail the full range of governance activity, it does

give an insight into the key elements, such as risk management and public procurement, and the overall structure of governance within the Department.

A copy of the Department's [Corporate Governance Framework can be viewed on our website](#).

### **Corporate Strategy**

The Statement of Strategy is the Department of Transport's primary strategic plan and sets out our key priorities for the period 2021-2023. It details the Department's high-level goals and objectives, providing the framework for more detailed planning and individual performance management.

The [Statement of Strategy 2021-2023](#), along with Statements going as [far back as 2003](#) can be viewed on the Department's website.

### **Annual Report**

In accordance with the Public Service Management Act 1997, each year the Department publishes an Annual Report which details progress against agreed objectives and commitments in our Statement of Strategy. The report is intended as a means of monitoring activity and enabling assessment of the impact of the Department's Statement of Strategy. It is also an opportunity to highlight new issues or changing circumstances and as such, is an important element in the Department's accountability process.

The [Annual Report](#) is published on the Department's website.

### **Organisation and Pay/Grading Structures**

Pay scales and travel and subsistence rates for all civil servants are agreed by the Department of Public Expenditure in accordance with the Public Service Pay and pensions Act 2017.

[Organisation details per grade](#) can be viewed on the Department's website. This information is valid as of December 2022.

## Locations and contact details for the organisation

The Department of Transport has three main offices nationally. They are:

1. Head Office – Leeson Lane, Dublin
2. Shannon Office – Motor Tax, Log Books and change of vehicle ownership
3. Loughrea Office – Road Transport Operator Division

We also have Marine Survey Offices in Cork and Ballyshannon, and Irish Coast Guard Offices in Valentia and Malin.

The main telephone number for the Department of Transport is 01-6707444 and the Department's website can be accessed via [gov.ie](http://gov.ie) - [Department of Transport \(www.gov.ie\)](http://www.gov.ie). All address, telephone and email information can be found on the Department's [Contact Us](#) webpage.

## Freedom of Information

Applications under the Freedom of Information Act should be sent by email to [freedominformation@transport.gov.ie](mailto:freedominformation@transport.gov.ie), or alternatively be sent in writing to Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Transport, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, D02 TR60.

## Access to Information on the Environment

Application for Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) records held by this Department should be sent by email to [AccessInformationEnvironment@transport.gov.ie](mailto:AccessInformationEnvironment@transport.gov.ie), or alternatively be sent in writing to AIE Officer, Freedom of Information Unit, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, D02 TR60.

## Agencies under the Aegis of the Department

The Department has a total of 18 Agencies which fall under its Aegis, a combination of 11 Commercial and 7 Non-Commercial. They are as follows:

<b><u>Commercial Agency</u></b>	<b><u>CEO</u></b>	<b><u>Principal Officer in Department liaising with Agency</u></b>	<b><u>Exchequer Funding Source</u></b>	<b><u>Governing Legislation</u></b>
Córas Iompair Éireann	Mr Lorcan O'Connor CEO	Public Transport Corporate and Services Division	N/A	Transport Act 1950 (as amended)
Bus Átha Cliath/Dublin Bus	Mr Billy Hann, CEO	Public Transport Corporate and Services Division	N/A (Capital and PSO funding via NTA)	Transport (Re-Organisation of CIÉ) Act 1986
Bus Éireann	Mr Stephen Kent, CEO	Public Transport Corporate and Services Division	N/A (Capital and PSO funding via NTA)	Transport (Re-Organisation of CIÉ) Act 1986

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Iarnród Éireann/Irish Rail	Mr Jim Meade, CEO	Public Transport Corporate and Services Division	N/A (Capital and PSO funding via NTA)	Transport (Re-Organisation of CIÉ) Act 1986
daa plc	Mr Kenny Jacobs, CEO	Airports Division	N/A	State Airports Act 2004
The Shannon Air Group	Ms Mary Considine, CEO	Airports Division	N/A	State Airports (Shannon Group) Act 2014
Irish Aviation Authority	Mr Peter Kearney, CEO	Aviation Navigation Services Division	N/A	Irish Aviation Authority Act 1993
Port of Cork Company	Mr Eoin McGettigan, CEO	Maritime Transport Division	N/A	Harbours Act 1996 to 2015
Dublin Port Company	Mr Barry O'Connell, CEO	Maritime Transport Division	N/A	Harbours Act 1996 to 2015
Shannon Foynes Port Company	Mr Pat Keating, CEO	Maritime Transport Division	N/A	Harbours Act 1996 to 2015
Port of Waterford Company	Mr David Sinnott, CEO	Maritime Transport Division	N/A	Harbours Act 1996 to 2015
<b><u>Non-Commercial Agency</u></b>	<b><u>Accountable Person</u></b>	<b><u>Principal Officer in Department liaising with Agency</u></b>	<b><u>Exchequer Funding Source</u></b>	<b><u>Governing Legislation</u></b>
Transport Infrastructure Ireland	Mr Peter Walsh, CEO	National Roads, Greenways and Active Travel Division	Capital Grants, Current	Transport (Railway) Infrastructure Act 2001. Roads Act 1993-2016
National Transport Authority	Ms Anne Graham, CEO	Public Transport Corporate & Services Division	Capital Grants, Current	Dublin Transport Authority Act 2008 as amended by the Public Transport Regulation Act 2009
Commission for Railway Regulation	Mr Brian Higgs, Commissioner	Public Transport Corporate & Services Division	Current	Railway Safety Act 2005



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Road Safety Authority	Mr Sam Waide, CEO	Road Safety and Vehicle Standards Division	Current	Road Safety Authority Act 2006
Medical Bureau of Road Safety	Prof. Denis Cusack, Director	Road Safety and Vehicle Standards Division	Capital Grants, Current	Road Traffic Acts 1968 - 2014
Commission for Aviation Regulation	Mr David Hodnett, Deputy Commissioner	Air Navigation and Services Division	N/A	Aviation Regulation Act, 2001
Marine Casualty Investigation Board	Ms Claire Callanan, Chairperson	Maritime Safety Policy Division	Current	Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act 2000
Commissioners of Irish Lights	Ms Yvonne Shields O'Connor, CEO	Maritime Strategy and Governance Division	Current	Merchant Shipping Acts 1894, 1898, 1920, 1993 and 1997

Further in-depth information on Government/Oireachtas Reports, Financial Reports, Planning, Shareholder Expectations, Corporate Reports, Board Appointments/CEO remuneration etc. for each of the above agencies can be viewed in the Department's [Corporate Governance Framework](#).

### **Details of Service Level Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding**

The Department and each agency agree, on an annual basis, a Shareholder Expectation Letter (SEL) in respect of the Commercial Agencies and a Performance Delivery and Oversight Agreement (PDA) in respect of the non-Commercial agencies. Both documents are signed off by the Minister and the Chairperson of each agency and they set out an agreed level of performance/service in respect of the body. They also allow for the adoption of both annual and multi-annual targets, and the development of output and outcome indicators including milestones to measure performance against targets.

### **Customer Charter**

The Department of Transport is fully committed to delivering quality of service and equality of treatment to all our customers. We aim at all times to provide our customers with a professional, efficient and courteous service in accordance with the [Guiding Principles of Quality Customer Service](#).

This Customer Service Action Plan sets out the standard of service our customers can expect to receive from the Department and how we will implement the Customer Charter commitments.

The Customer Charter affirms our commitment to the delivery of high-quality services to all our customers and outlines the standards of service that customers can expect to receive when they interact with us.

The [Customer Service Action Plan and Customer Charter 2020 – 2022](#) have been published and are available on the Department's website.

### **Codes of Practice or Guidelines**

The Department provides oversight of both commercial and non-commercial State Bodies in respect of governance. In March 2018, the Department adopted a new Framework Oversight Plan for commercial/non-commercial State Bodies, which clarifies the manner in which the Department oversees the governance of its agencies in line with the revised Department of Public Expenditure and Reform Code of Practice for the Government of State Bodies 2016.

The Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (2016) can be viewed [here](#).

## **2. Services Provided to the Public**

The Department and a number of agencies under our remit are responsible for the following services to the public.

### **Irish Coast Guard**

The Irish Coast Guard's role is to discharge Ireland's Search and Rescue (SAR) obligations by implementing the National SAR plan for all incidents occurring in the maritime domain, or as otherwise requested by SAR authorities in other domains (aviation or inland). It is also responsible for preparedness and response to incidents from maritime casualties which pose a threat of pollution by oil and hazardous and noxious substances (HNS) within the Irish Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Coordination between the IRCG and other government/non-government entities is an essential feature of the National Maritime Oil & HNS Spill Contingency Plan. Under the Framework for Major Emergency Management, the IRCG is nominated as one of the State's Principal Emergency Services along with An Garda Síochána, the Fire Service and Ambulance Service.

### **Marine Survey Office**

The Marine Survey Office regulates the safety, security, pollution prevention, and living and working conditions of all Irish ships and crews and foreign flagged ships and crews in Irish ports. The Marine Survey office also regulates the security of Irish ports.

The Marine Survey Office incorporates the Mercantile Marine Office (MMO). The MMO discharges certain administrative functions in relation to the General Register of Shipping and of Seafarers under the Merchant Shipping Acts and Mercantile Marine Act, and administration of the Seafarer's Medical Examination Scheme.

## **National Vehicle and Driver File (NVDF)**

The National Vehicle and Driver File (NVDF) is a database containing details of all 2.5 million registered vehicles and their owners as well as the 2.6 million licenced drivers in the country.

The system which is maintained and supported by the Driver and Vehicle Computer Services Division of the Department of Transport, is central to the processing of motor tax and driving licence business through which in excess of €1 billion is collected annually, The NVDF also fulfils legal obligations in relation to the national driver and vehicle registers.

The National Vehicle and Driver File supports motor tax and driving licence services for all users across motor tax offices and other outlets across the country, the internet-based [Motor Tax Services](#) and [Change of Vehicle Ownership Services](#) and at Shannon where data processing of changes of vehicle ownership takes place.

Further information on all elements of the NVDF is available on the Department's [dedicated webpage](#).

## **Road Haulage and Road Passenger Transport**

Licensing of road haulage and passenger transport operators and authorisation of amendments to existing licences: The Road Transport Operator Licensing Unit (RTOL) licences all commercial Road Haulage and Road Passenger Transport Operators in Ireland.

## **Flight Authorisations**

Aviation Services Division authorises both scheduled air services and non-scheduled flights for third country air operators. To facilitate such operations, the division also provides a weekend and holiday service should last minute changes to issued authorisations be needed, or if a last-minute application must be made. Approximately 100 scheduled air service authorisations and 500 non-scheduled flight authorisations are issued each year, with the Division also implementing a change of procedures to both reduce this workload and facilitate air operators with greater flexibility.

## **Data Protection**

The Department is required to comply with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation – the [General Data Protection Regulation](#) (GDPR), the [Data Protection Act 2018](#) etc. in respect of personal data which it processes. The Department has developed policies such as our Data Protection Policy. Departmental Privacy Notices and guidance on exercising your rights under Data Protection legislation such as making an application for your personal data (Data Subject Access Request). Further information and contact details for the Data Protection Officer can be found on the [Department's website](#).

## **Access to Information on the Environment**

Under European law, you have legal rights to seek access to information on the environment from public authorities. These rights are known as the Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Regulations.

Detailed information on making an application, the fees, and appeals process are available on the [Department's website](#).

## **Freedom of Information**

The [Freedom of Information Act 2014](#) allows you to access, to the greatest extent possible, information held by the Department. It gives you the right to have your personal data corrected or updated and to get reasons for decisions taken by the Department that affect you.

Detailed information on making an application, the fees, and appeals process are available on the [Department's website](#).

## **3. Decision making process for major policy proposals**

The focus of the Department is to provide evidence-based policy advice in the areas of Transport in line with Government policy, to deliver programmes/projects and manage expenditure. The Department provides impartial advice to the Minister and Minister(s) of State to facilitate the effective implementation to Government policy as it relates to the Department.

The Department's internal structures, processes, and culture, as detailed throughout the Department's Corporate Governance Framework, facilitate the achievement of its high level goals. In terms of planning, decision making and performance management, there is a clear and coherent link between the organisation's goals, our Statement of Strategy, and the individual roles of all staff. This way of working seeks to ensure that management within the Department is coherent, and performance based.

Detailed information on the decision-making process of the Department can be found in Section 1.5 of the Corporate Governance Framework 'Strategic Planning, Decision Making and Performance Management'

## **Data and Analytics Division**

A new Data and Analytics function for the Department has been established in 2023 its function is to ensure the Department and its agencies are successfully deriving the maximum value from data holdings.

The division will serve the data needs of the department and collaborate with its agencies to facilitate data-enabled policy creation and evaluation across the organisation. The division will develop a data strategy that will ultimately enable insight through data that are well managed, governed, linkable and easily accessible.

## **Strategic Research and Analysis Division**

The Strategic Research and Analysis Division provides an analytical and research approach to support Division and Agencies of the Department. The Division's key aim is to ensure that policy and programme development, monitoring, and evaluation are evidence based and objectives led.

The Division is a constituent of the Irish Government Economic and Evaluation Service, an integrated cross-Government service to enhance the role of economics and value for money analysis in public policy making. The service aims to provide a coherent inter-departmental network for economics, evaluation and policy analysis with common training and support structures.

More information on the Strategic Research and Analysis Division can be found on their [dedicated webpage](#).

## **4. Financial Information**

The Department publishes the following information on its website:

### **Expenditure on External Services**

Details of all consultancy expenditure to 2010 and expenditure on all external services including consultancy by the Department of Transport are set out [on our website](#). The information is updated every six months.

Local roads only became a function of the Department of Transport in 2008 and hence figures for this area prior to 2008 are not included. Similarly, Maritime Transport only became a function of the Department of Transport in 2006, hence figures prior to 2006 do not include the maritime area.

### **Photography Costs**

It is the policy of the Department of Transport that photography costs are kept to a minimum and services are provided in-house by staff. Where services are contracted, best value is sought, and a number of quotes are obtained. Services are contracted out on an exceptional basis only.

Photography costs for the Department from 2008 are set out on the [Department's website](#). The costs are broken down by date, purpose of event, photographer, and whether a press conference or photocall was involved.

### **Prompt Payments**

All Government Department have to pay suppliers within 30 days of receiving a valid invoice.

### **Prompt Payment reports – Department of Transport**

Quarterly invoice reports for the Department of Transport are published [on our website](#).

### **Prompt Payment reports – Non-Commercial bodies**

Prompt Payment returns by Non-Commercial bodies under the Aegis of the Department of Transport can be viewed [on our website](#).

## 5. Procurement

Public Procurement refers to the process by which public bodies purchase works, goods or services from suppliers which they have selected for this purpose. It ranges from the purchase of routine goods or services to large scale contracts for infrastructural projects and involves a wide and diverse range of contracting authorities.

### Office of Government Procurement

The [Office of Government Procurement](#) (OGP), together with four key sectors (Health, Defence, Education and Local Government), has responsibility for sourcing goods and services on behalf of the entire Public Service. In addition, the OGP also has responsibility for national procurement policy and procedures for the entire Public Sector.

The OGP has Framework Agreements and contracts in place through which public sector bodies can purchase a wide range of goods and services. Examples of Framework Agreements include Information and Communications Technology (ICT), Facilities Management, Utilities, Fleet and Plant. Marketing, Print and Stationary, Travel, HR and Managed Services, Professional Services, and Spot Buying. A schedule of the Frameworks and Contracts for Q1 2021 are available on the [OGP website](#).

### eTenders

Details of current tender competitions over €10,000 (ex VAT) for ICT services and over €25,000 (ex VAT) for all other competitions are available on the [eTenders website](#).

### Purchase Orders over €20,000

The Department publishes details of payments made for goods and services valued at €20,000 or more quarterly to [its website](#).

### Procurement over €10 million

Procurements in the Department of Transport of over €10 million are published on our website, pursuant to the requirements of the [Public Spending Code](#).

Procurement contracts valued in excess of €10 million that are held by the Department's agencies are listed on [our website](#).

## 6. FOI Disclosure Log and Other Information to be Published Routinely

Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) Publication Scheme, all Government Departments are required to publish a list of all non-personal FOI Requests and decisions made.

This is called the FOI disclosure log and is published quarterly by the Department of Transport [to our website](#).

### Ministerial Expenses

Ministerial Expenses paid to the Minister and Minister of State at the Department of Transport are published on [our website](#).

### Lobbying Act – Designated Officials

The Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 provides that the Standards in Public Office Commission will establish and maintain an online Register of lobbying activity. The purpose of the Register is to make information available to the public on the identity of those communicating with designated public officials on specific policy, legislative matters, or prospective decisions. Lobbyists must report on their interactions with the Designated Public Officials.

Section 6(4) of the Act requires each public body to publish a list of designated public officials of the body. The purpose of the list is twofold:

- To allow members of the public identify those persons who are public officials; and
- As a resource for lobbyists filing a return to the Register who may need to source a designated public official's details.

The Designated Public Officials of the Department of Transport under this legislation can be found [on our website](#).