Bus Éireann - Irish Bus School Transport Scheme

Statement of Account

Year Ended 31 December 2001

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AUDITORS' REPORT: To the Board of Bus Éireann - Irish Bus on the Operation of the School Transport Scheme

We have examined the annexed statement of account which, together with the appendices to the statement, summarises the amount chargeable to the Department of Education for the year ended 31 December 2001 for the conveyance of primary and post-primary school

The net amount chargeable to the Department of Education amounts to €71,345,000 (2000: €60,135,000) and includes €8,328,000 (2000: €7,028,000) in respect of indirect and other direct costs calculated on the basis of 13% of direct costs. Direct costs for this purpose exclude amounts charged in respect of depreciation and interest on Bus Éireann -Irish Bus vehicles. In arriving at the amount chargeable for scheduled services, the factor for absenteeism has been taken into account at 4.5% in accordance with the Department of Education's letter dated 2 March 1970.

We have carried out such examinations and tests of the accounting and other records relating to the operation of the School Transport Scheme as we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. The statement of account has been drawn up in accordance with the general arrangements and principles of accounting as set out in the Summary of Accounting Arrangements relating to the Transport Scheme for Primary and Post-Primary School Children dated 1 January 1975.

In our opinion the statement of account is a fair and reasonable statement of the amount chargeable to the Department of Education in respect of the School Transport Scheme.

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Dublin

5 February 2003

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Year	Ended 31	December	2001

2001			
I Receipts	2001 €`000	2000 €`000	2000 IR£'000
(1) Payments on			
Education Education	70,928	60,157	47,378
(2) Receipts from fare-paying passengers	6,113	6,174	4,862
	77,041	66,331	52.240
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II Special Services (Expenditure)			
(1) Driver costs(2) Running costs	6,965	5,772	4,546
(2) Running costs(3) Road tax	11,319	10,233	8,059
	55	54	43
	781	990	780
, and the contract of the cont	40,669	33,270	26,202
1	1,923	1,472	1,159
(7) Inspectors' cars(8) Salaries	166	201	1,139
	2,133	2,025	1,595
(9) Prefect award scheme	55	47	37
(10) Add 13% (for indian)	64,066	54,064	42,579
(10) Add 13% (for indirect and other direct costs) (11) Depreciation (Bus Éireann vehicles)	8,328	7,028	5,536
	1,516	1,760	1,386
(12) Interest (Bus Éireann vehicles)	419	413	325
Total special services	74,329	63,265	49,826
III Scheduled Services			.,,c 2 0
Charge for children carried	2.120		
Total	3,129	3,044	2,399
	77,458	66,309	52,223
IV Receipts from Fare-Paying Passengers	(6,113)	(6,174)	_(4,862)
V Total net amount chargeable to the Department of Education	71,345	60,135	47,361
Payments on account by the Department of Education	(70,928)	(60,157)	(47,378)
Amount due by/(to) the Department of Education for year	417	(22)	(17)
Balance carried forward from previous year	82	104	82
Balance due by/(to) the Department of Education	499	82	
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W Lilley - Managing Director

M Nolan - Manager Finance and Accounting

TRANSPORT OF PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN Year Ended 31 December 2001

Mode of transport	Number of children at 31.12.01	Cumulative child weeks	Total Amount €	Cost per child week €
Special services				
Large bus Medium bus Mini-bus	26,122 6,965 18,399	986,329 229,736 683,420	15,079,040 4,751,964 22,809,325	15.29 20.68 33.38
	51,486	1,899,485	42,640,329	22.45
Scheduled services	1,752	67,902	376,810	5.55
Total amount due			42.017.020	
Less: Receipts from fare-paying passengers			43,017,039 (611,528)	
Net cost of operations			42,405,881	
Less: Payments by Department of Education			(43,140,294)	
Amount due to the Department of Education			(734,413)	

TRANSPORT OF POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN Year Ended 31 December 2001

Mode of transport	Number of children at 31.12.01	Cumulative child weeks	Total Amount €	Cost per Child Week €
Special services				
Large bus Medium bus Mini-bus	57,867 5,528 6,587 69,982	2,086,341 179,079 235,883 2,501,303	24,079,641 3,086,916 4,522,656	11.54 17.24 19.17
		2,301,303	31,689,213	12.67
Scheduled services	9,391	305,750	2,751,807	9.00
Total amount due			34,441,020	
Less: Receipts from fare-paying passengers			(5,501,326)	
Net cost of operations			28,939,694	
Less: Payments by Department of Education			(27,787,887)	
Amount due by the Department of Education			1,151,807	