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**Bus Éireann - Irish Bus School Transport Scheme**

**Statement of Account**

**Year Ended 31 December 2013**



**Independent Assurance Report to the Board of Directors of Bus Éireann in connection with the Operation of the Department of Education and Skills School Transport Scheme**

We have examined the attached statement of account which is required to be submitted to the Department of Education and Skills in connection with the operation of the School Transport Scheme.

This report including the opinion is prepared in accordance with our letter of engagement dated 03 March 2014 for and only for the Board of Directors as a body and the Department of Education and Skills for the purpose set out above and for no other purpose. In those circumstances, we do not, in giving our opinion, accept or assume responsibility (legal or otherwise) or accept liability for or in connection with any other purpose for which our report including the opinion may be used, or to any other person to whom our report is shown or into whose hands it may come, and no other persons shall be entitled to rely on our opinion.

**Respective responsibilities of the Board of Directors of Bus Éireann**

The Board of Directors of Bus Éireann ("the Company") is responsible for the design, implementation and operation of control procedures that provide adequate control over the operations of the Company. Specifically, the Directors are responsible for ensuring that the Statement of Account prepared by the Company is 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. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Statement of Account.

**Our approach**

We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 "Assurance engagements other than audits or reviews of historical financial information". We performed a reasonable assurance engagement as defined in ISAE 3000.

The objective of a reasonable assurance engagement is to perform such procedures as to obtain information and explanations which we consider necessary in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a positive conclusion on the Statement of Account.

**Conclusion**

Based on the results of our procedures, in our opinion the Statement of Account on pages 3 and 4 has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Summary of Accounting Arrangements relating to the Transport Scheme for Primary and Post-Primary School Children dated 1 January 1975 and with the bases and assumptions disclosed therein.

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**3 April 2014**

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT  
Year Ended 31 December 2013

|  | 2013<br>€'000   | 2012<br>€'000   |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>I Receipts</b>  |                 |                 |
| (1) Payments on account by the Department of Education   | 150,652         | 150,472         |
| (2) Receipts from fare-paying passengers   | <u>12,772</u>   | <u>12,570</u>   |
|  | 163,424         | 163,042         |
| <b>II Special services (expenditure)</b>   |                 |                 |
| (1) Driver costs   | 9,974           | 10,724          |
| (2) Running costs  | 18,533          | 19,065          |
| (3) Road tax   | 47              | 49              |
| (4) Insurance and claims   | 857             | 1,248           |
| (5) Payments to contractors  | 109,172         | 106,096         |
| (6) Inspectors' wages  | 2,580           | 2,637           |
| (7) Inspectors' cars   | 207             | 212             |
| (8) Salaries   | 2,826           | 3,064           |
| (9) Prefect award scheme   | <u>36</u>       | <u>38</u>       |
|  | 144,232         | 143,133         |
| (10) Add 13% (for indirect and other direct costs) to a maximum of<br>€15,000,000 (2012: €15,000,000). | 15,000          | 15,000          |
| (11) Depreciation (Bus Éireann vehicles)   | 1,353           | 1,652           |
| (12) Interest (Bus Éireann vehicles)   | <u>195</u>      | <u>254</u>      |
| Total special services   | 160,780         | 160,039         |
| <b>III Scheduled services</b>  |                 |                 |
| Charge for children carried  | <u>1,817</u>    | <u>2,008</u>    |
| Total  | 162,597         | 162,047         |
| <b>IV Receipts from fare-paying passengers</b>   | <u>(12,772)</u> | <u>(12,570)</u> |
| <b>V Total net amount chargeable to the Department of Education</b>                                    | 149,825         | 149,477         |
| Payments on account by the Department of Education   | (150,652)       | (150,472)       |
| Amounts due to the Department of Education at start of year deducted                                   | <u>(1,346)</u>  | <u>(351)</u>    |
| Amount due to the Department of Education for the year   | (2,173)         | (1,346)         |
| Amount due to the Department of Education at start of year deducted                                    | (1,346)         | (351)           |
| Payments made to the Department of Education during the year   | <u>1,346</u>    | <u>351</u>      |
| <b>Balance due to the Department of Education</b>  | <u>(2,173)</u>  | <u>(1,346)</u>  |



M Nolan  
Chief Executive Officer



A Keane  
Manager Finance and Accounting

Date: 3 April 2014

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

**Basis of accounting**

The net amount chargeable to the Department of Education amounts to €162,596,700 (2012: €162,047,256) and includes €15,000,000 (2012: €15,000,000) payable to Bus Éireann. This balance was calculated on 13% of total costs to an agreed maximum of €15,000,000.

The costs are the direct costs in respect of the Schools Transport Scheme. 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%.

APPENDIX I: TRANSPORT OF PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN  
Year Ended 31 December 2013

| Mode of transport                                | Number of children at 31 December 2013 | Cumulative child weeks | Total amount<br>€ | Cost per child week<br>€ |
|--|--|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Special services</b>                          |  |                        |                   |                          |
| Large bus  | 17,243                                 | 681,421                | 29,083,841        | 42.68                    |
| Medium bus                                       | 10,537                                 | 399,266                | 16,509,425        | 41.35                    |
| Mini-bus   | 14,113                                 | 528,361                | 49,118,018        | 92.96                    |
|  | 41,893                                 | 1,609,048              | 94,711,284        | 58.86                    |
| <b>Scheduled services</b>                        | 236                                    | 10,433                 | 154,456           | 14.80                    |
| <b>Total amount due</b>                          |  |                        | 94,865,740        |                          |
| <b>Receipts from fare-paying passengers</b>      |  |                        | (1,277,212)       |                          |
| <b>Net cost of operations</b>                    |  |                        | 93,588,528        |                          |
| <b>Gross payments by Department of Education</b> |  |                        | (90,464,589)      |                          |
| <b>Amount due by the Department of Education</b> |  |                        | <u>3,123,939</u>  |                          |

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APPENDIX II: TRANSPORT OF POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN  
Year Ended 31 December 2013

|  | Number of children at 31 December 2013 | Cumulative child weeks | Total amount<br>€  | Cost per child week<br>€ |
|--|--|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Mode of transport</b>                         |  |                        |                    |                          |
| <b>Special services</b>                          |  |                        |                    |                          |
| Large bus  | 39,897                                 | 1,488,783              | 44,075,018         | 29.60                    |
| Medium bus                                       | 11,512                                 | 408,902                | 12,665,165         | 30.97                    |
| Mini-bus   | 4,841                                  | 176,925                | 9,328,108          | 52.72                    |
|  | 56,250                                 | 2,074,610              | 66,068,291         | 31.85                    |
| <b>Scheduled services</b>                        | 2,431                                  | 89,721                 | 1,662,670          | 18.53                    |
| <b>Total amount due</b>                          |  |                        | 67,730,961         |                          |
| <b>Receipts from fare-paying passengers</b>      |  |                        | (11,494,900)       |                          |
| <b>Net cost of operations</b>                    |  |                        | 56,236,055         |                          |
| <b>Gross payments by Department of Education</b> |  |                        | (61,532,999)       |                          |
| <b>Amount due to the Department of Education</b> |  |                        | <u>(5,296,944)</u> |                          |