

To whom it concerns:

My name is [REDACTED] I hope that my submission below is of some help. For further comment on the issue please e-mail me or contact me at [REDACTED]

1 What category of stakeholder do you represent?

I am a [REDACTED] representing the area on Kerry County Council. As such I seek the development of Kerry Airport as a support for Farranfore and the region as a whole.

Question 2: Having regard to the actions on regional airports in the National Aviation Policy, what are your views on the effectiveness of the current Regional Airports Programme?

I note that now just two regional airports are supported under the PSO scheme - Donegal and Kerry. This is of huge value to Kerry Airport and needs to be maintained going forward. I note that as passenger numbers increase then PSO decreases. I put forward that more defined objectives be earmarked for airports such Kerry rather than decrease funding as has been the norm. It is in diversification that development of the airport and its contribution to the economy of the local economy lies as I will outline below.

Question 3: What, if any, changes would you like to see reflected in the new Programme and why?

Kerry airport needs to look to its International Possibilities and Connectivities alongside its well known local route of 'Kerry-Dublin'. The opening up of motorways to the capital and large urban centres of the country have lessened the dependency on air travel from Kerry Airport. It is to the international market that it needs support in going forward. There is huge market potential here.

Question 4: How do you think the new Programme can best support Ireland's transition to a low carbon economy, having regard to policy on climate action and sustainability?

Flights to and from Kerry Airport from international destinations are much more carbon friendly than flights to the larger airports and then road transportation to Kerry. This can be further supported by opening up Kerry Airport to international markets. Kerry Airport is ideally located for supporting carbon-friendly holidays with the opening in the near future of Greenways and Walkways. Kerry airport needs every support given it's central location within the county of Kerry - this can and should be a huge key to lowering the Kerry Tourism Carbon Footprint. Alongside this is the improvement of machinery and vehicles etc at Kerry Airport which also need further funding to help the Airport's Carbon Footprint.

Question 5: What are your views on the PSO Scheme, the air service routes currently being supported and the need for a continuation of the Scheme beyond 2022?

The PSO Scheme has a huge value for Kerry Airport and Kerry Airport needs further funding under I hope the continuation of this scheme. The Air Service Routes that are serviced at Kerry Airport need to be expanded for reasons outlined above in Question 4. It is to the International

Scene that Kerry Airport has a huge opportunity to contribute not only to its own future but also to the life-blood of the community and region it serves.