

To whom it may concern,

Please see my submission on behalf of our company, which includes four hotels, a self catering apartment complex and many other property and commercial enterprises.

I appreciate you taking your time to read my submission.

Regards,



O'Donoghue-Ring Group

New Regional Airports Programme 2020-2024

Question 1: What category of stakeholder do you represent?

O'Donoghue-Ring hotels group, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

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 believe that it is a worthwhile use of tax payers resources in terms of regionalisation and economic development of rural Ireland.

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

None for now.

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?

I do not know.

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 is absolutely vital to the economic development of Kerry and the South West of Ireland.

The scheme underpins the viability of the airport and maintains a vital route between the capital and Kerry.

The route is essential in transporting to and from national and more importantly, international visitors.

The importance of access for the tourism industry cannot be understated.

Kerry suffers greatly due to poor road access. This is well documented.

Visitors, in this time poor era do not wish to 'waste' time travelling. They want to enjoy our beautiful country. Every delay or impediment put in front of a potential visitor gives them another reason to choose another destination, another country.

It is vital that we maintain the PSO and support in any way Kerry airport.

The airport, in a very substantial way redresses the imbalance due to Kerry's regionality in relation to Dublin.

Of any airport in Ireland, Kerry needs this continued support.

The economy, which is hugely reliant on tourism demands a successful and thriving airport.  
Thank you for continuing to support Kerry airport.