Q1 – I am of Tricel a Killarney headquartered group of 10 companies, of which 2 are in Ireland, 1 in N. Ireland, 2 in France and 5 in the UK. We employ 160 people in Killarney and 504 in the group. We connect to the island of Ireland companies by road, however we must connect to the UK and French companies by air. As Dublin airport is a 4 to 5 hour drive for us (followed by parking and accessing the terminals), we need to fly to Dublin and connect outward from there. This also applies to our connecting with customers and suppliers. Connectivity to Kerry is poor with the motorway network stopping in Adare and Mitchelstown.

Q2 – I am of the opinion that for now Kerry airport (and Donegal) would struggle to continue to trade without the grant schemes which currently exist.

Q3 – For business connectivity, more flights to Dublin and also if possible to another foreign hub would be good. An early morning flight that connects to more outbound flights and a late flight to Kerry to receive passengers from more inbound flights would be ideal for Tricel.

Q4 – Using propeller vs jets is important and is much more important than the speed of the jet (leave Kerry earlier), and if the plane load of 70 passengers was replaced with 50 cars to Dublin, scientific evidence would say that the carbon emissions per person are similar.

Q5 – PSO is vital to Kerry airport and county and I believe that government should continue to support the scheme beyond 2022.

Kind regards







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