

IBEC submission to CP2 2005

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Determination of revised price cap for Dublin Airport ? CP2 2005

Dear Commissioner,

IBEC, the representative organization for Irish business, wishes to respond to the Commission's draft determination on a revised price cap for Dublin airport.

The Confederation recognizes that a link exists between aviation and the overall performance of the economy. It is no accident that rapid growth in passenger numbers occurs in tandem with periods of economic growth. We would also take the view that national and regional economic performance is heavily influenced by the convenient access to International markets that airports afford.

In the light of these considerations, IBEC views it as important that, in making a price cap determination for our leading airport, a revenue base is provided which will allow Dublin Airport Authority to fully implement its capital investment programme within a reasonable timeframe. In this regard, we note the Commission's conclusion that relative to comparator airports, aviation charges at Dublin are at the lower end of the scale.

We note that there is some reference in the draft determination to evidence of Dublin airport efficiency shortfalls and, in this regard, IBEC would be anxious that every effort is made to secure maximum returns from investment in airport facilities.

Yours sincerely

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