<u>Commissioner for Aviation Regulation</u> <u>Invites Submissions for Possible Review</u>

The Commissioner for Aviation Regulation, Mr. Bill Prasifka, today (June 4th 2003) invited submissions from interested parties, regarding a possible review of its Determination of Airport charges published on 26th August 2001.

According to the Aviation Regulation Act, 2001, the decision as to whether a review should take place or not cannot be taken earlier than two years after the publication of the Determination. Interested parties are invited to make submissions on whether they believe there are substantial grounds for a review and also to detail such grounds with supporting reasons or data.

Commenting on the process, Mr. Prasifka said the purpose of the consultation was twofold. "We want to inform our decision whether or not to carry out a review as thoroughly as possible by consulting with the industry, stakeholders and other interested parties. Furthermore, by asking for grounds and supporting data, we will also lay some groundwork for the review, should we decide to proceed", he said.

The Commission will be available to meet interested parties and discuss their submissions. Details and submissions will be posted on the Commission's website at www.aviationreg.ie.

Submissions for this phase have a deadline of Friday 4th July 2003 and the decision on the review will be taken on or after 26th August 2003.

This process has no bearing on any court proceedings currently under consideration.

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