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Dail Question No: 286

To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of all capital projects being delivered or which have been completed by his Department and organisations under the aegis of his Department since 1 January 2020; the total project cost of projects in excess of €500,000, or of any other capital projects below this that have come to his Department's attention for reasons of overspend or due to the fact that they failed to be delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Deputy Farrelly,

Please see the Irish Aviation Authority Response below:

Year	Capital Project	Cost (over €500k)
2019-2025	Centralised Communication & Processing System (Digitalisation Project)	€6.01m

This project will be substantially completed this year. Costs to date in line with budget.

In September 2019, the IAA initiated an extensive digitalisation project. This is an ambitious project and unique within EU in terms of scope, providing digital solutions for aviation safety, aviation security and economic regulation on a single regulatory platform, for the benefit of regulated entities and aircraft passengers. The project was co-ordinated with the Commission for Aviation Regulation (CAR) in advance of the merger with IAA in 2023, and that co-ordination ensured that the economic regulator module could be integrated into the IAA platform post vesting.

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It is an agile development project that is modular in nature, and this allows completed modules to become operational while other modules are being developed and tested. The project deliverables are summarised as follows:

- Sep 2019: Contract signature (Sept 2019)
- Mar 2020: Detailed Specification development and sign-off (Mar 2020)
- Mar-Dec 2020: IAA Platform Build with common requirements (eg identity management, digital signatures and payments) and first user application delivered (i.e Drones)
- 2021-2024: Roll-out of individual user applications in aviation safety, aviation security and economic regulation (over 100 separate software releases)

The project will be substantially completed in 2025 following roll-out of key outstanding modules in aviation safety domain. It is anticipated that delivery of some outstanding lower priority modules may not be completed until 2026.

As noted above the IAA digital system is already operational in many areas. The operational modules delivered to date have processed almost €3million in online customer payments. 74,000 accounts have been created, and 64,000 registered users from 105 different countries have used the system to pay for various types of aviation licences and certificates. Approximately 84,000 applications have been processed in the system and 35,000 digitally signed certificates/ licences have been issued through it. The system has handled over 715,000 related user correspondence messages.

Yours Sincerely,

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