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**Dail Question No: 779**

To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department, or any body under its aegis, has funded, or is funding, other than where legal costs were awarded against the employer by a court or tribunal, the legal costs of any current or concluded litigation taken by an employee or former employee against that Department or body, in each of the past five years; if so, to provide details of the number of such cases, the bodies involved, and the total costs incurred in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

*Identical Question(s): to all Depts.*

**Dail Question No: 780**

To ask the Minister for Transport the basis on which his Department, or a body under its aegis, may fund the legal costs of an employee or former employee in litigation where that employee is in dispute with, or taking proceedings against, the same body; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

*Identical Question(s): to all Depts.*

**Dail Question No: 781**

To ask the Minister for Transport whether the funding of employee legal costs in disputes against his Department, or a body under its aegis, is standard practice; if not, the circumstances in which such funding may be permitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

*Identical Question(s): to all Depts.*

**Dail Question No: 782**

To ask the Minister for Transport to outline the guidance, codes, circulars or directions that govern the payment of legal costs by his Department, and bodies under its aegis, in employment-related disputes, including any requirements under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies or Departmental sanction arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

*Identical Question(s): to all Depts.*

**Dail Question No: 783**

To ask the Minister for Transport whether the funding of employee legal costs in litigation against the employing body could give rise to governance, accountability, or value for money concerns; whether his Department has issued any guidance in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

*Identical Question(s): to all Depts.*

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**Dail Question No: 784**

To ask the Minister for Transport whether his Department has reviewed, or intends to review, the practice of Departments, and bodies under their aegis, funding legal costs in employment disputes involving those same bodies; and if so, the outcome or timeline for such a review; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

*Identical Question(s): to all Depts.*

**Dail Question No: 785**

To ask the Minister for Transport whether arrangements to fund legal costs in employment disputes involving his Department, or bodies under its aegis, require the prior approval of his Department or the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

*Identical Question(s): to all Depts.*

Deputy Boland

The Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) has no records of funding the legal costs of an employee in a case against the IAA for the safety, security and economic regulation divisions of the authority.

The IAA does not have a policy which might permit such a course of action.

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