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Deputy Tully

The Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) carries out a range of operational and regulatory functions on behalf of the State and is the designated National Enforcement Body for Regulation (EC) No 1107/2006 of the European Parliament and of The Council of 5 July 2006 concerning the rights of disabled persons and persons with reduced mobility when travelling by air. The IAA adopted this role as the National Enforcement Body when the Commission for Aviation Regulation was dissolved in May 2023.

Under the IAA's remit provided by Regulation (EC) 1107/2006, the IAA receives complaints from persons with disabilities and persons with reduced mobility. The IAA investigates these complaints to determine the airport or air carriers' compliance with Regulation (EC) 1107/2006. The findings of these complaints aid the IAA in forming accessibility policy initiatives and provides insight into passenger's experiences with air travel. The IAA also conducts inspections of airports in the State to assess compliance with the Regulation. The Commission for Aviation Regulation previously engaged with disability organisations to gain further insight on accessibility rights under Regulation (EC) 1107/2006 and the IAA intends to continue this engagement in 2024 through the Passenger Advisory Group (PAG). The Irish Aviation Authority is in compliance with Article 4(3) of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities based on the above actions and initiatives.

The Irish Aviation Authority is also in compliance with article 4(3) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as it relates to its internal functions.

Kind regards

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**Dail Question No: 67**

To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied that his Department and the bodies under its aegis are aware and in compliance with article 4(3) of the United Nations Convention on the

Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Answer**

My Department is aware of the obligations on Member States under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD). Our commitment is specifically referenced in the Department's Statement of Strategy 2023-2025.

The Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Inclusion and Youth and the Minister of State for Disabilities have overarching responsibility for the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCPRD). I understand that the successor strategy to the National Disability Inclusion Strategy 2017-2022 is being finalised by that Department at the moment. My Department will comply with all guidance in relation to that strategy as well as the implementation of the UNCPRD in Ireland.

My Department engages with stakeholders in relation to responsibilities towards disabled people and persons with disabilities under the UNCPRD and in line with our Public Sector Duty.

As part of the Deputy's question relates to bodies under the aegis of my Department, I have referred this question to the relevant agencies for direct reply.

If the Deputy does not receive a response within ten working days please contact my Private Office.