

BUS ÉIREANN - IRISH BUS · TUARASCÁIL AGUS RÁITEAS AIRGEADAIS

DO'N TRÉIMHSE 20ú EANÁIR GO 31ú NOLLAG 1987.

REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PERIOD - 20th JANUARY TO 31st DECEMBER, 1987.



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VALUE ADDED STATEMENT

## DIRECTORS

MR. G.T.P. CONLON, CHAIRMAN
MR. N. KENNEDY, MANAGING DIRECTOR
MR. J. DALY
MR. J. McLOUGHLIN
MR. S. O'CONNOR
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## AUDITORS

Craig Gardner & Co., Chartered Accountants, Gardner House, Wilton Place, Dublin 2.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

FOR THE PERIOD 2nd FEBRUARY, 1987 TO 31st DECEMBER, 1987

The Directors submit their first report, together with the audited financial statements for the period from the date of incorporation, 20th January, 1987, to 31st December, 1987.

#### FORMATION

The Company was incorporated on 20th January, 1987, and commenced trading on 2nd February, 1987. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Córas Iompair Éireann.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

The Company's principal activity is the provision of a national network of bus services, other than city buses in the Greater Dublin area. The Company also operates School Transport services throughout the country on behalf of the Department of Education.

Trading conditions throughout the Period were extremely difficult due to continuing economic recession, unemployment and emigration. Revenue has also been affected by the growth of private operators and during this Period it was further affected by the three-week O.P.O. strike. The ongoing price war on Ireland-U.K. air routes has had a serious impact on Supabus cross-channel revenue. To counteract these problems, there has been a sharp focus on expenditure and cost reduction programmes are being undertaken throughout the Company with very significant results.

#### RESULT AND RESERVES

The result for the Period is as follows:-

	IRLUUU
Deficit for the Period	4,077
Transfer to Asset Replacement Reserve	1,533
Accumulated deficit at end of the Period	5,610



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Early in 1988, the Government advised the Company that in relation to the School Transport Scheme, it would be introducing pilot devolution projects in Counties Laois, Clare, Cavan and Sligo with effect from 1st September, 1988. This would mean that the administration of school transport in the four counties concerned would transfer from Bus Éireann to the relevant Transport Liaison Officers. The decision to establish the four pilot schemes is presently under review.

#### DIRECTORS

On the incorporation of the Company, the following Directors were appointed by the Chairman of Córas Iompair Éireann with the consent of the Minister for Communications:-

Mr. G.T.P. Conlon CHAIRMAN

Mr. N. Kennedy Managing Director

Mr. J. Daly

Mr. J. McLoughlin

Mr. S. O'Connor

Mr. T. Tobin

#### AUDITORS

Craig Gardner & Co., Chartered Accountants, were appointed Auditors during the period and have expressed their willingness to continue in office in accordance with Section 160(2) of the Companies Act, 1963.

G.T.P CONLON-CHAIRMAN

N. KENNEDY-Managing Director

28th June, 1988.



# REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

To the Members of Bus Éireann-Irish Bus.

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 23 in accordance with approved auditing standards and have obtained all the information and explanations we considered necessary.

In our opinion, the Company has kept proper books of account and these statements, which are in agreement therewith, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 31st December, 1987, and of the deficit and source and application of funds for the period from 20th January, 1987, to 31st December, 1987, and give the information required by the Companies Acts, 1963 to 1986.



In our opinion, the information given in the report of the directors on pages 3 and 4 is consistent with the financial statements.

The Companies (Amendment) Act, 1983, requires the convening of an extraordinary general meeting where the net assets are half or less than half of the amount of the called up share capital. In our opinion, the balance sheet shows that such a financial situation did not exist at 31st December, 1987, and, accordingly, the convening of an extraordinary general meeting is not required.

CRAIG GARDNER & CO., Chartered Accountants.

Gardner House, Wilton Place, Dublin 2. 28th June 1988.

#### 1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are expressed in Irish Pounds, denoted by the symbol IR£.

#### 2. TURNOVER

Turnover comprises the gross value of services provided, except in the case of Private Hire, where the net value is included, and state grants receivable in accordance with E.C. Regulations.

#### 3. TANGIBLE ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible Assets are stated at net book amount, which represents the historical cost of these assets less accumulated depreciation based on that historical cost.

The bases of calculation of depreciation are as follows:

## (i) Road Passenger Vehicles:

Road Passenger Vehicles, with the exception of school buses, are depreciated on the basis of historical cost (at the beginning of the period) of under-age vehicles in the fleet spread over expected useful life. In addition, the excess of depreciation based on replacement cost (at the beginning of the period) over historical cost depreciation is shown separately as a transfer to Reserves from the Profit and Loss Account.

School buses which were in the Córas Iompair Éireann fleet at 1st April, 1974, are depreciated on the basis of their written down value at that date spread over the remainder of their expected useful life. New school buses which came into service after 1st April, 1974, are depreciated on the basis of original cost spread over expected useful life.

### (ii) Plant and Machinery:

Plant and Machinery is depreciated on the basis of historical cost spread over expected useful life.

#### 4. STOCKS OF STORES

Stocks of Stores are valued at average cost less provision for all defective and obsolete stocks.

Provision is made for the write-off of all stocks which have not moved for over four years, with the exception of stocks associated with recently acquired assets.

5. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – FUNDING OF SCHOOL BUSES The acquisition of school buses is funded by the Department of Education. The buses remain in the fixed assets of Bus Éireann-Irish Bus and are depreciated as described in the "Tangible Assets and Depreciation" Policy with a corresponding amortisation of the money received from the Department of Education.

#### 6. FOREIGN CURRENCY

Transactions denominated in foreign currency are translated into Irish Pounds at the rate ruling at the date of transaction or at contract rates where the amounts payable or receivable are covered by forward contracts.

Realised exchange gains or losses, on transactions settled during the period, are treated as part of the Profit or Deficit for the period.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date.

#### 7. LEASED ASSETS

Leased Assets and the obligation to pay future rentals are not capitalised in the Balance Sheet. Rentals payable on all leases are charged to the Profit and Loss Account as they accrue.

#### 8. NON-REPAYABLE STATE GRANTS

Non-repayable State Grants under E.C. Regulation Number 1107/70 (Article 3.2), are included in turnover.

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

PERIOD 20th JANUARY, 1987, TO 31st DECEMBER, 1987

Turnover	NOTES	IR£000
CUSTOMER RECEIPTS		65,412
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS		145
STATE GRANTS	2	2,770
Total Turnover		68,327
Operating Costs	3	66,640
Profit before Interest and Exceptional Items		1,687
Interest Payable	4	(2,063)
Deficit before Exceptional Items		(376)
Exceptional Items	5	(3,701)
Deficit for the Period		(4077)
Transfers to Reserves	13	(1,533)
Accumulated Deficit at end of the Period		(5,610)



G.T.P. CONLON - CHAIRMAN
N. KENNEDY- MANAGING DIRECTOR

28th June, 1988

# BALANCE SHEET

# AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1987

Fixed Assets	NOTES	IR£000
TANGIBLE ASSETS	6	36,909
Current Assets		
STOCKS OF STORES	7	5,794
Debtors	8	6,338
Cash at Bank and in Hand		61
		12,193
Creditors		
(Amounts falling due within one year)	9	12,072
Net Current Assets		121
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		37,030
Financed by:		
Creditors		
(Amounts falling due after more than one year)	10	11,988
Provisions for Liabilities and Charges	11	5,699
		17,687
Capital and Reserves		
CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	12	23,000
Asset Replacement Reserve	13	1,533
Profit and Loss Account		(5,610)
		18,923
Department of Education		
Funding of School Buses	14	420
		37,030



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G.T.P. CONLON – CHAIRMAN
N. KENNEDY – MANAGING DIRECTOR
28th June, 1988

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# STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

PERIOD 20th JANUARY, 1987 TO 31st DECEMBER, 1987

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Source	IR#000
Issue of Share Capital	23,000*
Loan from Córas Iompair Éireann	17,036*
Disposal of Fixed Assets	48
	40,084
Application	
NET DEFICIT FOR PERIOD (INCLUDING STATE GRANTS OF IR£2.77m) ADJUSTMENT FOR ITEMS NOT INVOLVING THE MOVEMENT OF FUNDS:	4,077
Depreciation	(2,783)
Funds Absorbed by Operations	1,294
Capital Expenditure	45
NET ASSETS TRANSFERRED FROM CÓRAS IOMPAIR ÉIREANN	40,036*
Repayment of Loan from Córas Iompair Éireann	5,048
	46,423
Net (Decrease) in Working Capital	(6,339)
Being:	
Increase in Stocks of Stores	794
Increase in Debtors	2,097
(Increase) in Creditors and Provisions	(7,778)
	(4,887)
(INCREASE) IN NET SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS	(1,452)
	(6,339)

\*These amounts arose on transfer of the business from Córas Iompair Éireann – See Note 1.

G.T.P. CONLON-CHAIRMAN
N. KENNEDY-MANAGING DIRECTOR
28th June, 1988

#### TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. FORMATION OF THE COMPANY

Bus Éireann – Irish Bus was incorporated on 20th January, 1987, under the provisions of the Companies Acts, 1963-1986 and in accordance with Section 6 of the Transport (Re-organisation of Córas Iompair Éireann) Act, 1986, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Córas Iompair Éireann, a statutory body formed under the provisions of the Transport Act, 1950. Net Assets as follows were transferred to the Company from Córas Iompair Éireann on 2nd February, 1987, on which date Bus Éireann – Irish Bus commenced trading:

	IR£000
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	39,858
Stocks	5,000
Debtors	4,241
CREDITORS AND PROVISIONS	(8,480)
SCHOOL BUS FUNDING	(583)
	40,036
Represented by:	
SHARE CAPITAL	23,000
Loan from Córas Iompair Éireann	17,036
	40,036





# NOTES CONTINUED

#### 2. STATE GRANTS

State Grants payable to the Company via the Holding Company, Córas Iompair Éireann, are in accordance with E.C. Regulations governing State aid to transport undertakings. EC Regulation 1107/70 is availed of to make a grant in respect of losses on road passenger services.

Under this Regulation, State Grants of IR£2,770,000 were made to Bus Éireann-Irish Bus for the period from 2nd February, 1987, to 31st December, 1987, as follows:

IRLUUU
2,226
544
2,770



3.	OPERATING COSTS	IR£000	
	Staff Costs		
	Wages and Salaries	28,415	
	Social Welfare Costs	2,371	
	Other Pension Costs	2,062	
		32,848	
	Own Work Capitalised and Engineering Work		
	FOR GROUP COMPANIES	(1,555)	
	Net Staff Costs	31,293	
	Materials and Services		
	FUEL AND LUBRICANTS	3,146	
	SCHOOL CONTRACTORS' CHARGES	13,782	
	ROAD TAX AND LICENCES	170	
	Operating Lease Charges	868	
	RATES	203	
	Auditors Remuneration	30	
	Materials and Other Services	14,313	-
		32,512	
	Directors' Remuneration		4.0
	EMOLUMENTS:		13
	– for services as Directors	1	
	- FOR OTHER SERVICES	51	
		52	

2,783

66,640

Depreciation

**Total Operating Costs** 

# NOTES CONTINUED

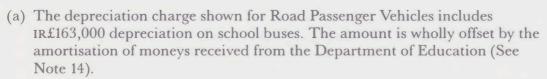
The average number of persons employed during the period was as follows:

	Full-time	2,100
	PART-TIME SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS	800
4.	INTEREST PAYABLE	IR£000
	On loan from Holding Company	2,063
5.	EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS STAFF COMPENSATION – VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE PAID AND PROVIDED INCLUDING IMPLEMENTATION OF ONE	IR£000
	Person Bus Operation	1,701
	Provision for Exceptional Insurance Claim	
	during Period	2,000
		3,701



#### 6. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	ROAD PASSENGER VEHICLES	PLANT & MACHINERY	TOTAL
Cost	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Transferred from Holding			
Company at 2nd February, 1987	52,469	1,810	54,279
Additions	3	42	45
DISPOSALS	(391)	(69)	(460)
At 31st December, 1987	52,081	1,783	53,864
Accumulated Depreciation			
Transferred from Holding			
Company at 2nd February, 1987	13,520	901	14,421
CHARGE FOR PERIOD	2,781	165	2,946
DISPOSALS	(343)	(69)	(412)
At 31st December, 1987	15,958	997	16,955
Net Book Amounts			
At 31st December, 1987	36,123	786	36,909



(b) The expected useful lives used for the various types of assets for depreciation purposes are as follows:-

Road Passenger Vehicles	16 Years
Plant and Machinery	10 Years



# NOTES CONTINUED

## 7. STOCKS OF STORES

IR£000
4,818
976
5,794

These amounts include parts and components necessarily held to meet long term operational requirements.

The replacement value of stocks of stores is not materially different from their book value.

# 8. DEBTORS

	IR£000
Trade Debtors	3,871
Amounts owed by Holding and Fellow Subsidiary	
Companies	1,477
Other Debtors and Accrued Income	990
	6,338



All amounts included above fall due within one year.

9.	CREDITORS		
	(Amounts falling due within one year)		
		IR£000	
	BANK OVERDRAFTS	1,513	
	Trade Creditors	1,236	
	Amounts owed to Fellow Subsidiary Company	70	
	Loan from Holding Company	1,100	
	INCOME TAX DEDUCTED UNDER P.A.Y.E.	725	
	PAY RELATED SOCIAL INSURANCE	472	
	VALUE ADDED TAX	31	
	Other Creditors	570	
	Accruals and Deferred Income	6,355	
		12,072	
	Creditors for Taxation and Social Welfare included above	1,228	
10.	CREDITORS		
	(Amounts falling due after more than one year)		-
		IR£000	Test
	Loans repayable to Holding Company as follows:-		77

BETWEEN ONE AND TWO YEARS

BETWEEN TWO AND FIVE YEARS

In five years or more

17

814

4,581

6,593

11,988

## 11. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	IR£000
Insurance Claims:	
Transferred from Holding Company at 2nd February, 1987	3,305
Utilised during the Period	(1,490)
Transfer from Profit and Loss Account	3,884
At 31st December, 1987	5,699

Córas Iompair Éireann holds, on behalf of the Company, external insurance to cover:

- (i) third party liability in excess of IR£3,000,000 and up to IR£33,000,000 on any one accident;
- (ii) third party liability in excess of IR£500,000 and up to IR£30,500,000 on any one premises accident;
- (iii) fire damage, involving the Board's property, in excess of IR£200,000 in any one accident.

Any losses not covered by external insurance are charged to profit and loss and unsettled amounts are included in Provisions for Liabilities and Charges.

### 12. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised: Ordinary Shares of IR£1 Each	1R£000 32,000
Allotted and Fully Paid: Ordinary Shares of IR£1 EACH	23,000

The above shares were issued in exchange for net assets transferred from Córas Iompair Éireann on 2nd February, 1987.



## 13. ASSET REPLACEMENT RESERVE

	IR£000
Transfer from Profit and Loss Account	1,533

This Reserve represents the excess of depreciation based on replacement cost over that based on historical cost.

# 14. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - FUNDING OF SCHOOL BUSES

	IR£000
BALANCE TRANSFERRED FROM HOLDING COMPANY	583
RECEIVABLE IN YEAR	_
Released to Profit & Loss Account	(163)
Balance carried forward	420



#### 15. LEASE TRANSACTIONS

(a) The Company had commitments under finance leases as set out below:-

IR£000
36
161
68
265

These lease amounts include unrealised gains of IR£42,000 on translation at Balance Sheet date of lease commitments denominated in foreign currencies. The gains are released to profit and loss as they are realised on payment of the lease rentals.

(b) The Company had commitments under operating leases as set out below:-

1100000
562
1,308
1,870

IR £.000

The lease amounts include unrealised losses of IR£6,000 on translation at Balance Sheet date of lease commitments denominated in foreign currencies. The losses are charged to profit and loss as they are incurred on payment of the lease rentals.



#### 16. PENSIONS

The Board of Córas Iompair Éireann operates defined benefit pension schemes for the established employees of itself and its Subsidiary Companies, including Bus Éireann. Contributions by the Holding Company, its subsidiaries and their employees are invested in separately administered pension funds. In the case of the Regular Wages Pension Schemes and the C.I.E. Superannuation Scheme 1951, annual contributions are based on the advice of a professionally qualified actuary obtained from time to time as appropriate. The annual contributions to the Salaried Officers' and Clerks' (G.S.R.) Superannuation Scheme and the C.I.E. Salaried Officers' and Clerks' (G.N.R., C.D.R. and I.R.C.H.) Superannuation Scheme 1977 (both schemes are closed) are based on unchanged rates of contribution. The contributions are charged to the Profit and Loss Account on an accrual basis.

## The latest actuarial reports show:

- in respect of the Regular Wages Pension Schemes, a small surplus at 31st
   December, 1986, on the basis of the assumptions contained in the report, over the amount required to meet expected future liabilities.
- in respect of the CIE Superannuation Scheme 1951, a small surplus at 31st
   December, 1986, on the basis of the assumptions contained in the report, over the amount required to meet expected future liabilities.
- in respect of C.I.E. Salaried Officers' and Clerks' (G.N.R., C.D.R. and I.R.C.H.) Superannuation Scheme, 1977, a deficiency of IR£4,225,000 at 31st December, 1984, on the basis of the assumptions contained in the report.

No actuarial report was prepared in respect of the Salaried Officers' and Clerks' (G.S.R.) Superannuation Scheme.

The actuarial reports in respect of Clerical, Executive and Supervisory Staff Schemes are available for inspection by the Committees established for each of these Schemes. The Committees include members' representatives.

Córas Iompair Éireann is legally obliged to ensure that cash is available to certain Superannuation Schemes if the funds are from time to time insufficient to meet the payments that are due and payable under the Schemes. The shortfall in the period relating to Bus Éireann was IR£71,000 in the cash resources of the Salaried Officers' and Clerks' (G.S.R.) Superannuation Scheme. During the period, the resources of the other funds, for which this obligation exists, were sufficient to meet the immediate cash requirements.

# NOTES CONTINUED

# 17. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	IR£000
Contracted for	2,225
Authorised by the Directors but not contracted for	
	2,225

## 18. NET DEFICIT BY SECTOR

The net deficit for the period after the Transfer to Reserves is split between City Services and Other Services as follows:

# (a) City Services

	IR£000
Turnover	
CUSTOMER RECEIPTS	8,014
STATE GRANT	2,226
Total Turnover	10,240
Expenditure	
Maintenance of Buildings	108
Maintenance of Vehicles and Equipment	2,182
FUEL	368
Road Tax and Licences	30
Operating and Other Expenses	7,389
Operating Depreciation*	1,000
	11,077
Operating Deficit	(837)
Financial Charges	536
Net Deficit	(1,373)



# (b) Other Services

	IR£000
Turnover	
CUSTOMER RECEIPTS	57,398
Miscellaneous Receipts	145
	57,543
STATE GRANTS	544
Total Turnover	58,087
Expenditure	
Maintenance of Buildings	505
Maintenance of Vehicles and Equipment	13,860
FUEL	2,780
Road Tax and Licences	140
OPERATING AND OTHER EXPENSES	40,236
Operating Depreciation*	3,276
	60,797
Operating Deficit	(2,710)
Financial Charges	1,527
Net Deficit	(4,237)



# 19. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors approved the financial statements on 28th June, 1988.

<sup>\*</sup>Operating Depreciation includes the amount transferred to the Asset Replacement Reserve but excludes depreciation on Engineering Plant and Machinery, which is included under Maintenance of Vehicles and Equipment.

# VALUE ADDED STATEMENT

PERIOD 20th JANUARY, 1987, TO 31st DECEMBER, 1987

Value Added Generated		IR£000
TURNOVER (INCLUDING STATE GRANTS OF IR£2.77m)		68,327
ADD: OWN WORK CAPITALISED AND ENGINEERING WORK		
FOR GROUP COMPANIES		1,555
		69,882
Less: Cost of Materials and Services Utilised	(32,512)	
Exceptional Items	(3,701)	(36,213)
		33,669
Application of Value Added		
NET COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES WITH PENSION COSTS		22,944
To Government		
- Payroll Taxes		9,956
To Providers of Capital–Holding Company		2,063
Provision for Future Investment-Depreciation		2,783
Deficit for Period		(4,077)
		33,669





