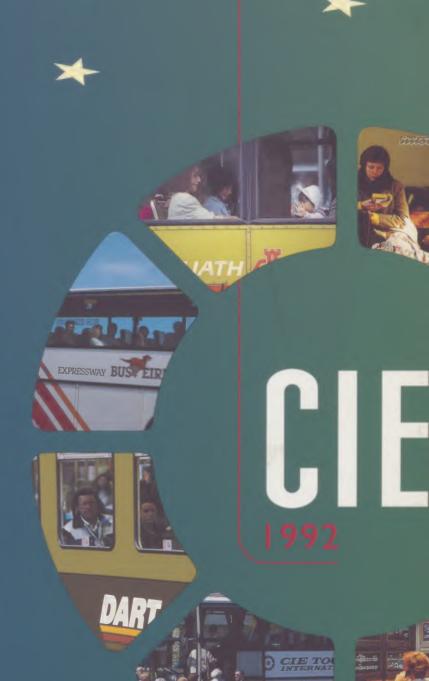


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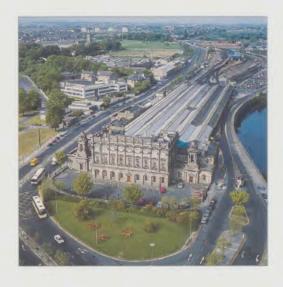
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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS



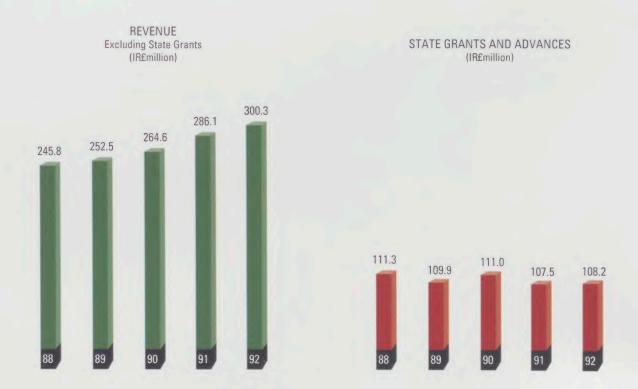






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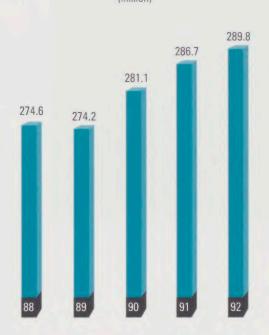
	1992	1991
	IR£m	IR£m
Revenue	300.3	286.1
Expenditure	388.3	379.1
State Grants	108.2	107.5
Surplus (After State Grants)	20.2	14.4
Employees (Average Numbers)	11,303	11,518
Passenger Journeys (Millions)	289.8	286.7
Capital Expenditure Programme (IR£m)	55.4	31.4



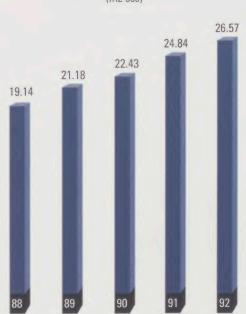
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (IR£million)



PASSENGER JOURNEYS (million)



REVENUE PER EMPLOYEE (IR£'000)



CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME (IR£million)





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Group Secretary.

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Group Finance.

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Group Structure



larnród Éireann

Mainline Rail

DART

Rail Freight

Road Freight

Rosslare Harbour

Catering



Bus Éireann

Expressway
Rural services

Provincial City Services

Schoolbus Services

Private Hire



Bus Átha Cliath

Scheduled Services
Private Hire



Ancillary Businesses

CIE Tours International

CAN (Commuter

Advertising Network)

CIE Consult

CIE Property

The results for 1992 confirm the successful application of the 1987 strategy for business growth and reflect positively on the Group's ability to adapt to a changing market and position itself for future growth and development in all its areas of operation. That stategy demanded the achievement of revenue growth, improved efficiency and continuing advancement in customer services in an increasingly competitive market. Our success has led to a perceptive change in attitudes towards Group operations not only by Government but also by the travelling public. The CIE Group is now seen to be honouring its mission statement which is "to provide national transport services which will be customer-orientated, safe, reliable, efficient and cost effective within the support made available by Government, and to develop profitable ancillary activities that are compatible with the core business".

Throughout 1992 each of the transport operating companies and ancillary businesses strengthened their business position, improved their standards of service to the community and adopted an expansive approach to future development and at the same time improved their financial outturn.

Financial Performance

In the year ended 31st December 1992, the Group generated a record surplus of IR£20.2 million compared with IR£14.4 million in 1991, an increase of 40%.

Customer revenues for the first time exceeded IR£300 million, and at IR£300.3 million were 5% ahead of 1991. Each of the operating companies contributed to the growth achieved. Total costs increased by 2.4% to IR£388.3 million, below the average rate of inflation for the year after taking into account significantly increased spending on the renewal of rail lines and a reduction in interest costs. There were again exceptional items costing IR£4.4 million, IR£1.0 million less than in 1991; these exceptional items relate to voluntary severance costs offset by foreign currency translation gains and surplus on disposal of assets within the Group.

State grants received were IR£108.2 million, a marginal increase on 1991 (IR£107.5 million) reflecting the ongoing need to meet the costs of the Group's social services and rail infrastructural investments.

Interest costs reduced to IR£19.5 million as borrowings were further reduced to IR£164.1 million. The improvement reflects the betterment achieved in operating performance and asset management, despite the savage rate increases in the last quarter of the year.

The scale of the Group historic debt is a significant constraint on the investment scope for infrastructural and service level development. This position is being reviewed with the Department of Transport, Energy and Communications in the light of recent EC Regulations and Directives. In particular, Member States have been asked to comply with the EC Directive 91/440 which became effective in January 1993. The Directive calls for significant changes to the Group's management of rail infrastructure and transport operations. This includes the separation of accounting for infrastructure and services, and measures which will provide a more commercially-related treatment of the Group's debt. It is expected that the revised accounting treatment will give a more realistic interpretation of the Group's operating position and assist assessment using commercial criteria.

Development Projects

The commitment to rail development under the EC Structural Fund programmes received early and welcome support during the year with approvals for investment in a number of significant projects.

Early in 1992, in co-operation with Northern Ireland Railways, gross investment of over IR£100.0 million in a project to upgrade the Dublin-Belfast line was approved and work commenced which, when completed, will provide a quality of service to the highest international standards. The project involves upgrading track, signalling, station facilities and rolling stock on both sides of the border, improving rail speeds and reducing journey time to less than two hours. Supported by the two relevant Governments, the project involves an unprecedented degree of technical, engineering and planning co-operation between larnród Éireann and Northern Ireland Railways. In what is considered the flagship for the future development of rail services on this island, the project is proceeding very satisfactorily and is on schedule.

Other significant investments have been approved under the EC Operational Programme on Peripherality including the upgrading of the Dublin South West Rail Corridor at a cost of IR£13.2 million in preparation for a diesel rail service between Dublin and Kildare. Development proposals on other services on the Dublin-Cork and Dublin-Waterford lines at a cost of IR£9.0 million, upgrading the Lavistown-Waterford links and station development at Sligo also received positive support.

Investment in the rail infrastructure equally involves the upgrading of rolling stock to provide the necessary levels of passenger comfort and service reliability. A IR£20.8 million order for 10 new diesel locomotives has been placed with General Motors and 17 new railcars have been ordered from Mitsui/Tokyu Cars at a cost of IR£19.5 million. The new rolling stock is to be delivered in April, 1994 and will advance the capability of the rail service significantly.

The future development of Rosslare Harbour as the country's premier sea ferryport has been assured with the completion of Stage I of a IR£18.8 million project to extend pier facilities, the dredging of the port area and the reclamation of a significant land mass which is planned for commercial development. Grant aided under the Operational Programme for Peripherality, the project will confirm Rosslare's status as one of Europe's leading sea ferry terminals and facilitate the continued growth of the port as a key entry and exit point to the European mainland. The planned commercial development will add to the port's status as an attractive, well positioned and key outlet for both inward and outward commercial activity.

The process of service and business development advanced noticeably during the year with an extensive range of operational initiatives introduced throughout the Group's businesses;

- · a comprehensive review was initiated by Bus Átha Cliath of the total city network.
- passenger demand for "Nitelink" services in Dublin increased by 58%.
- significant orders for new buses to upgrade the fleet were placed by Bus Éireann and Bus Átha
 Cliath.
- passenger carryings on Expressway services increased by 15% to 4.5 million.
- inward tourist numbers catered by CIE Tours International increased by 13% to 59,800.
- the number of international consultancy projects undertaken by CIE Consult increased to 32.

- · Bus Átha Cliath initiated the trial stage of the EC "smart card" project.
- the re-organisiaton and new investment in road freight operations has afforded the opportunity for greater improvement in performance.

The Future

The CIE Group has, over the past five years, been substantially transformed and redirected to become a national transport organisation of quality and respect. The decentralisation of the organisation, its applied policies of business growth, customer focus and operating efficiency, and its orientation towards commercial principles have borne fruit in all facets of its business. The results achieved are testament to the effectiveness of those policies and the commitment of management and employees throughout the Group.

In addition, public recognition of the value of our national rail and road passenger networks and services has been endorsed at both national Government and EC levels.

The wide public recognition of the importance and value of the nation's transport infrastructure, including its rail network, is increasingly reflected in the commitment of all authorities to investment for the future. The measures taken to date and proposed future plans fully accord with the Group's development objectives and are wholeheartedly supported.

The revised EC Structural Funds, approved by the EC Council of Ministers, incorporate a significant commitment to investment in transport during the period 1993-1997. While funding proposals have been approved for Member States, specific allocations on a national level await confirmation. Previous Structural Fund allocations in Ireland have provided disproportionate amounts for road-based investment, which have benefitted our public road transport services, but have militated against the regeneration of the trail infrastructure. Development options for the rail network have been prepared by the Group and have been submitted to the Department of Transport, Energy and Communications and a positive outcome in terms of the allocation of funds for investment is anticipated.

Inherent in these plans is the development of the primary rail lines (Dublin-Belfast and Dublin-Cork) as part of the pan-European high speed rail network under the EC Operational Programme on Peripherality and the upgrading of other lines under EC Regional Funds. A number of major projects have already received positive support and work has commenced during the year.

The Dublin Transportation Initiative (DTI), established by the Government as an innovative measure to plan the transportation needs of the Greater Dublin Area into the 21st Century, undertook an exhaustive study. In December 1992, the DTI published an Interim Report which contained a number of highly significant recommendations with a stated preference for public transport development.

Amongst the DTI's major recommendations are the creation of Quality Bus Corridors, the introduction of Light Rail Transit (LRT) routes, extension and upgrading of DART services, improved outer suburban rail services, new park and ride facilities, along with other road development, traffic control and parking measures.

Important contributions to the DTI's studies were made by the Group and each of the operating companies, and its recommendations are welcomed. The schemes proposed are both

radical and innovative, and are seen as a basis for providing a better functioning capital city, free of the hindrances of traffic congestion and consequent environmental effects.

CIE is committed to the implementation of the finally recommended measures and to supporting the Government and other public authorities in securing the necessary financial support.

Employees

Whilst acknowledging the contribution made by employees, at all levels, to the improved operating and financial performance of the Group I am gravely concerned at the deterioration on the industrial relations scene, particularly in recent times.

Changes which are essential to maintain competitiveness and hence job security are being thwarted by claims for improvement in pay and conditions which are clearly unwarranted. The reluctance of certain employees and indeed some Trade Unions to adhere to agreed procedures is regretted, as is inter and intra union rivalries which manifest themselves in service disruption and passenger inconvenience. Recent events demonstrate the desirability of streamlining trade union representation within the Group. We have endeavoured to establish a code of practice with the Trade Unions but to no avail.

Industrial relations are not helped by provocative and unwarranted attacks on management by senior Trade Union Officials. Management of all companies enjoy the total confidence of their Boards and the Board of CIE.

Board

Board membership was brought up to full strength during 1992 and the new Members have brought a broad range of skills and experience to bear to the management of the Board's responsibilities. I was particularly pleased to welcome the first lady member of the Board, Ms. Kay Mulrooney. This timely appointment will bring to bear a different perspective to transport considerations. I was also pleased to welcome Mr. Colm Brennan and, earlier in the year, Mr. John Maguire whose backgrounds in business and financial services are extremely valuable.

The management and control of a large and diverse group requires a steady hand, influenced and advised by an experienced Board. CIE is thus well served by the current membership and I personally wish to thank all my colleagues, both now and in the past, for their valued support to the Group and to me personally.

The Board wishes to record appreciation and thanks to the former Minister for Tourism, Transport and Communications, Mrs. Maire Geoghegan-Quinn and her departmental officials for their help and, in particular, support during 1992. The Board extends a very warm welcome to the present Minister for Transport, Energy and Communications, Mr. Brian Cowen, and to Mr. John Loughrey who was appointed Secretary of the Department on 11th February 1993.

G.T. Paul Conlon, Chairman.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Board of Córas Iompair Éireann herewith presents the Group Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1992, in accordance with Section 34 of the Transport Act, 1950.

The Group Accounts comprise the 1992 consolidated operating results of the three subsidiary companies - larnród Éireann, Bus Éireann and Bus Átha Cliath - and the activities of the Holding Company.

The Group had another successful year with both revenue and the overall surplus increasing substantially.

Financial Summary				
	19	92	1991	
	IR£m.	%	IR£m.	%
Customer Receipts	300.3	100.0	286.1	100.0
Operating Costs	364.5	121.4	353.7	123.6
Operating (Deficit)	(64.2)	(21.4)	(67.6)	(23.6)
Interest (Net)	(19.4)	(6.4)	(20.0)	(7.0)
Exceptional Items	(4.4)	(1.5)	(5.4)	(1.9)
(Deficit) before State Grants	(88.0)	(29.3)	(93.0)	(32.5)
State Grants	108.2	36.0	107.4	37.5
Surplus	20.2	6.7	<u> 14.4</u>	5.0

Customer receipts increased by IR£14.2 million or 5% on the previous year, reflecting another year of increasing use of the Board's passenger and freight movement services.

The Group also received State Grants to a value of IR£108.2 million in support of the social and national role undertaken and performed by the Group. The allocations of State Grants within the Group reflect the specific roles undertaken by each sector and were as follows:-

	1992	1991
	IR£m	IR£m
• larnród Éireann		
(a) Operations	80.1	75.1
(b) DART Interest subsidy	10.3	10.5
Bus Éireann	3.9	4.6
Bus Átha Cliath	10.9	14.2
Galway/Aran Ferry	0 4	0.1
Funding to repay borrowings incurred due		
to grant shortfalls in previous years	3.0	3.0
	108.2	107.5

Total revenue intake overall, including State Grants, increased by 3.8% from IR£393.5 million to IR£408.5 million.

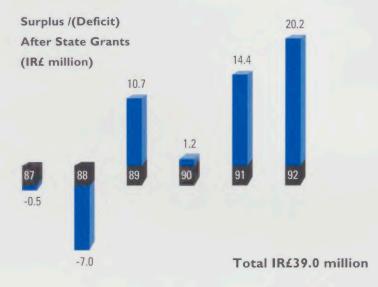
Operating expenditure was well managed and contained within inflationary levels and below the percentage gains made from customer receipts. Savings were made in fuel and electric traction costs, but the costs involved in the renewal of rail lines increased considerably to an all-time high of IR£14.0 million. Overall operating expenditure increased by 3.1% to IR£364.5 million, 121.4% of customer receipts compared with 123.6% in 1991. Operating expenditure has consistantly decreased in comparative terms since the Group was re-organised in 1987 when levels were as high as 134.5% of customer receipts.

Interest charges incurred, reflecting lower borrowing levels achieved through profitable operations and better asset management, decreased to IR£19.5 million, the lowest level since 1983, despite the high interest rates that prevailed during the last quarter of the year.

Total borrowings for the Group amounted to IR£164.1 million at the year end, of which IR£44.8 million (27.3%) was in foreign currency. The devaluation of the Irish Pound on 31st January 1993 resulted in an increase of IR£3.2 million in the Group's foreign currency debt.

The continuing need to rationalise and re-structure in some areas of the Group required an ongoing investment in voluntary severance programmes. A total of IR£6.7 million was provided in 1992. The number of full-time employees at 31st December 1992 stood at 10,410 compared with 13,667 at the beginning of 1987.

The Group achieved a surplus for the year of IR£20.2 million compared with a surplus of IR£14.4 million in 1991. This is the fourth successive yearly surplus and since the reorganisation of the Group a cumulative surplus of IR£39.0 million has been achieved.



These surpluses were utilised to provide for the replacement costs of assets and to reduce the accumulated deficit, which at 31st December 1992 amounted to IR£42.2 million compared to an all-time high of IR£69.2 million at 31st December 1988.

Throughout the year, expenditure of a capital nature was expended both in the repayment of past borrowings and in investment projects for the future. The total Capital Expenditure programme in 1992 amounted to IR£55.4 million. Loan repayments amounted to IR£16.8 million and the balance of IR£38.6 million was expended on the purchase of capital assets. Major areas of expenditure included:-

	IR£m
larnród Éireann	
Rolling Stock	7.9
Rail Infrastructure & Other	4.7
Road Freight Fleet	2.9
	15.5
Bus Éireann	
Bus Fleet Replacement	4.6
Bus Átha Cliath	
Bus Fleet Replacement	9.0
Rosslare Harbour Development	9.0
Holding Company	0.5
TOTAL	38.6
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larnród Éireann maintained the high levels of service operation as in previous years and increased revenue overall by 2.5% to IR£114.3 million.

Each of the company's business areas - mainline rail, suburban rail services, road freight, Rosslare Harbour and catering services - increased their respective revenues.

Passenger numbers carried, however, decreased compared with the record numbers of 1991, but overall freight carrying levels were maintained despite the background of general economic difficulty.

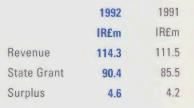
Total expenditure, before exceptional items, increased by 3.8% to IR£197.3 million. This was mainly due to an increase of IR£3.7 million in expenditure on the renewal of lines and works on mainline rail.

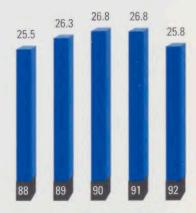
State Grants, paid to support the non-commercial social service nature of railway operations, increased by IR \pm 5.0 million to IR \pm 80.1 million. The DART interest subsidy totalled IR \pm 10.3 million (1991: IR \pm 10.5 million).

The company achieved a surplus of IR£4.6 million, compared with IR£4.2 million in 1991, the seventh successive year in which the combined activities of larnród Éireann have recorded a surplus.

Investment and Development

The level of Government and EC support and the achievement of continued surpluses have given the railway company renewed confidence for the future. This is demonstrated by the number of significant developments undertaken during the year. They include major new investments in modernising the rail infrastructure, the placing of orders for new high-quality rolling stock, the revitalisation of road freight operations, and extensive forward planning to develop the network and services up to European standard.





Passenger Journeys (millions)

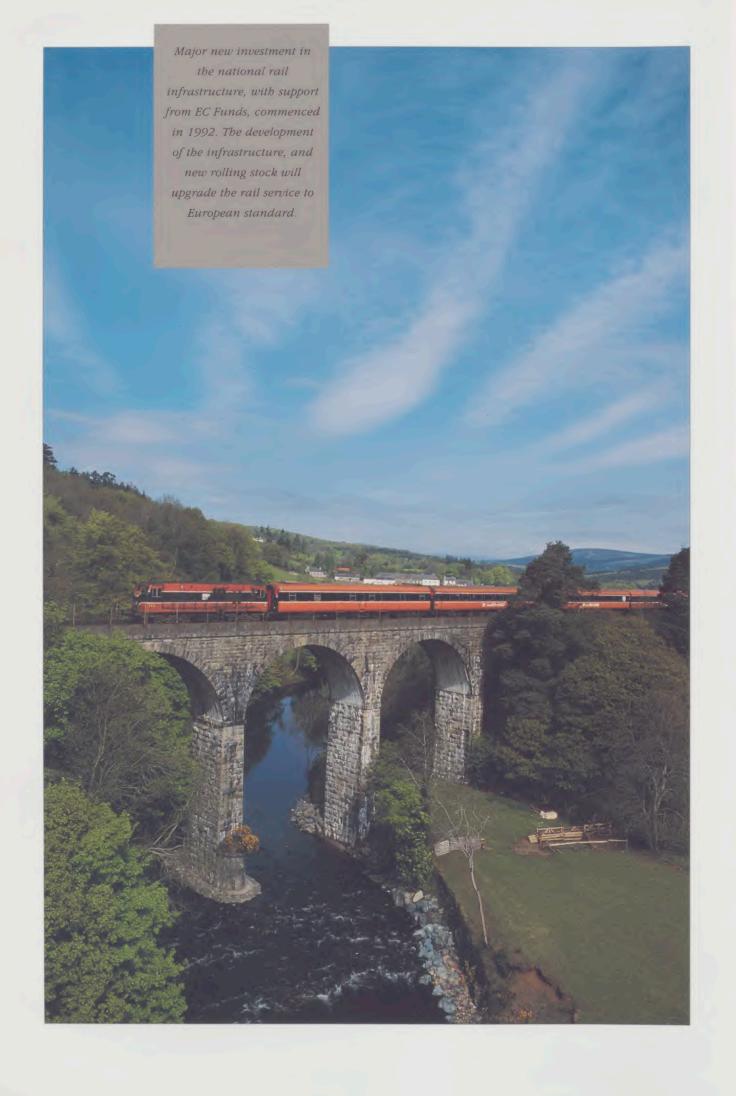
Rail Infrastructure:

A IR£100.0 million cross-border project to upgrade the Dublin-Belfast rail line, which commenced in October, is a four-year project and is due for completion in 1996. larnród Éireann's share of the total cost is IR£64.1 million. A jointly-funded initiative by the two Governments with 75% grant assistance under the EC Operational Programme on Peripherality, the project has involved an unprecedented amount of cooperative planning and engineering development between larnród Éireann and Northern Ireland Railways.

Approval was also received for a IR£13.2 million project to upgrade the Dublin South West Corridor which will provide a diesel commuter service from Kildare to Dublin. Work commenced on the line during the year and the

service is due to commence in 1994.

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Rolling Stock:

Considerable investment has also been committed in the regeneration of the company's rolling stock as a necessary complement to infrastructural development in the overall modernisation programme.

A contract with Mitsui/Tokyu Cars of Japan was agreed for the supply of 17 new railcars which will be used on the suburban and branch lines. These new cars will create higher standards of passenger comfort and enhance service reliability.

Ten new 3000 h.p. diesel locomotives have been ordered from General Motors for delivery from early 1994. The locomotives are the first to be ordered by the company for some years and will be used on mainline services.

These, and other projects, represent a highly significant step in the advancement of the rail network to place the Irish rail service on a par with other European services.

Future Planning:

A comprehensive assessment of various strategic options for the national railway service was conducted during 1992. The study took account of current and future national transportation requirements, future capital needs, as well as the potential for development investment under the EC's Operational Programme on Peripherality and Cohesion Fund programmes.

The recommended option of development with grant assistance under the EC programmes, in line with the EC's policy of pan-European rail development, was further assessed by the Department of Transport, Energy and Communications. Based on long term projected costs and capital requirements, the process of application and consultation has been advanced with the EC Commission.

Mainline Passenger Rail Services

Customer revenues decreased marginally to IR£41.2 million which is attributable to a slight decline in passenger volumes. Targeted marketing programmes, including fares incentives, however, generated a notable increase in traffic in the final quarter of the year, compared with 1991. Traffic on the cross-border Dublin-Belfast line increased by 2.6% which is a significant development in view of the increased level of investment on that line.

A range of new marketing initiatives were introduced successfully including new promotional fares on certain routes. These will be continually monitored and adapted to promote the attractions of rail travel. In order to generate higher levels of customer satisfaction throughout the country, company staff underwent customer service training programmes and station facilities were upgraded.

	1992	1991
	IR£m	IR£m
Revenue	41.2	41.6
State Grant	69.7	65.0
Passenger		
Journeys - m	7.6	7.7



DART/Other Suburban Services

Revenues from DART and other suburban services increased by 4.0% to IR£14.0 million in the year, while passenger journeys declined to 18.2 million.

A State Grant of IR£4.7 million was received in addition to IR£10.3 million covering interest on DART infrastructure funding.

DART services remained highly popular throughout 1992 although passenger numbers fell somewhat. Passenger carryings of 16.1 million were acheived compared to the record number of 17.0 million in 1991. Other suburban services carried 2.1 million, a figure similar to 1991.

Additions to the DART and other suburban rail networks are being examined in the context of the Interim Report of the Dublin Transportation Initiative, published in December 1992.

Rail Freight

Revenues from rail freight activities increased by 3.3% to IR£24.9 million with bulk tonnage carried marginally above the 1991 level. However, the 3.33 million tonnes carried represents the highest level achieved since 1985, and is the fourth year in a row in which rail freight tonnage has increased. Major products carried by rail include cement, mineral ores, fertiliser, beer, beet and other general freight. Rail freight services are very important as a means of diverting large loads from the congested road network.

Efficiencies have been achieved in operations and the average wagon load in 1992 was 17.9 tonnes compared with 15.2 tonnes in 1988. In addition, a programme to upgrade gantry cranes at termini is under way.

Road Freight

Revenues increased by IR£1.0 million to IR£19.8 million and tonnages were at similar levels to 1991. Operating efficiency was improved and overall profits of IR£487,000 (1991: IR£60,000) were generated.

Operations were significantly reorganised during the year. This resulted in the number of depot locations being reduced from 30 to 10 and a partnership entered into with hauliers for local distribution. The former Transtrack service was replaced by a

speedier and more efficient Railink service combining rail and road freight delivery services.

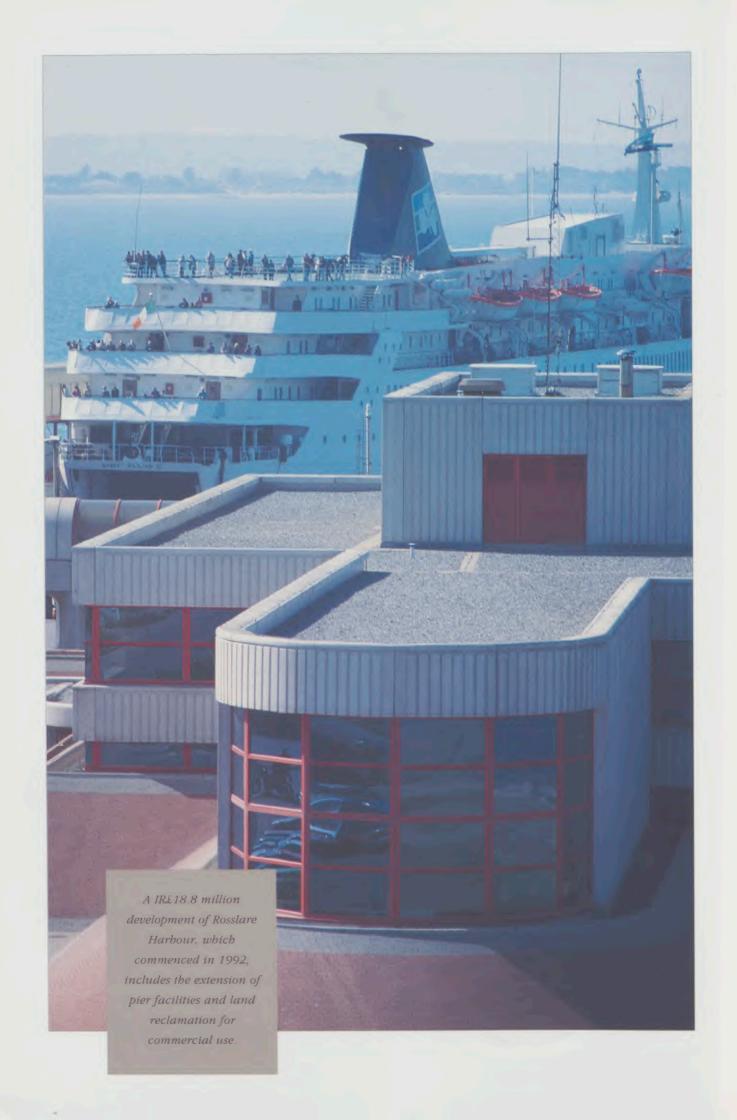
A IR£5.6 million programme to upgrade and renew the road fleet is in progress from which it is expected that the road freight operations will improve their competitive position further and will generate higher returns.

		1992	1991
		IR£m	IR£m
Re	venues	14.0	13.4
Sta	ate Grant	4.7	5.0
Pa	ssenger		
Jo	urneys - m	18.2	19.1

	1992	1991
	IR£m	IR£m
Revenue	24.9	24.1
State Grant	5.7	5.0
Tonnes Carried - m	3.33	3.31

	1992	1991	
	IR£m	IR£m	
Revenue	19.8	18.8	
Surplus	0.5	0.1	
Tonnes Carried - m	17	17	





Rosslare Harbour

Revenues increased to IR£5.5 million generating an operating surplus of IR£2.4

million. Passenger throughput increased from 1.34 million to 1.38 million, with passenger

car and coach numbers at 290,000 and 6,500 respectively. Freight volumes recovered

Revenue

5.5

Significantly to 64,600 units while trade cars handled declined to 11,700 reflecting a drop

Surplus

2.4

2.7

The further development of operations and facilities at Rosslare Harbour accelerated significantly with the commencement of Phase I of an IR£18.8 million development programme, supported by EC grant funding. This involves the extension of pier facilities, dredging to facilitate larger ships, and the reclamation of an area of approximately 30 acres, which is planned for commercial development. The new works will add significantly to the future business potential of the port, where terminal facilities are already amongst the finest in Europe.



Catering Services

larnród Éireann's catering services continued to develop well in 1992 with revenues increasing by 11.2% to IR£6.5 million, generating an increased profit to IR£249,000.

All catering sectors - train catering, station catering and Restaurant na Mara - traded profitably despite some reductions in mainline rail passenger numbers and the general business difficulties being experienced by this market sector.

During the year the Catering division was awarded, in open competition, the catering contract for Northern Ireland Railways and a separate company, Dubel Ltd. was set up and registered in Northern Ireland. Dubel Ltd. commenced trading in March 1992 and is now trading successfully.

	1992	1991
	IR£m	IR£m
Revenue	6.5	5.9
Surplus	0.2	0.2







Bus Éireann, the national bus transport company, achieved strong growth in 1992 with revenues increasing by 4.7% to IR£88.2 million. The company's overall financial position has improved further.

The profit for the year was IR£3.2 million compared with IR£2.4 million in 1991, taking account of State Grants paid in respect of the company's social services. The level of grant received in the year was reduced from IR£4.6 million to IR£3.9 million. The improved result arises from revenue growth combined with cost containment.

Total passenger journeys on Bus Éireann's services - Expressway, provincial city and rural services, and school services - increased from 87.3 million to 88.3 million.

Efficiencies, geared to providing better service performance throughout the company's operations, have continued to be implemented.

Expressway

Expressway, the main national inter-urban bus service, recorded a continuing strong performance with passenger numbers increasing from 3.9 million to 4.5 million and revenue growing by 16% to IR£19.7 million. These gains were achieved despite increasing competition on primary routes. Fares were not increased during the year.

The frequency of services on many routes was increased in response to growing customer demand; service interlinking has been further developed to facilitate changing customer journey patterns, and in addition, Supabus services to the UK and connections with services in Northern Ireland were further expanded. Further route revisions are planned to enhance service levels and profitability.

Thirty-five new high-quality coaches were added to the fleet in 1992, bringing the total to 180 coaches. The new Plaxton-Daf coaches are amongst the most advanced available and provide unprecedented standards of passenger comfort while also improving service reliability.

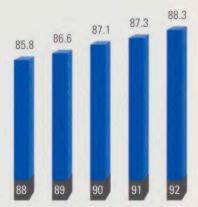
Travel information centres have now been established at 10 key locations nationwide, providing a full range of travel and information facilities to a wide variety of passengers from home and abroad.

Overall the growth in passenger carryings using the Expressway services since the setting up of the company in 1987 has been highly impressive, reflecting the quality of service and value for the money offered. This philosophy will continue to be applied on Expressway services and further growth in demand is anticipated.

Provincial City and Rural Services

Provincial city services in Cork, Waterford, Galway and Limerick recorded increased revenues up to IR£11.2 million in 1992, from IR£10.9m in 1991, while passenger journeys stabilised at just over 20 million. These services are generally not commercially viable due to demographic, social and economic patterns in cities, and service provision is constantly reviewed to maximise their value to the travelling public.

	1992	1991
	IR£m	IR£m
Revenue	88.2	84.2
State Grant	3.9	4.6
Surplus	3.2	2.4



Passenger Journeys (millions)





The services are provided to high efficiency levels and continuing change to one-person-operated single deck services is being effected. Rural stage carriage services also developed with revenues increasing to IR£19.9 million from IR£19.2 million in 1991 with passenger journeys growing from 12.3 million to 12.7 million. Many of the services, particularly in remote areas, are uneconomic and are provided for social reasons and are thus subvented by a State Grant. Localised competition exists on some well supported commuter routes.

School Transport Scheme

The School Transport Scheme, operated on behalf of the Department of Education, continued to perform well in 1992. Service and efficiency levels were maintained at a competitive cost of IR£34.8 million. The company operates 750 vehicles while an additional 1,500 buses are used by contracted operators. Approximately 10% of the company's fleet is replaced annually to maintain vehicle service standards. 165,000 school children are transported daily on the services covering 6,000 routes nationwide. Total school journeys on the services increased to 23.1 million in 1992, compared with 22.5 million in 1991.

Forward Planning

Route revisions on Expressway, rural and city services are ongoing to develop services in line with passenger demand while also improving profitability. Further

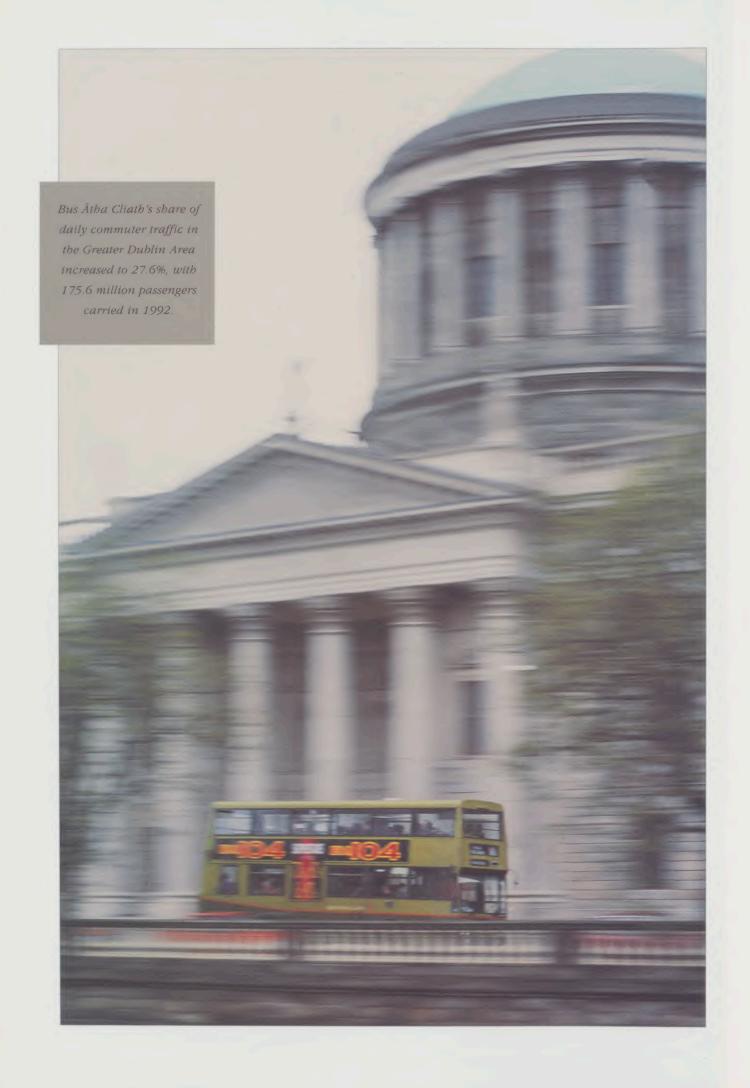
modernisation of passenger facilities at Dublin, Cork, Tralee, Sligo, Letterkenny and Waterford, and the extension of Travel Centres, are also planned to improve customer services. The bus parcels service is currently being reviewed to assess development options.

A "Breakthrough" staff development programme was designed in conjunction with the Irish Management Institute during the year for management and supervisory staff throughout the company. The programme is designed to enhance the company's consciousness of business performance through information technology, communications and participative management. Customer care and safety management programmes were provided to all staff, and it is believed that these

programmes will engender better customer care and responsiveness to customer needs.

Vehicle testing and maintenance operations were restructured during the year as a separate business unit, and modern testing and maintenance technology has been installed, the aim being to provide a commercial focus and improve standards of operation and efficiency.







Bus Átha Cliath recorded a year of notable success and development, generating an increased surplus after State Grants, of IR£6.7 million, compared with IR£4.7 million in 1991. The result is due primarily to improved operating efficiencies and high service levels which were maintained throughout the year. This led to greater customer confidence in the service and passenger numbers increased further in 1992 to 175.6 million (1991: 172.6 million). As a consequence, revenues increased by 7% to IR£93.1 million. There were no fares increases during 1992.

Total expenditure, before exceptional items, reduced by 1.2% to IR£93.5 million as
the benefits of re-organisation and investment over recent years became apparent. The
most significant being the reductions in expenditure on bus maintenance and fuel, as a
direct result of the investments made in modernising the fleet and a reduction in fuel
prices.

Voluntary severance provisions amounted to IR£3.8 million, double the 1991 provision of IR£1.9 million, reflecting further moves towards achievement of one-person-operations.

Overall the ratio of revenue to total costs in 1992, before State Grants, improved significantly to 95.6% compared with 90.1% in 1991, which is exceptionally strong in comparison with bus operations in other European cities.

The increase in revenue and the reductions in expenditure through achieved efficiencies have reduced State Grant requirements, with the amount received falling to IR£10.9 million in 1992 from IR£14.2 million 1991.

The resulting surplus of IR£6.7 million further reduced the accumulated deficit from previous years to IR£20.0 million at 31st December 1992 and the Balance Sheet has strengthened overall. Net Assets now represent 67% of Shareholders' Funds compared with 22% at 31st December 1990.

New Products and Marketing Initiatives

"Nitelink", the late night bus service introduced in 1991, continued to prove popular, and was expanded during the year to include two new routes and extensions to two existing routes. During the key Christmas period, passenger levels were 58% ahead of 1991. The service continues to grow and is now an integral part of the city's week-end night life.

In April 1992, a new concept in urban travel, "City Imp", was launched, involving the replacement of double deck buses operating at low frequencies with small 25-seat mini buses offering a faster, more frequent and friendly service. The first "City Imp" service on route 83 to Kimmage increased ridership by 300%, created 20 additional driving jobs and turned the route from a declining loss maker into a growing profitable operation. It is planned to further extend the concept to other appropriate areas.

Revised prepaid ticketing arrangements, introduced in early 1992, have been well received by customers with sales of the new "Travel Ten" and "Travel Wide" tickets increasing by 28% during the year. They provide a wide range of discounted travel options, and are sold through 200 ticket agents throughout the Greater Dublin Area.

	1992	1991
	IR£m	IR£m
Revenue	93.1	87.0
State Grant	10.9	14.2
Surplus	6.7	4.7



Passenger Journeys (millions)



In connection with the EC-sponsored GAUDI Project, the company is conducting an experiment in the use of a single Smart Card for the payment of bus fares, car park charges, public telephones and bridge tolls. Two thousand customers have been issued with "DASH" cards for the experiment which involves liaison with other bus operations in Barcelona, Bologna, Marseille and Trondheim.

Fleet Replacement

The fleet replacement programme continued throughout 1992 with the average age of the company's fleet now down to 9.7 years, and 153 out of 670 double deck buses are less than three years old. This has led to lower maintenance costs, lower material stock holding and improved service reliability. Total capital expenditure during 1992 was IR£8.6 million.

The first steps have been taken to alter the balance of the fleet with orders placed in 1992 for 20 double decks, 40 high-quality, high-capacity single decks and 30 mini buses to replace 70 over-age double deck vehicles.

This changing fleet profile will facilitate the development of the new "City Imp" and "Cityswift" products.

Network Development

The company's comprehensive "Network For The Future" programme made substantial progress during 1992 with the completion of the market research data base, establishment of the computer simulation model and the beginning of consultations with customers and staff on this first new network. As part of this programme, the company has developed the concept of "Quality Bus Corridors" (QBC) being introduced under the brand identity "Cityswift".

They are designed to incorporate:

- · A clear route alignment similar to a rail line
- · A comprehensive high frequency of service of at least six buses per hour
- Stylish high-quality, environmentally-friendly single deck buses
- Modern well-lit shelters incorporating seating, information and other facilities at virtually every stop
- Comprehensive traffic management and bus priority measures, to ensure fast, reliable journey times.

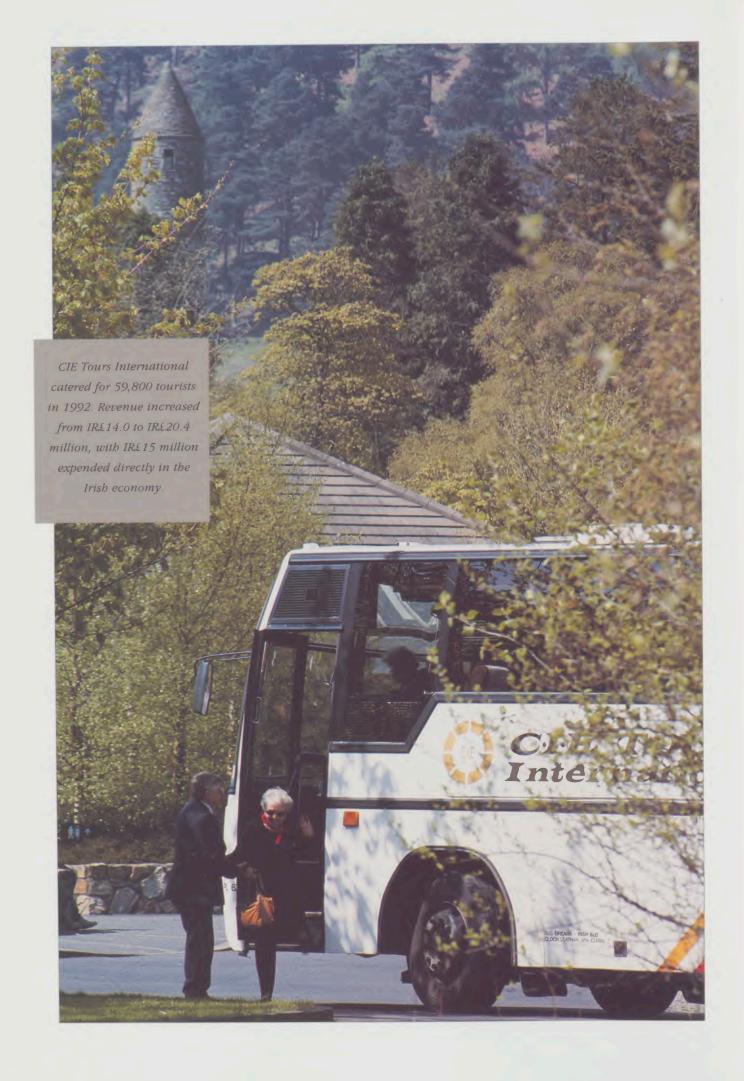
The QBC concept has been adopted by the Dublin Transportation Initiative and recommended for implementation in its Interim Report.

Organisation

The company's internal management structures have been re-organised with three Area Bus Operating Business Units established, and a separate Engineering Business Unit. This structure provides clearer lines of responsibility and better and more effective management and administration of the company. The new structures are also designed to create a commercial and customer service orientation in all operations.







ANCILLARY BUSINESSES

The Group's Ancillary businesses generated gross revenues of IR£24.0 million in 1992, and achieved a surplus of IR£1.4 million. In 1991, these businesses earned revenues of IR£17.7 million and a surplus of IR£1.3 million. Each of the businesses are operated on a commercial basis with the objective of maximising financial returns.

CIF	Tours	International	

CIE Tours International is the only significant Irish tour operator involved in packaging and marketing Irish holiday products in overseas markets. It has specialist marketing offices in New Jersey, Dusseldorf and London, has a representative in Paris and is represented by general sales agents in Canada, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa.

The company continues to generate an increasing level of inward tourism traffic for coach tours, car holidays, hotel and cottage accommodation, cruises, activity holidays, group travel and increasingly, business conference organisation.

The company catered for a total of 59,800 tourists in 1992, compared with 52,900 in 1991. Tourist numbers from North America increased by 35% to 14,900 with increased numbers also sourced from Britain, Germany and Italy.

The business generated revenues of IR£20.4 million compared with IR£14.0 million in 1991. A total of IR£15.0 million of this revenue goes directly into the Irish economy, being expended on hotels, airlines, coach and other services. The surplus generated was IR£434,000 compared with IR£179,000 in 1991.

(CAN) Commuter Advertising Network

CAN provides advertising services on buses, trains and property sites owned by the Group throughout the country. The sites are used extensively by a range of national and international advertisers conscious of the impact and value of both mobile and static advertising.

Revenues in 1992 were IR£1.7 million compared with IR£1.9 million in 1991 and an operating profit of IR£617,000 was achieved.

The outdoor advertising market was generally depressed during 1992, however CAN's market share held up very well at approximately 13.5%. The outdoor advertising segment in 1992 represented 6% of the total media advertising spend.

New advertising sites were developed in Dublin, Cork, Galway and Rosslare, while the use of Colorbuses expanded during the year. The company's management and operating structures have been revised to strengthen its commercial position.



1992

IR£m

1.7

0.6

1991

IR£m

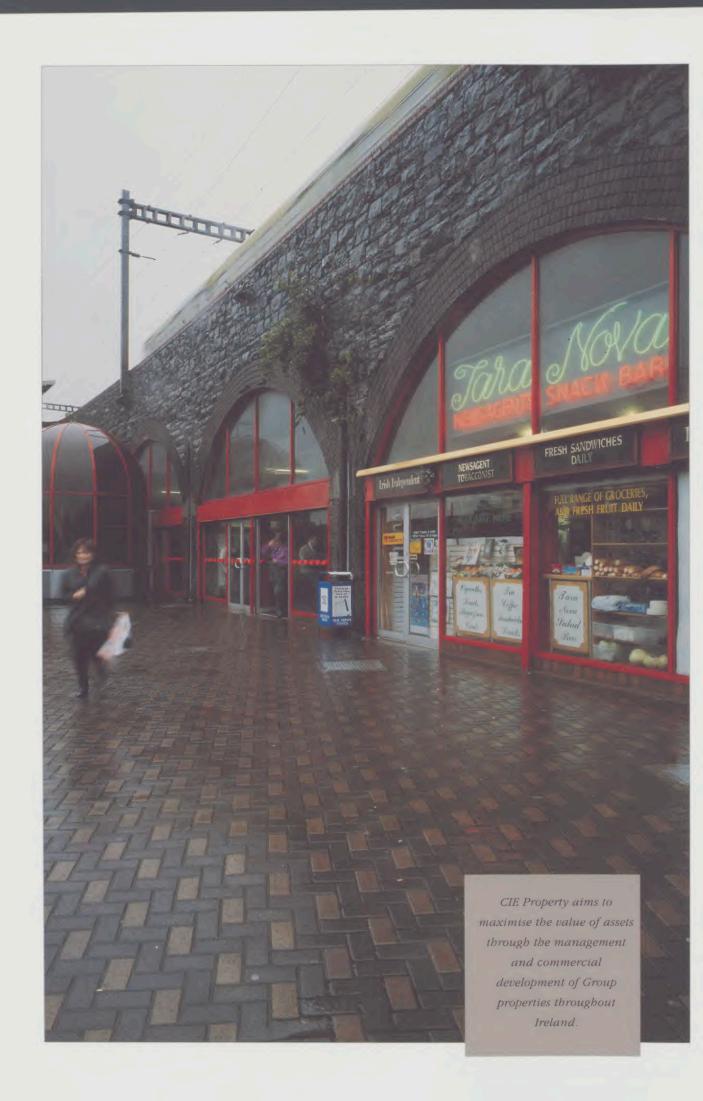
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0.9



Revenue

Profit



CIE Consult

The business o	f CIE	Consult, the	Group's	internationa	l consulting of	company,
expanded significantl	y duri	ng 1992 with a	number o	of new project	contracts secu	red.

The company participated in 32 projects during the year in more than 20 countries. Its work includes technical assistance, training, signalling and civil design projects for bus and rail operators in the UK, Middle East, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Far East. New projects secured in 1992 included advising on the institutional development of Pakistan Railways, advising the Ministry of Transport in Hungary, a study of Bulgarian Railways (BDZ), and establishing a privatisation unit for the Belarus (CIS) Ministry of Transport.

CIE Consult utilises the expertise and services available in each of the Group's companies, and generated revenues of IR£989,000 in 1992, compared with IR£870,000 in 1991. CIE Consult's contribution to the Group's payroll savings during the year was IR£113,600, and overall achieved a profit of IR£52,000, compared to IR£35,000 in 1991.

CIE Property

The property function manages the Group's properties at 550 locations throughout	
the country involving rent collection, acquisition and disposal, development, technical	
advice to operating companies, and promotion of sites for development. CIE Property	
aims to maximise the value of assets through the sale of surplus property, management	
of existing properties and securing rental income.	

Gross revenue of IR£864,000 was generated, the same level as in 1991. This apparent levelling-off in rental income conceals a successful year of progress. The sale of our Temple Bar properties reduced the rent-roll by IR£135,000 in 1992, but significant activity in the acceleration of commercial lettings and once-off wayleave charges offset this loss of revenue.

Commercial lettings achieved during the year included the addition of banking facilities at Busaras in Dublin and other retail services at Tara Street Station and Rosslare.

Development proposals have been progressed for a range of sites throughout the country, with the prospect of these developments enhancing passenger services at station locations. A data base of the Group's entire property portfolio is being developed to assist in planning future utilisation of sites.

The scale of property disposals decreased in 1992 with most non-operational property having already been sold. Cash generated in 1992 from sales of property amounted to IR£1.3 million.

The management of the property function under a new Property Manager was strengthened by the appointment of other property specialists.

Overall a profit of IR£334,000 was achieved compared with IR£220,000 in 1991.

IR£m	IR£m
0.99	0.87
0.05	0.04
	0.99

1992

1991

1991

IR£m

0.86

0.22

1992 IR£m

0.86

0.33

Revenue

Profit

Personnel

The number of full-time staff employed has stabilised over the last few years and at 31st December 1992 numbered 10,410.

	1992	1991
Holding Company	238	321
larnród Éireann	5,386	5,488
Bus Éireann	1,888	1,801
Bus Átha Cliath	2,898	2,904
	10,410	10,514

Gross staff costs incurred in 1992 (excluding provisions for voluntary severance payments) amounted to IR£203.6 million, up 3.3% on 1991 levels. Included in these costs are the Board's contributions to pensions costs at IR£14.8 million and Social Insurance Costs at IR£16.0 million.

The Board operates separate Superannuation Schemes to meet the liabilities to its existing and future pensioners and at 31.12.1992, these schemes had a valuation of IR£332.8 million (1991: IR£324.2 million).

The safety and welfare of all CIE Group employees is paramount in management thinking and practise. The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, 1989 imposes obligations on all employers, and the companies within the Group are providing the necessary resources and taking the appropriate actions to ensure that full compliance with this Act is achieved.

It is the policy of the Group to recruit staff in accordance with the CIE Group Policy on Equal Opportunities. Recruitment and training policies and procedures were operated to ensure enhancement of opportunities for the development and promotion of staff at all levels, irrespective of sex or marital status. The CIE Group is an active participant in the Employment Equality Network for State Sponsored Bodies.

The Group, in accordance with the Workers Participation (State Enterprises) Act, 1977 and the Transport (Re-organisation of CIE) Act, 1986 has worker participation at Board and subsidiary Board level. In accordance with the Workers Participation (State Enterprises) Act, 1988 the Group and subsidiary companies held discussions with employee representatives regarding sub-board participation and whilst final agreement by all companies has yet to be agreed, progress has been made.





To the Minister for Transport, Energy and Communications

As auditors appointed by Córas Iompair Éireann (The Board) under Section 34(2) of the Transport Act, 1950 with your consent, we have audited the financial statements on Pages 34 to 62 in accordance with Auditing Standards.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Board and of the Group at 31st December, 1992 and of the surplus and cash flow of the Group for the year then ended.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Board. The Board's balance sheet on page 39 is in agreement with the books of account.

CRAIG GARDNER & CO.,
Chartered Accountants and
Registered Auditor,
Dublin.

5th May, 1993.



A. BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION:

The group financial statements comprise a consolidation of the financial statements of Córas lompair Éireann and the following subsidiaries:-

larnród Éireann - Irish Rail and its subsidiary Dubel Limited Bus Éireann - Irish Bus Bus Átha Cliath - Dublin Bus

C.I.E. Tours International Incorporated is treated as a branch of Córas Iompair Éireann for accounting purposes.

Dubel Limited is treated as a branch of larnród Éireann - Irish Rail for accounting purposes.

B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING:

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

C. REVENUE:

Revenue comprises the gross value of services provided, except in the case of C.I.E. Tours International Incorporated where the net value is included.

D. TANGIBLE ASSETS, DEPRECIATION AND PROVISION FOR RENEWALS:

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

The bases of calculation of depreciation and provision for renewals are as follows:-

(i) Railway Lines and Works

Railway lines and works are not depreciated. The cost of renewals necessary to maintain the running lines is charged to the consolidated profit and loss account in the year in which it is incurred.

(ii) Railway Rolling Stock

Locomotives and railcars (other than those fully depreciated or acquired at no cost) are depreciated, by equal annual instalments, on the basis of their historical cost spread over their expected useful life.

Coaching stock and wagons are also depreciated, by equal annual instalments, on the basis of historical cost spread over their expected useful life. In addition, the excess of depreciation based on replacement cost (at the beginning of the year) of rolling stock required to replace the existing fleet, over the historical cost depreciation, is shown as a transfer to reserve from the consolidated profit and loss account.

(iii) Road Passenger Vehicles

Road passenger vehicles, with the exception of school buses funded by the Department of Education, are depreciated, by equal annual instalments, on the basis of the historical cost of vehicles in the fleet spread over their expected useful life. In addition, the excess of depreciation based on the replacement cost of the vehicles (at the beginning of the year) over the historical cost depreciation is shown separately as a transfer to reserve from the consolidated profit and loss account.

School buses in the fleet at 1st April, 1974 are depreciated, by equal annual instalments, 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, by equal annual instalments, on the basis of their original cost spread over their expected useful life.

(iv) Road Freight Vehicles

These assets are depreciated on the basis of historical cost spread over their expected useful life using the sum of the digits method.

(v) Docks, Harbours and Wharves; Plant and Machinery; Catering Services Equipment

The above classes of assets are depreciated, by equal annual instalments, on the basis of historical cost spread over their expected useful life.

E. LEASED ASSETS:

(i) Finance Leases

Assets held under finance leases are accounted for in accordance with SSAP21 (Accounting for Leases and Hire Purchase Contracts). The capital cost of such assets is included in tangible fixed assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset. The capital element of the outstanding lease obligations is included in creditors. Financial charges are charged to the consolidated profit and loss account over the primary period of the lease.

(ii) Operating Leases

Rental payments under operating leases are charged to the consolidated profit and loss account as they accrue.

F. 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.



G. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY GRANTS:

European Community (EC) Grants which relate to capital expenditure on specific projects are credited to deferred income as they become receivable. They are amortised to the consolidated profit and loss account on the same basis as the related assets are depreciated. EC Grants in respect of revenue expenditure are credited to deferred income as they become receivable and released to the relevant expenditure account in that year.

H. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - FUNDING OF SCHOOL BUSES :

School buses funded by the Department of Education are included in tangible assets and are depreciated as described in (D) with a corresponding amortisation of the monies received from the Department of Education.

I. FOREIGN CURRENCY:

Transactions denominated in foreign currency are translated into Irish pounds at the rate ruling at the date of the 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 year are treated as part of the surplus or deficit for the year from ordinary activities.

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

Long-term foreign currency borrowings, including that portion payable within one year of balance sheet date, are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date (closing rates) with the resulting gains or losses treated as an exceptional item in the consolidated profit and loss account.

J. NON-REPAYABLE STATE GRANTS:

Non-Repayable State Grants dealt with in the consolidated profit and loss account represent amounts actually received during the year under Votes of Dáil Éireann .

K. PENSIONS :

Pension schemes are funded by the Board, its subsidiaries and employees over the members' period of service by way of contributions to separately administered pension funds. The Group's annual contributions are set by independent actuaries and are charged to the consolidated profit and loss account in the period to which they relate. Ex gratia pensions are met out of the Group's own resources and are taken into account in the year in which they arise.

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

		Year ended 31st	December
	Notes	1992	1991
		IR£000	IR£000
Revenue			
Customer Receipts		296,773	282,345
Miscellaneous		3,531	3,722
Total Revenue	i.	300,304	286,067
Costs			
Operating Costs	2	(364,505)	(353,701)
Interest Receivable	3	144	116
Interest Payable	4	(19,511)	(20,141)
		(383,872)	(373,726)
Deficit before Exceptional Items and			
State Grants		(83,568)	(87,659)
Exceptional Items	5	(4,423)	(5,405)
Deficit for the Year before State Grants		(87,991)	(93,064)
State Grants	6	108,230	107,469
Surplus for the Year after State Grants		20,239	14,405
Transfer to Reserve (See Footnote)	18	(4,474)	(4,732)
Decrease in Deficit during Year		15,765	9,673
Accumulated Deficit at Beginning of Year		(57,982)	(67,655)
Accumulated Deficit at End of Year		(42,217)	(57,982)

Movements in other reserves are shown in Notes 17, 18 and 19 to the financial statements.

Michael Grace, Director Group Finance.



		As at 31st	December
	Notes	1992	1991
		IR£000	IR£000
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	8	320,417	300,432
Financial Assets	9	26	27
		320,443	300,459
Current Assets			
Stocks of Stores	10	27,969	29,151
Debtors	11	30,661	26,042
Bank Deposits		421	303
Cash at Bank and in Hand		1,103	1,084
		60,154	56,580
Creditors (Amounts falling due within one year)	12	(85,671)	(90,895)
Net Current Liabilities		(25,517)	(34,315)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		294,926	266,144
Financed by:			
Creditors (Amounts falling due after more than one year	-) 13	135,633	143,445
Provision for Liabilities and Charges	15	39,462	32,337
Deferred Income	16	9,751	485
		184,846	176,267
Reserves			
Insurance Reserve	17	1,117	1,117
Asset Replacement Reserve	18	118,753	114,279
Capital Reserve	19	22,490	22,490
Profit and Loss Account		(42,217)	(57,982)
Non-Repayable State Advances		9,853	9,853
		109,996	89,757
Department of Education			
Funding of School Buses	20	84	120
		294,926	266,144

Michael Grace, Director Group Finance.

		As at 31st	December
	Notes	1992	1991
		IR£000	IR£000
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	8	39,419	39,530
Financial Assets	9	245,725	252,187
		285,144	291,717
Current Assets			
Stocks of Stores	10	. 4	30
Debtors	11	3,755	9,125
Bank Deposits		421	303
Cash at Bank and in Hand		826	693
Cash at bank and in Fland		5,002	10,151
C III (Augusta filling due mighin and weer)	12	(60,761)	(70,741)
Creditors (Amounts falling due within one year)	12	(55,759)	(60,590)
Net Current Liabilities Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		229,385	231,127
Financed by:			
Creditors (Amounts falling due after more than one ye	ear) 13	135,633	143,445
Provision for Liabilities and Charges	15	5	5
Deferred Income	16	366	
		136,004	143,450
Reserves			
Insurance Reserve	17	1,117	1,117
Asset Replacement Reserve	18	85,563	85,563
Capital Reserve	19	22,490	22,490
Profit and Loss Account		(25,642)	(31,346)
Non-Repayable State Advances		9,853	9,853
		93,381	87,677
		229,385	231,127

Michael Grace, Director Group Finance.



	Year ended 31st December			
	1	992	1991	
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Net Cash Inflow				
from Operating Activities (Note 21 (A))		50,534		58,705
Servicing of Finance				
Interest Received	144		116	
Interest Paid	(19,027)		(20,246)	
Interest Element of Finance Lease Rentals	(173)		(201)	
State Grant - DART Interest	10,330		10,458	
Net Cash Outflows from Servicing of Finance		(8,726)		(9,873)
Investing Activities				
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets	(36,963)		(17,246)	
Sale of Tangible Fixed Assets	1,482		3,946	
EC Capital Grants	3,451			
Net Cash Outflow from Investing Activities		(32,030)		(13,300)
Net Cash Inflow before Financing		9,778		35,532
Financing (Note 21 (D))				
New Long Term Loan	(8,000)		- b	
Repayments of Amounts Borrowed	22,914		12,773	
Capital Element of Finance Lease Rentals	749		5,120	
Net Cash Outflow from Financing		15,663		17,893
(Decrease)/Increase in Cash and Cash				
Equivalents (Note 21 (B) and 21 (C))		(5,885)		17,639
		9,778		35,532

Michael Grace, Director Group Finance.

I. GROUP REVENUE: Customer and miscellaneous receipts - analysis by company

	1992			1991	
Customer Receipts	Misc.	Total	Customer Receipts	Misc.	Total
IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
C.I.E. 4,760	_	4,760	3,413	7	3,413
Iarnród Éireann - Irish Rail 111,764	2,505	114,269	109,011	2,454	111,465
Bus Éireann - Irish Bus 88,043	138	88,181	83,979	207	84,186
Bus Átha Cliath - Dublin Bus 92,206	888	93,094	85,942	1,061	87,003
Total 296,773	3,531	300,304	282,345	3,722	286,067

2. OPERATING COSTS		
	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Staff Costs		
Wages and Salaries	172,752	167,923
Social Welfare Costs	16,036	15,031
Other Pension Costs	14,835	14,163
	203,623	197,117
Own Work Capitalised	(9,634)	(7,520)
Net Staff Costs	193,989	189,597
Materials and Services		
Fuel and Electric Traction	16,551	18,746
Road Tax and Licences	560	524
Rates	1,928	1,961
Auditors Remuneration	160	153
Operating Lease Rentals	1,375	1,364
School Contractors	16,078	15,708
Third Party and Employer's Liability Claims	19,658	20,156
Materials and Other Services	81,529	76,815
	137,839	135,427
Board Members Remuneration		
Emoluments		
- for services as Board Members	31	11
- for other services	153	148
	184	159
Depreciation	18,519	18,242
Renewal of Railway Lines and Works	13,974	10,276
Total Operating Costs	364,505	353,701

Notes to the Financial Statements

2. OPERATING COSTS (continued)

The average number of persons employed by company was as follows:-

The average number of persons employed by company		
		Numbers
	1992	1991
C.I.E.	282	304
Iarnród Éireann - Irish Rail	5,583	5,735
Bus Éireann - Irish Bus	2,521	2,559
Bus Átha Cliath - Dublin Bus	2,917	2,920
	=======================================	= 11,518
3. INTEREST RECEIVABLE	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Short-term deposits	144	116
4. INTEREST PAYABLE	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
On loans and finance leases repayable wholly		
within five years :-		
Loans	2,379	3,398
Finance leases	(19)	130
On other loans and finance leases not wholly		
repayable within five years :-		
Loans	16,959	16,542
Finance leases	192	71
	<u>19,511</u>	20,141
5. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Foreign currency translation		
- Unrealised profit/(loss)	1,620	(622)
Net proceeds on sale of land and buildings	345	759
Staff compensation - voluntary severance paid		
and provided, including one person bus operation	(6,664)	(7,368)
Surplus on assets destroyed by fire	276	1,826
	(4,423)	(5,405)

6. STATE GRANTS - Analysis by Activity

The Grants payable to Córas Iompair Éireann are in accordance with the relevant EC Regulations governing State aid to transport undertakings. These Regulations are as follows:-

- (a) EC Regulation No. 1191/69: enables payment of compensation by the State to rail undertakings in respect of losses incurred on services operated under public service obligations which are deemed essential to ensure the provision of adequate transport services. Payment is made under this Regulation in respect of losses remaining on rail passenger services after fares increases and any possible economies in operation.
- (b) EC Regulation No. 1192/69: provides for compensation by the State in respect of specified financial burdens borne by railway undertakings. Payments are made under this Regulation to cover the following costs in respect of rail passenger and freight operations:
- Superannuation and pension costs less savings arising from exemption from payment of certain social welfare insurance contributions in respect of clerical and supervisory staff.
- 50% of the cost of maintenance and control of level crossings.
- (c) EC Regulation No. 1107/70: specifies certain additional circumstances in which State aid may be paid to transport undertakings. Under this Regulation payments are made in respect of:
- 50% of infrastructure costs in respect of rail freight (Article 3.1 [b]).
- Deficits on road passenger services which cannot be recouped by fares increases, or eliminated by economies in operation (Article 3.2).
- Residual deficits on rail operation (Article 4).

The Grant payable under EC Regulation Nos. 1191/69 and 1192/69 is allocated to the railway activity. The Grant payable under EC Regulation No. 1107/70 is allocated initially to the rail freight activity (50% of infrastructure costs) and to road passenger activities (Bus Átha Cliath activities 222% of deficit for 1992, after transfer to reserve and exceptional items; Bus Eireann activities 468% of deficit for 1992, after transfer to reserve.) The residue under Regulation No. 1107/70 is allocated to the railway activity.

Particulars of the State Grants of IR£108,230,000 received in 1992 under Sub-Head C1 of Vote 35 of Dáil Éireann of 1992 are given in the following table, showing the relevant provisions of the EC Regulations.



6. STATE GRANTS (continued)

State Grants relating to 1992 Activities

State Grants relating to 1772 Activ		anuladan N	nactorio.	
		Regulation N		
	1191/69	1107/70	1107/70	
	100000	Art.3.2	Art.4	Total
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Revenue Related				
Mainline Rail				
Operation of Passenger Services	42,446	-	-	42,446
Residual Deficits - State Grants			18,875	18,875
	42,446		18,875	61,321
Bray/Howth Services				
Operation of Passenger Services	4,194			4,194
Total Railways	46,640	-	18,875	65,515
Road Passenger				
Bus Átha Cliath - Dublin Bus	-	10,900	-	10,900
Bus Éireann - Irish Bus		3,900	1200	3,900
	46,640	14,800	18,875	80,315
		1192/69	1107/70	
			Art.3.1(b)	
		IR£000	IR£000	
Expenditure Related				
Mainline Rail				
Normalisation of Accounts				
- Class III (Pensions)		6,487	-	6,487
- Class IV (Level Crossings)		1,897		1,897
Infrastructure Grant (Freight)		-	5,730	5,730
Bray/Howth Services				
Normalisation of Accounts				
- Class III (Pensions)		461	-	461
- Class IV (Level Crossings)				10
		8,855	5,730	14,585
Total				94,900
Add State Grant for DART Interest - EG	C Regulation Num	ber 1191/69		10,330
Special State Grant (see (i) below)				3,000
Total State Grants Received				108,230

6. STATE GRANTS (continued)

(i) A special State Grant of IR£3,000,000 is paid to C.I.E. under Sub-Head C1 of Vote 35 of Dáil Éireann of 1992 to repay principal on a 10-year loan of IR£30,000,000 arranged under Section 2(3) of the Transport Act, 1985 for the purpose of repaying temporary borrowings incurred to fund Grant shortfalls in previous years.

(ii) The total Grants voted by Dáil Éireann in 1992 under Sub-Head C1 of Vote 35 were :-

	IR£000
Grants for normal activities	94,900
Grant for DART Interest	10,330
Special Grant (see (i) above)	3,000
	108,230

(iii) The allocation of State Grants as between C.I.E. and its subsidiaries is shown in Note 25.

7. NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR

A summary of the financial results of the Holding Company and its subsidiaries is shown in Note 25. The surplus for the year, after exceptional items, of the Holding Company amounted to IR£5,704,000. C.I.E. has not presented its own profit and loss account as permitted by the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1986.



8. TANGIBLE ASSETS

			Scrappings	
	lst Jan.		and	31st Dec.
Group	1992	Additions	Disposals	1992
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Cost				
Railway Lines and Works	9,006	23		9,029
Railway Rolling Stock	139,239	7,912	(201)	146,950
Road Passenger Vehicles	150,460	13,140	(1,487)	162,113
Road Freight Vehicles	4,288	2,877		7,165
Land and Buildings	36,354	285		36,639
Plant and Machinery	91,173	5,327	(361)	96,139
Catering Equipment	284	20	-	304
Docks, Harbours and Wharves	13,374	9,055		22,429
Total 1992	444,178	38,639	(2,049)	480,768
Total 1991	435,920	19,994	(11,736)	444,178

		Charge	Scrappings	
	lst Jan.	For	and	31st Dec.
	1992	Year	Disposals	1992
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Depreciation				
Railway Rolling Stock	34,682	3,966	(188)	38,460
Road Passenger Vehicles	72,024	9,029	(1,401)	79,652
Road Freight Vehicles	4,165	63	4	4,228
Plant and Machinery	31,173	5,212	(361)	36,024
Catering Equipment	183	30		213
Docks, Harbours and Wharves	1,519	255	-	1,774
Total 1992	143,746	18,555	(1,950)	160,351
Total 1991	130,939	18,275	(5,468)	143,746

8. TANGIBLE ASSETS (continued)			31st Dec.	31st Dec.
Group			1992	1991
Net Book Amounts			IR£000	IR£000
Railway Lines and Works			9,029	9,006
Railway Rolling Stock			108,490	104,557
Road Passenger Vehicles			82,461	78,436
Road Freight Vehicles			2,937	123
Land and Buildings			36,639	36,354
Plant and Machinery			60,115	60,000
Catering Equipment			91	101
Docks, Harbours and Wharves			20,655	11,855
Total			320,417	300,432
	1,0,00		Scrappings	21-15-1
The state of the s	Ist Jan.	******	and	31stDec.
Company	1992	Additions	Disposals	1992
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Cost	2,111	- 10		
Land and Buildings	36,354	285		36,639
Plant and Machinery	4,213	190	-	4,403
Total 1992	40,567	475		41,042
Total 1991	41,499	3,139	(4,071)	40,567
		Charge	Scrappings	
	lst Jan.	For	and	31st Dec.
	1992	Year	Disposals	1992
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Depreciation				
Plant and Machinery	1,037	586	4	1,623
Total 1992	1,037	586		1,623
Total 1991	727	310		1,037
TOTAL 1771	====			
			31st Dec.	31st Dec.
			1992	1991
Net Book Amounts			IR£000	IR£000
Land and Buildings			36,639	36,354
Plant and Machinery			2,780	3,176
Total			39,419	39,530



8. TANGIBLE ASSETS (continued)

- (a) In the case of certain railway rolling stock and road passenger vehicles, the excess of depreciation based on replacement cost over historical cost depreciation is shown separately as a transfer to reserve (Note 18).
- (b) The 1992 depreciation charge shown for road passenger vehicles includes IR£36,000 (1991 IR£33,000) depreciation on school buses. The amount is wholly offset by the amortisation of monies received from the Department of Education (Note 20).
- (c) Road passenger vehicles at a cost of IR£11,336,000 (1991 IR£10,404,000) were fully depreciated but still in use at the balance sheet date.
- (d) The expected useful lives for the various types of assets for depreciation purposes are as follows:-

	Lives
	(Years)
Railway Lines and Works ((e) below)	
Railway Rolling Stock	20 to 50
Road Passenger Vehicles	5 to 16
Road Freight Vehicles	6 to 10
Land and Buildings ((f) below)	7
Plant and Machinery	3 to 25
Docks, Harbours and Wharves	50
Catering Equipment	4

- (e) Railway Lines and Works are not depreciated (Accounting Policy D).
- (f) No depreciation has been charged on buildings. The amount involved is not material.
- (g) Included in tangible assets are amounts as stated below in respect of road passenger vehicles and plant and machinery (computer equipment) which are held under finance leases, but which remain in the legal ownership of the lessors:-

	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Road Passenger Vehicles		
Cost	7,140	12,545
Accumulated Depreciation	(4,501)	(7,147)
Net Book Value at 31st December	2,639	5,398
Depreciation for Year	756	1,136
Plant and Machinery		
Cost	3,174	3,174
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,280)	(827)
Net Book Value at 31st December	1,894	2,347
Depreciation for Year	453	253

8. TANGIBLE ASSETS (continued)

- (h) The amounts included in the original cost of the various tangible assets include IR£27,142,000 in capitalised interest charges relating to the Bray/Howth Suburban Railway Electrification Scheme which was completed in 1984.
- (i) All tangible assets, other than land and buildings, which related to its activity are vested in the relevant subsidiary company.
- (j) Included in the additions above are payments on account and for assets in the course of construction for the following:-

	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Railway Rolling Stock	7,583	- 1.8
Road Freight Vehicles	2,877	1 in
Plant and Machinery	1,606	54
Road Passenger Vehicles	5,941	1,067
Total	18,007	1,121

9. FINANCIAL ASSETS

		Trade	nvestments			
	Listed Shares		Unlisted Shares		Total	
	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Group						
Cost or Valuation at						
1st January	77	77	10	10	87	87
Provision for permanent						
diminution in value						
at 31st December	(51)	(50)	(10)	_(10)	(61)	(60)
Net Book Amounts at						
31st December	26	<u>27</u>	-		26	27
Market Value at						
31st December	37	32				



9. FINANCIAL ASSETS (continued)

	Subsi	diary Com	nanios	Trade In	vestment	c
	Unlisted	diary Com	Finance	Listed	Unlisted	
	Shares	Loans	Leases	Shares	Shares	Total
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Company						
Cost or Valuation						
At 1st January, 1992	71,000	180,198	978	27	10	252,213
Less: Reduction in						
lease obligations			(461)			(461)
Loan		(6,000)				(6,000)
At 31st December, 1992	71,000	174,198	517	27	10	245,752
Provision for permanent						
diminution in value						
At 31st December, 1992	-	-	_	(17)	(10)	(27)
Net Book Amounts						-
At 31st December, 1992	71,000	174,198	517	10	-	245,725
At 31st December, 1991	71,000	180,198	978			252,187
Market Value						
At 31st December, 1992				17		
At 31st December, 1991				16		

The cost of C.I.E.'s investment in its subsidiaries, after reduction in loans, is equal to the carrying value of the net assets transferred to them.

Company

Trade Debtors

Amounts owed by Subsidiary Companies

Other Debtors and accrued income

10. STOCKS OF STORES	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Group		
Maintenance Materials and Spare Parts	23,146	23,013
Fuel, Lubricants and Other Sundry Stocks	4,823	6,138
	27,969	29,151
These amounts include parts and components necessarily		
held to meet long-term operational requirements.		
Company		
Materials and Sundry Stocks		30
The replacement value of stocks is not materially different from	om the book values sho	wn above.
II. DEBTORS	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Group		
Trade Debtors	17,572	17,938
EC Grants Receivable	7,153	
Other Debtors and accrued income	5,936	8,104

All amounts fall due for payment within one year with the exception of IR£800,000 which is a deposit for land purchase.

30,661

1,846

1,909

3,755

26,042

1,297

5,015

9,125



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12. CREDITORS (Amounts falling due within one year)	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Group		
Bank Overdraft	5,689	3,917
Bank Loans (Note 14)	22,051	27,267
Finance Lease Obligations (Note 24)	699	704
Trade Creditors	11,214	12,162
Income Tax deducted under P.A.Y.E.	4,257	3,666
Pay Related Social Insurance	3,176	2,394
Value Added Tax and other taxes	575	661
Other Creditors	3,630	2,950
Third Party and Employer's Liability Claims (Note 15)	16,481	15,023
Accruals	17,899	22,151
	85,671	90,895
Creditors for taxation and social welfare included above	8,008	6,721
Company		
Bank Overdraft	1,758	819
Bank Loans (Note 14)	22,051	27,267
Finance Lease Obligations (Note 24)	699	704
Trade Creditors	1,248	953
Amounts owed to Subsidiary Companies	30,238	36,242
Income Tax deducted under P.A.Y.E.	613	509
Pay Related Social Insurance	109	94
Value Added Tax and other taxes	431	367
Other Creditors	1,264	1,369
Accruals	2,350	2,417
	60,761	70,741
Creditors for taxation and social welfare included above	1,153	970
	7	
13. CREDITORS (Amounts falling due after more than one ye	ar) 1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Group and Company		
Bank Loans (Note 14)	134,154	141,261
Finance Lease Obligations (Note 24)	1,479	2,184
	135,633	143,445

14. BANK LOANS	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Group and Company		
These loans are repayable as follows:-		
Within one year (Note 12)	22,051	27,267
Between one and two years	11,542	11,514
Between two and five years	24,725	27,769
After five years	97,887	101,978
	134,154	141,261
	156,205	168,528
	====	====

The following table shows the amount and type of currency in which these loans are to be repaid:

		1992	1991
		'000	'000
Current Liabilities			
United States	US \$	803	728
United Kingdom	Stg.£	645	564
Republic of Ireland	IR£	18,987	24,480
Germany	DM	2,945	2,635
The Netherlands	H.fl.	1,047	944
France	FF	1,770	1,580
Europe	ECU	295	262
Loan Capital			
United States	US \$	5,152	5,955
United Kingdom	Stg.£	12,865	13,510
Republic of Ireland	IR£	92,847	95,483
Germany	DM	21,602	24,546
The Netherlands	H.fl.	37,808	38,855
France	FF	6,695	8,465
Europe	ECU	5,928	6,223

The Minister for Finance has guaranteed loans included in the above table to the extent of IR£139,658,000 (1991 - IR£153,220,000). In addition, an annual non-repayable grant of IR£3,000,000 is provided under the Transport Act, 1985 to repay a further loan in the amount of IR£6,000,000 included in the above table.



15. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

13. I KOVISION I OK EIABIETTIES AND CHARG		
	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Third Party and Employer's Liability Claims		
Group		
Balance at 1st January	47,360	39,770
Utilised during year	(10,416)	(11,847)
Transfer from Profit and Loss Account	18,999	19,437
Balance carried forward	55,943	47,360
Less: Transfer to current liabilities (Note 12)	16,481	15,023
Balance at 31st December	39,462	32,337
Company		
Balance at 1st January	5	24
Transfer to Profit and Loss Account		(19)
Balance at 31st December	5	5

Provision is made by the Board for the estimated ultimate cost of all third party and employer's liability claims which are not covered by the Board's external insurance policies. In arriving at the amount of the total provision required for the third party liability claims, the Board has had regard to the results of an independent actuarial review.

The Board has the following external insurance cover :-

- (i) third party liability in excess of IR£3,000,000 and up to IR£63,000,000 on any one occurrence or series of occurrences arising out of any one rail event.
- (ii) third party liability in excess of IR£1,000,000 and up to IR£61,000,000 on any one occurrence or series of occurrences arising out of any one road transport event, except in the case of action taken for road claims subject to United States jurisdiction where the excess is \$3,000,000.
- (iii) third party liability in excess of IR£50,000 and up to IR£60,050,000 on any one occurrence or series of occurrences arising out of All Other Risks events, except in the case of actions taken for All Other Risks claims subject to United States jurisdiction where the excess is \$100,000.

15. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES (continued)

(iv) in addition, each of the subsidiary companies within the Group have aggregate cover in a twelve month period for rail and road transport third party liabilities in excess of a self insured retention of:-

larnród Éireann - Irish Rail	IR£5,000,000
Bus Éireann - Irish Bus	IR£3,000,000
Bus Átha Cliath - Dublin Bus	IR£7,000,000

subject to an overall Group self insured retention of IR£12,000,000.

(v) fire and special perils, including storm damage, to the Board's property in excess of IR£200,000 on any one loss.

Any losses not covered by external insurance are charged to the consolidated profit and loss account and unsettled amounts are included in provision for liabilities and charges.

16. DEFERRED INCOME

This account, comprising non-repayable EC grants and other deferred income which will be credited to the consolidated profit and loss account on the same basis as the related fixed assets are depreciated (Accounting Policy G), includes the following:-

		Received	Profit	
	lst Jan.	and	and	31st Dec.
	1992	Receivable	Loss A/c	1992
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Group				
European Community Grants				
Revenue Grant				
Renewal of Railway Lines and Works		1,562	(1,562)	-
Capital Grants				
Railway Rolling Stock	634	1,930	3.0	1,930
Plant and Machinery		2,103	(4)	2,103
Docks, Harbours and Wharves		4,348	(F)	4,348
Land and Buildings		366	3.	366
Road Passenger Vehicles		295	-	295
		9,042		9,042
Sub-Total		10,604	(1,562)	9,042
Other Deferred Income	485	251	(27)	709
Total	485	10,855	(1,589)	9,751
Company				
European Community Grant				
Capital Grant				
Land and Buildings	-	366	-	366



17. INSURANCE RESERVE

	1992	1991
Group and Company	IR£000	IR£000
Balance at 1st January and 31st December	1,117	1,117

The Group Insurance Fund was established to meet exceptional claims which may arise.

18. ASSET REPLACEMENT RESERVE

		Road	
	Railway	Passenger	
	Rolling Stock	Vehicles	Total
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Group			
Balance at 1st January, 1992	42,923	71,356	114,279
Transfer from Profit and Loss Account	3,626	848	4,474
Balance at 31st December, 1992	46,549	72,204	118,753

Balance at 31st December,	1992 and 1991	85,563

This reserve represents the excess of depreciation based on replacement cost over that based on historical cost (Accounting Policy D).

19. CAPITAL RESERVE	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Group and Company		
Balance at 1st January and 31st December	22,490	22,490

20. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - FUNDING OF SCHOOL BUSES

1992	1991
IR£000	IR£000
120	153
(36)	(33)
84	120
	IR£000 120 (36)

21. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(A) Reconciliation of Deficit to Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities

	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Deficit before Exceptional Items, State Grants		
and Servicing of Finance	(64,201)	(67,634)
Exceptional Items	(6,388)	(5,542)
Deficit before State Grant and Servicing of Finance	(70,589)	(73,176)
State Grant (excluding DART Interest)	97,900	97,011
Surplus for year before Servicing of Finance	27,311	23,835
Depreciation	18,519	18,241
Loss on Scrapping of Tangible Assets	85	18
Decrease in Stocks	1,182	3,808
Increase in Debtors	(728)	(2,005)
Increase in Creditors and Provisions	4,165	14,808
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities before		
Servicing of Finance	50,534	58,705

(B) Analysis of changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents during the year

	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Balance at 1st January	(8,780)	(26,419)
Net Cash (Outflows)/Inflows	(5,885)	17,639
Balance at 31st December	(14,665)	(8,780)

(C) Summary of Balances of Cash and Cash Equivalents as shown in the Balance Sheet

			Change	Change
	1992	1991	in 1992	in 1991
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Cash at Bank and in Hand	1,524	1,387	137	272
Bank Overdraft	(5,689)	(3,917)	(1,772)	1,867
Temporary Loans (Included in loans				
repayable within one year)	(10,500)	(6,250)	(4,250)	15,500
	(14,665)	(8,780)	(5,885)	17,639



21. CASH FLOW STATEMENT (continued)

(D) Analysis of Changes in Financing during the year

	Finance	Long Term	1992	1991
	Leases	Loans	Total	Total
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Balance at 1st January	2,888	162,278	165,166	180,334
Cash Outflows from Financing	(749)	(22,914)	(23,663)	(17,893)
New Loan		8,000	8,000	
New Lease				2,103
Unrealised Translation Loss/(Gain)	39	(1,659)	(1,620)	622
Balance at 31st December	2,178	145,705	147,883	165,166

22. PENSIONS

The Board operates defined benefit pension schemes for the established employees of itself and of its subsidiary companies. Contributions by the Board, its subsidiaries and the 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 the annual contributions are based on the advice of an independent 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 consolidated profit and loss account on an accruals basis.

The pension costs for the year were IR£14,854,000 (1991 - IR£14,176,000).

Actuarial valuations of the pension schemes have been prepared up to the following dates :

- C.I.E. Supperannuation Scheme, 1951	31st December, 1990
- C.I.E. Superannuation Scheme for Regular Wages Staff	31st December, 1990
- G.N.R. Superannuation Scheme for Regular Wages Staff	31st December, 1990
- C.I.E. Spouses' and Children's Superannuation Scheme	31st December, 1989
- C.I.E. Salaried Officers' and Clerks' (G.N.R., C.D.R. and	
I.R.C.H.) Superannuation Scheme, 1977	31st December, 1989
- C.I.E. Salaried Officers' and Clerks' (G.S.R.) Superannuation	
Scheme	31st December, 1990

The actuarial valuation of the pension schemes show on a combined basis that the assets of the schemes represent 125% of the liabilities which had accrued up to the above dates on an ongoing basis.

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.

22. PENSIONS (continued)

The Board is legally obliged to ensure that cash is available to the C.I.E. Salaried Officers' and Clerks' (G.N.R., C.D.R. and I.R.C.H.) Superannuation Scheme, 1977 and the C.I.E. Salaried Officers' and Clerks' (G.S.R.) Superannuation Scheme if their funds are insufficient to meet the pension obligations due and payable under these schemes. The shortfall in the cash resources of the C.I.E Salaried Officers' and Clerks' (G.S.R.) Superannuation Scheme in 1992 was IR£1,432,000 (1991 - IR£1,472,000). There was no shortfall in the C.I.E. Salaried Officers' and Clerks' (G.N.R., C.D.R. and I.R.C.H.) Superannuation Scheme, 1977.

Ex gratia pensions are met out of the Group's own resources and are taken into account in the year in which they arise.

23. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000
Contracted for	46,977	21,549
Authorised by Directors but not contracted for	56,421	14,924
	103,398	36,473
24. LEASE OBLIGATIONS	1992	1991
(A) Finance Leases	IR£000	IR£000
Net obligations under finance leases fall due as follows :		
Within one year (Note 12)	699	704
Between one and five years	1,279	1,614
After five years	200	570
	1,479	2,184
Total	2,178	2,888

The finance lease amounts include unrealised gains of IR£65,000 (1991 - IR£104,000) on translation at balance sheet date of lease commitments denominated in foreign currencies. The gains are released to the consolidated profit and loss account as they are realised on payment of the lease rentals.

(B) Operating Leases

Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases payable in the coming year expire as follows:-

	On Other Than
	Land and Buildings
	IR£000
Within one year	93
Between one and five years	402
After five years	25
	520



25. PROFIT AND LOSS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER

		larnród	Bus	Bus Átha		
		Éireann	Éireann	Cliath	Total	Total
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	C.I.E.	- Irish	- Irish	- Dublin	1992	1991
from		Rail	Bus	Bus		
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Railway						
- Bray/Howth		(14,871)			(14,871)	(15,394)
- Other than Bray/Howth		(71,345)		2	(71,345)	(66,053)
		(86,216)			(86,216)	(81,447)
Road Freight		487			487	60
Rosslare Harbour		2,437			2,437	2,671
Catering Services		249			249	173
Road Passenger						
Services						
- Dublin City				(435)	(435)	(7,637)
- Provincial Cities			(2,053)		(2,053)	(2,104)
- Other Services			1,477		1,477	554
Tours	434				434	179
Consultancy	52				52	35
Galway/Aran					1-	(143)
Surplus/(Deficit) before						
Exceptional Items and						
State Grants	486	(83,043)	(576)	(435)	(83,568)	(87,659)
Exceptional Items	2,218	(2,750)	(91)	(3,800)	(4,423)	(5,405)
Surplus/(Deficit)						
before State Grants	2,704	(85,793)	(667)	(4,235)	(87,991)	(93,064)
State Grants	3,000	90,430	3,900	10,900	108,230	107,469
Surplus for the year						
after State Grants	5,704	4,637	3,233	6,665	20,239	14,405
Transfer to Reserve		(3,626)	(167)	(681)	(4,474)	(4,732)
Decrease in Deficit						
during Year	5,704	1,011	3,066	5,984	15,765	9,673

25. PROFIT AND LOSS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER (continued)

		larnród	Bus	Bus Átha		
		Éireann	Éireann	Cliath		
		- Irish	- Irish	- Dublin	Total	Total
	C.I.E.	Rail	Bus	Bus	1992	1991
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Revenue						
Railway						
- Bray/Howth		11,356			11,356	10,979
- Other than Bray/Howth		71,040			71,040	70,428
		82,396			82,396	81,407
Road Freight		19,816			19,816	18,841
Rosslare Harbour		5,526			5,526	5,346
Catering Services		6,531			6,531	5,871
Road Passenger Service	s				Ψ.	
- Dublin City				93,094	93,094	87,003
- Provincial Cities			11,180		11,180	10,893
- Other Services			77,001		77,001	73,293
Tours	3,771				3,771	2,511
Consultancy	989				989	870
Galway/Aran	-				-	32
Total Revenue	4,760	114,269	88,181	93,094	300,304	286,067
=						
2-37						
Expenditure						
Railway		24.227			2/ 227	24.272
- Bray/Howth		26,227			26,227	26,373
- Other than Bray/Howth		142,385			142,385	136,481
		168,612			168,612	162,854
Road Freight		19,329			19,329	18,781
Rosslare Harbour		3,089			3,089	2,675
Catering Services		6,282			6,282	5,698
Road Passenger Service	S					
- Dublin City				93,529	93,529	94,640
- Provincial Cities			13,233		13,233	12,997
- Other Services			75,524		75,524	72,739
Tours	3,337				3,337	2,332
Consultancy	937				937	835
Galway/Aran						175
Total Expenditure	4,274	197,312	88,757	93,529	383,872	373,726
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26. GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Name Principal Activity

Holding Company

Córas Iompair Éireann - Public Transport Services

Subsidiary Companies (all wholly owned)

larnród Éireann - Irish Rail - Public Rail (Passenger and Freight) and

Road Freight Services

Bus Éireann - Irish Bus - Public Bus Passenger Services
Bus Átha Cliath - Dublin Bus - Public Bus Passenger Services

C.I.E. Tours International Incorporated - Tours

Dubel Limited - Catering Services

larnród Éireann - Irish Rail, Bus Éireann - Irish Bus and Bus Átha Cliath - Dublin Bus are incorporated and operate principally in the Republic of Ireland. These three companies were incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Acts 1963 - 1986, as wholly owned subsidiaries of Córas Iompair Éireann in accordance with Section 6 of the Transport (Re-organisation of Córas Iompair Éireann) Act, 1986. All of the Group's interests in the subsidiary companies consist of ordinary share capital.

C.I.E. Tours International is incorporated in New York and operates in North America.

Dubel Limited is incorporated in Northern Ireland where it provides catering services for Northern Ireland Railways including their cross-border trains.

The registered offices of the subsidiary companies are as follows:-

larnród Éireann - Irish Rail Connolly Station, Dublin 1.

Bus Éireann - Irish Bus Broadstone, Dublin 7.

Bus Átha Cliath - Dublin Bus 59, Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1.

C.I.E. Tours International Incorporated 108, Ridgedale Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey.

Dubel Limited Central Station, East Bridge Street, Belfast.

27. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors approved the financial statements on 5th May, 1993.

	4	Year Ended 3	st December	r
		1992		1991
	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000	IR£000
Value Added Generated				
Revenue		300,304		286,067
State Grants (Note 6)		108,230		107,469
Add : Own Work Capitalised		9,634		7,520
Less: Cost of Materials and Services Utilised	(137,839)		(135,427)	
Exceptional items (Note 5)	(4,423)	(142,262)	(5,405)	(140,832)
		275,906		260,224
Application of Value Added				
Net Compensation of Employees				
including pension costs		140,683		137,151
Government - Payroll Taxes		63,124		60,125
Other providers of capital		19,367		20,025
Provision for future investment (Note 2)				
- Depreciation	18,519		18,242	
- Renewal of Railway Lines and Works	13,974	32,493	10,276	28,518
Surplus for the year	V	20,239	-	14,405
		275,906		260,224

Group Summary of Financial Statistics

	Year ended 31st December						
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992		
		1	R£ Thousan	ds			
Profit and Loss Account							
Revenue	245,834	252,476	264,602	286,067	300,304		
Expenditure	364,120	351,617	374,403	379,131	388,295		
Deficit	(118,286)	(99,141)	(109,801)	(93,064)	(87,991)		
Transfer to Reserve	(5,653)	(5,474)	(4,865)	(4,732)	(4,474)		
Deficit After Transfer to Reserve	(123,939)	(104,615)	(114,666)	(97,796)	(92,465)		
State Grants Received/Receivable	111,255	109,854	111,000	107,469	108,230		
Surplus/(Deficit) - See Footnote	(12,684)	5,239	(3,666)	9,673	15,765		
Balance Sheet							
Fixed Assets	307,001	302,388	305,009	300,459	320,443		
Net Current Liabilities	(31,203)	(32,360)	(38,180)	(34,315)	(25,517)		
Net Assets	275,798	270,028	266,829	266,144	294,926		
Provision for Liabilities and Charges	18,785	19,347	26,300	32,822	49,213		
Reserves	63,118	74,228	75,505	89,877	110,080		
Other Loan Capital	193,895	176,453	165,024	143,445	135,633		
Total Reserves and Borrowing	275,798	270,028	266,829	266,144	294,926		

Note: The Surplus/(Deficit) is after taking account of State Grants received, exceptional items and transfer to reserve. The Surplus/(Deficits) are restated where necessary to reflect changes in accounting policies, in order to maintain consistency in presentation.

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Average Number of Employees	12,845	11,922	11,799	11,518	11,303

FINANCIAL RESULTS BY BUSINESS SECTOR

				Year e	nded 31st D	December	
			1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
				; 4	R£ Thousar	ıds	
Railway							
-Mainline Passenger	, Freight	t					
and Other Services	s	Receipts	58,866	60,893	64,217	67,734	68,238
-Bray/Howth							
Suburban Services		Receipts	8,206	8,644	9,873	10,979	11,356
-Other Dublin							
Suburban Service	es	Receipts	2,269	2,413	2,421	2,694	2,802
Total		Receipts	69,341	71,950	76,511	81,407	82,396
		Deficit	(83,252)	(84,766)	(88,140)	(84,560)	(89,842)
Road Freight		Receipts	17,994	18,793	18,451	18,841	19,816
		Surplus	498	514	482	60	487
Rosslare Harbon	ır	Receipts	4,032	4,758	5,201	5,346	5,526
		Surplus	1,858	1,839	2,157	2,671	2,437
Catering Service	0.5	Receipts	4,395	4,935	5,423	5,871	6,531
Catering Service	es	Surplus	179	205	301	173	249
		Sur prus					
Road Passenger							
- Dublin City Serv	ices	Receipts	74,206	74,896	77,712	87,003	93,094
		Deficit	(19,012)	(17,927)	(20,974)	(9,076)	(1,116)
- Provincial Cities		Receipts	9,389	9,491	9,888	10,893	11,180
		Deficit	(2,601)	(2,533)	(2,524)	(2,151)	(2,090)
- Other Services		Receipts	62,808	64,412	67,702	73,293	77,001
	Surplu	ıs/(Deficit)	(2,040)	(1,616)	(1,950)	421	1,347
Tours		Receipts	2,646	2,745	3,138	2,511	3,771
	Surplu	ıs/(Deficit)	(980)	(937)	18	179	434
Consultancy		Receipts	865	356	444	870	989
	Surplu	ıs/(Deficit)	(56)	(173)	(39)	35	52
Galway/Aran (N	ote 3)	Receipts	158	140	132	32	-
		Deficit	(435)	(438)	(382)	(143)	
Total		Receipts	245,834	252,476	264,602	286,067	300,304
		Deficit	(105,841)	(105,832)	(111,051)	(92,391)	(88,042)

Notes: (I) Revenue and Surplus/(Deficits) are shown before State Grants.

⁽²⁾ Surplus/(Deficits) include transfers to reserve but exclude exceptional items.

⁽³⁾ The Board's involvement in Galway/Aran Services terminated on 31st March, 1991.



RAIL PASSENGER OPERATIONS AND RECEIPTS

		December	er		
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
Passenger Journeys			Thousand	ds	
Mainline and Other Services	7,343	7,583	7,787	7,742	7,630
Bray/Howth Suburban Services (Note	1) 16,063	16,580	16,805	16,995	16,121
Other Dublin Suburban Services (Not	te I) 2,079	2,146	2,175	2,100	2,086
Total	25,485	26,309	26,767	26,837	25,837
Receipts from Passenger Fares (N	Note 2)		IR£ Thousa	ınds	
Mainline and Other Services	33,691	35,191	37,622	41,579	41,229
Bray/Howth Suburban Services	7,993	8,426	9,643	10,729	11,159
Other Dublin Suburban Services	2,269	2,413	2,421	2,694	2,802
Total	43,953	46,030	49,686	55,002	55,190
			Thousand	ds	
Passenger Kilometres	1,180,280	1,219,865	1,225,556	1,290,198	1,225,589
Train Kilometres	9,288	9,534	9,869	9,615	9,717
Average Receipts			IR Pence	e	
Per Passenger Journey (Note 1)	172.47	174.96	185.62	204.95	213.61
Per Passenger Kilometre	3.72	3.77	4.05	4.26	4.50

Notes: (I) Restated to reflect changes in method of accounting for prepaid tickets journeys.

⁽²⁾ Receipts from passengers only.

RAIL FREIGHT OPERATIONS AND RECEIPTS

		Year	ended 31st I	December	
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
Tonnes Carried			Thousands		
Ale, Beer and Stout	170	168	206	215	201
Beet and Beet Pulp	150	142	147	158	181
Cement	606	645	671	604	554
Fertiliser	236	204	208	153	180
Mineral Ores	627	621	781	694	695
Petrol and Oil	47	51	45	45	46
General Freight	1,174	1,236	1,220	1,443	1,476
Total	3,010	3,067	3,278	3,312	3,333
			R£ Thousan	ds	
Receipts	18,739	19,507	20,893	19,869	20,594
			Thousands		
Tonne Kilometres	544,591	555,940	588,550	602,581	633,267
Train Kilometres	3,942	4,136	4,369	4,142	4,144
			Tonnes		
Average Wagon Load	15.15	14.86	15.87	17.22	17.90
Average Receipts			IR Pence		
Per Tonne	622.56	636.03	637.43	599.91	617.88
Per Tonne Kilometre	3.44	3.51	3.55	3.30	3.25
Per Train Kilometre	475.37	471.64	478.26	479.70	496.96

Note: Freight Trains only.

ROAD FREIGHT OPERATIONS AND RECEIPTS

			Thousand	s	
Tonnes Carried	1,199	1,225	1,181	1,056	1,081
Vehicles Kilometres	9,287	9,302	8,682	8,029	7,684
		0.1	R£ Thousar	nds	
Receipts	12,401	12,394	11,806	10,953	10,312
			IR Pence		
Average Receipts per Tonne	1,034.28	1,011.76	999.66	1,037.22	953.93

Note: Excluding Contractors' Services.



RAIL ASSETS

Length of Railway Lines	First Track	Change	Total Track	Change
,	Kilometres	ANTENIA	Kilometres	On 1991
Lines Owned by Board	1,872	_	2,691	_
Other Lines	72		119	
Total	1,944		2,810	
			Kilometres	
Motive Power	Number		'000	
Diesel Locomotives	126	_	12,953	-53
E.M. Units (See Rail Passenger Vehicles)	80	_	3,674	+214
Total	206		16,627	+161
Rail Service Vehicles				
Ballast Wagons, Tool Vans etc.	152			
Rail Passenger Vehicles	Number		Seats	
Passenger Carriages	248	-15	15,962	-779
E.M. Units (See Motive Power)			5,760	
Luggage Vans etc.	64	-1		
Total	312	-16	21,722	-779
Rail Freight Vehicles	Number		Tonnage	
			Capacity	
Flat Trucks	969	+1	26,465	+40
Specialised Wagons etc.	930		22,952	
Total	1,899	+1	49,417	+40
Rail Freight Containers				
Covered Containers	1,351	-20	16,769	-360
Lancashire Flats	A	-12	_	-240
Other Containers	184	-6	2,538	-72
Total	1,535	-38	19,307	-672

ROAD PASSENGER OPERATION	ONS AND R				
IRISH BUS SERVICES	1988	1989	1990	1991	1002
Provincial Cities Scheduled Ser		1707	Thousands		1992
Passenger Journeys	19,527	19,814	20,297	20,436	20,114
Vehicle Kilometres	5,105	5,193	5,283	5,369	5,380
venicle Knometres	3,103				3,300
			R£ Thousan		
Receipts	9,386	9,488	9,885	10,890	
Average Receipts			IR Pence		
Per Passenger Journey	48.07	47.89	48.70	53.29	55.57
Per Vehicle Kilometre	183.86	182.71	187.11	202.83	207.75
Other Scheduled Services					
(Notes I and 2)			Thousands		
Passenger Journeys	43,036	43,511	43,883	44,282	45,141
Vehicle Kilometres (Note 3)	46,153	46,029	48,053	49,091	51,769
		11	R£ Thousan	ds	
Receipts	44,366	45,484	48,865	53,664	56,689
Average Receipts			IR Pence		
Per Passenger Journey	103.09	104.53	111.35	121.19	125.58
Per Vehicle Kilometre	96.13	98.82	101.69	109.32	109.50
TOURS			Thousands		
Passenger Journeys	48	54	59	53	60
Vehicle Kilometres (Note 3)	621	692	605	452	452
		IR	L Thousan	ıds	
Receipts (Note 4)	3,288	3,390	3,640	3,134	4,414
DUBLIN BUS SERVICES			Thousands		
Passenger Journeys	163,600	161,200	167,100	172,600	175,641
Vehicle Kilometres	45,972	46,262	46,405	46,240	46,708
		IF	R£ Thousan	ds	
Receipts	73,418	74,028	76,516	85,942	92,206
Average Receipts			IR Pence		
Per Passenger Journey	44.88	45.92	45.79	49.79	52.50
Per Vehicle Kilometre	159.70	160.02	164.89	185.86	197.41

Notes: (I) Excludes Schools Transport Contractors' Services.

- (2) Includes Stage Carriage, Expressway Services and Drogheda and Dundalk Town Services.
- (3) Board's vehicles only
- (4) Receipts before charge for coach hireage
- (5) Receipts exclude grants payable under EC Regulations and miscellaneous receipts.



ROAD ASSETS

ROAD ASSETS				
		Change		Change
Road Passenger Vehicles	Number	on 1991	Seats	on 1991
Irish Bus Services				
Double Deck Buses	37		2,720	+4
Single Deck Buses	1,383	+16	63,842	+994
Mini Buses	29	-4	406	-56
Dublin Bus Services				
Double Deck Buses	670	-5	48,914	-364
Single Deck Buses	125		4,375	
Mini Buses	25		590	+90
Total	2,269	+7	120,847	+668
Service Vehicles	352	+4		
Road Freight Vehicles				
Power Units				
Lorries	16	-7		
Tractors	117	-6		
Vans etc.	35	-5		
Total	168	-18		
Trailers				
Articulated	275			





