



19/01/07

Mr Paddy O'Brien,  
Island Ferries Teo,  
Rossaveal Pier,  
Galway  
Co. Galway  
Ireland

FOI/0098/2006

Dear Mr O'Brien,,

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Act for access to records held by this Department in connection with Requesting breakdown of fees for Rossaveal for 2003, 2004, 2005.

Your request has been granted and I attach all relevant information with this letter. Please find included a Schedule of all records associated with your request, detailing the order in which they are filed here.

I wish to advise you that, if for any reason you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request, you are entitled to seek a review of the case by appealing the decision to this Department's FOI Internal Review Board. To appeal, you need to write to Mr Frank O'Brien, FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan. You must make your appeal within 4 weeks of the date of this letter, but the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Please note that an application fee for an appeal is currently €75.00 and a reduced fee of €25.00 applies if you are covered by a Medical Card.

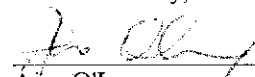
If claiming a reduced application fee, the request must also be accompanied by

- The Medical Card registration number
- The name of the issuing Health Board
- Your consent to the verification of these details with that Health Board.

Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money postal order, or personal cheque made payable to "The Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources".

On receipt of the fee, an acknowledgement letter will be sent to you outlining details of when you can expect a decision on your appeal, and the contact details of the person handling the appeal.

Yours sincerely,

  
Aine O'Leary  
Sea Fisheries Administration Division  
PH: 01-6783305



**FOI Numer: FOI/0098/2006**

**Requesting a breakdown of the harbour fees/Income for Rossaveel for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005.**

**Rossaveel Income:**

	<b>2003 - €</b>	<b>2004 - €</b>	<b>2005 - €</b>
<b>Ferry Companies</b>	3,000.00	10,602.31	21,331.60
<b>Fishing Boat Owners</b>	85,232.88	315,889.69	299,929.87
<b>Cargo</b>	5,226.12	-----	12,721.53
<b>Rents</b>	25,871.00	28,990.00	7,831.00
<b>Other</b>	----	135.00	15,877.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>119,330.00</b>	<b>355,617.00</b>	<b>357,691.00</b>

**Fishery Harbour Centres**  
**Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31st December 2005**

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**Fishery Harbour Centres****Statement of Balances as at 31st December 2005**

	31/12/05	31/12/04
	€	€
<b>Opening Balance</b>	(2,282,331)	(847,378)
Surplus/(Deficit) on Revenue Account	72,184	95,914
Surplus/(Deficit) on Capital Account	1,126,562	(1,599,522)
	<u>(1,083,585)</u>	<u>(2,350,986)</u>
Petty Cash/Travel Imprest Balances	3,374	-
Withholding Tax	(103,287)	65,045
Vat	6,174	3,610
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<u><u>(1,177,324)</u></u>	<u><u>(2,282,331)</u></u>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Brendan Tuohy - Secretary General**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fisherv Harbour Centres Fund**

**Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2005**

	Notes	Killybegs €	Castle Bere €	Rosaveel €	Howth €	Dunmore East €	2005 Total €	2004 Total €
<b>Receipts</b>								
Harbour Dues	2	729,535	288,242	206,202	200,918	87,455	1,512,352	1,560,524
Rents		77,857	91,380	(21,296)	464,020	60,484	672,445	455,922
Sundries		22,161	150	15,877	2,735	10,000	50,923	665
Sale of Properties								323,997
		<b>829,553</b>	<b>379,772</b>	<b>200,783</b>	<b>667,673</b>	<b>157,939</b>	<b>2,235,720</b>	<b>2,341,108</b>
<b>Payments</b>								
Salaries & Wages		511,594	168,272	171,870	324,013	53,173	1,228,922	1,127,779
Light, Heat & Power		112,234	21,339	22,309	39,310	33,023	228,215	151,662
Maintenance		83,259	30,867	21,255	31,026	31,602	198,009	408,246
Telephone		39,694	7,354	5,576	2,156	1,954	56,734	27,937
Water Rates		91,718	9,387	20,000	79,905	34,374	235,384	238,447
Sundry Expenses		159,984	56,984	86,523	85,409	52,372	441,272	291,123
		<b>998,483</b>	<b>294,203</b>	<b>327,533</b>	<b>561,819</b>	<b>206,498</b>	<b>2,388,536</b>	<b>2,245,194</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) on Revenue Account</b>		<b>(168,930)</b>	<b>85,569</b>	<b>(126,750)</b>	<b>105,854</b>	<b>(48,559)</b>	<b>(152,816)</b>	<b>95,914</b>
Oireachtas Grants		45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	225,000	-
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) after Oireachtas Grants</b>		<b>(123,930)</b>	<b>130,569</b>	<b>(81,750)</b>	<b>150,854</b>	<b>(3,559)</b>	<b>72,184</b>	<b>95,914</b>
<b>Capital Account</b>								
Oireachtas Grants		4,367,122	2,637,124	5,793,777	215,713	988,107	14,001,843	10,299,517
Expenditure		4,236,824	2,107,910	5,693,869	213,130	603,548	12,875,281	11,899,039
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) on Capital Account</b>		<b>110,298</b>	<b>529,214</b>	<b>99,908</b>	<b>2,583</b>	<b>384,559</b>	<b>1,126,562</b>	<b>(1,599,522)</b>
Opening Balance as at 1/1/05		812,803	(1,244,873)	(973,561)	421,795	(1,298,496)	(2,282,331)	(847,378)
<b>Total Surplus/Deficit</b>		<b>(13,632)</b>	<b>659,783</b>	<b>18,158</b>	<b>153,437</b>	<b>381,000</b>	<b>1,198,746</b>	<b>(1,503,608)</b>
Petty Cash/Travel Imprest Balances		3,374					3,374	-
Vat		6,174					6,174	3,610
Withholding Tax		(103,287)					(103,287)	65,045
<b>Closing Balance as at 31/12/05</b>		<b>705,433</b>	<b>(585,090)</b>	<b>(955,403)</b>	<b>575,232</b>	<b>(917,496)</b>	<b>(1,177,321)</b>	<b>(2,282,331)</b>

Notes 1 to 10 form part of these accounts.

Signed: Brendan Tuohy - Secretary General

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fishery Harbour CentresIncome & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 2005

	Notes	Dunmore				2005 €	2004 €
		Killybegs €	Castle/Bere €	Rossaveel €	Howth €		
<b>Income</b>							
Harbour Dues	2	1,193,650	296,250	333,983	253,763	2,171,278	
Rents		63,089	78,401	7,831	396,488	490,726	
Sundry Receipts		22,161	150	15,877	2,735	665	
Sale of Properties		-	-	-	-	323,997	
		<u>1,278,900</u>	<u>374,801</u>	<u>357,691</u>	<u>652,986</u>	<u>2,986,666</u>	
<b>Expenditure</b>							
Salaries & Wages		511,480	168,494	171,524	323,842	1,101,440	
Light, Heat & Power		127,453	26,345	22,862	43,122	157,737	
Maintenance		85,146	22,438	19,019	36,905	493,605	
Telephone		41,462	7,588	5,976	2,364	28,754	
Water Rates		91,718	9,387	20,000	81,596	237,075	
Sundry Expenses		173,953	58,737	85,557	94,756	472,116	
Bad Debt Provision		83,567	15,426	16,904	24,397	151,352	
		<u>1,114,779</u>	<u>308,415</u>	<u>341,842</u>	<u>606,982</u>	<u>2,537,249</u>	
Oireachtas Grants		45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	225,000	
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) after Oireachtas Grants</b>		<u>209,121</u>	<u>111,386</u>	<u>60,849</u>	<u>91,004</u>	<u>557,437</u>	
Balance as at 1st January 2005		1,256,406	(300,231)	(798,306)	812,966	161,597	
<b>Balance as at 31st December 2005</b>		<u>1,465,527</u>	<u>(188,845)</u>	<u>(737,457)</u>	<u>903,970</u>	<u>161,597</u>	

Notes 1 to 10 form part of these accounts.

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Brendan Tuohy - Secretary General

Fishery Harbour CentresBalance Sheet as at 31st December 2005

	Notes	Killybegs €	Castle Bere €	Rossaveel €	Howth €	Dunmore East €	Total 2005 €	Total 2004 €
<b>Fixed Assets</b>								
Development Expenses	5	70,938,578	18,497,928	18,823,359	3,290,887	6,947,326	118,498,078	105,373,723
<b>Current Assets</b>								
Debtors	8	934,379	173,047	422,639	313,819	194,814	2,038,698	1,587,256
Bank		705,433	(585,090)	(955,403)	575,232	(917,496)	(1,177,324)	(2,282,331)
		1,639,812	(412,043)	(532,764)	889,051	(722,682)	861,374	(695,075)
<b>Total Assets</b>		72,578,390	18,085,885	18,290,595	4,179,938	6,224,644	119,359,452	104,678,648
<b>Current Liabilities</b>								
Creditors	9	160,769	387,598	22,246	50,399	24,237	645,249	492,553
OPW Agency Account		15,887	21,415	(796)	(2,391)	28,321	62,436	62,436
		176,656	409,013	21,450	48,008	52,558	707,685	554,989
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		72,401,734	17,676,872	18,269,145	4,131,930	6,172,086	118,651,767	104,123,659
<b>Financed By:</b>								
Income & Expenditure Account		1,465,527	(188,845)	(737,457)	903,970	(755,333)	687,862	161,597
Acc. Capital Grants		70,936,207	17,865,717	19,006,602	3,227,960	6,927,419	117,963,905	103,962,062
		72,401,734	17,676,872	18,269,145	4,131,930	6,172,086	118,651,767	104,123,659

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Brendan Tuohy - Secretary General

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fishery Harbour Centres

### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2005

#### 1. Accounting Policies and Principles

##### **1.1 Establishment**

The Fishery Harbour Centres Act, 1968 made provision for the establishment, maintenance and management of the Fishery Harbour Centres Fund. Orders made under the Act have provided for the transfer to the fund of all property, rights and liabilities of:

- The Killybegs Harbour Commissioners as and from 10th November 1969.
- The Council of the County of Cork in Castletownbere Fishery Harbour Centre as and from 1st April 1970.
- The Council of the County of Galway in Rossaveel Fishery Harbour Centre as and from 3rd June 1981.
- The Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland in Howth and Dunmore East Fishery Harbour Centres as and from 1st January 1990.

Each centre is managed by the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources.

##### **1.2 Basis**

An account of the entire activity has been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as required by Section 9 (1) of the Fishery Harbour Centres Act, 1968.

A separate account comprising an Income and Expenditure Account and a Balance Sheet is also prepared for each centre. (Section 8 (1) of the Fishery Harbour Centres Act, 1968). The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis.

##### **1.3 Income**

Government grants represent the actual cash receipts in the year. Other income is accounted for on an accruals basis. Provision is made for bad and doubtful debts as appropriate.

##### **1.4 Expenditure**

The Income & Expenditure Account does not include the cost of civil service staff and other services provided by the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources and the Office of Public Works.

##### **1.5 Fixed Assets**

The accounts record expenditure on harbour properties as and from the dates of the orders designating the particular harbours as Fishery Harbour Centres but do not include any amounts in respect of properties transferred to the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources by virtue of Orders made under the Act. Assets are stated at cost.

##### **1.6 Capital Grants**

Capital Grants comprise the accumulated grants made available by the Exchequer for capital development.

## **Fishery Harbour Centres**

### **Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2005**

#### **2. Harbour Dues**

The charges elements of the harbour dues, which are based on the declared fish landings, are calculated according to the various rates contained in the Fishery Harbour Centres (Rates and Charges) Order of 2003. These charges are levied according to the declared weight of fish landed and depending on the species value category.

The vessel owners or masters provide the vessel landings figures to the Department's Sea Fishery Officers in the form of vessel log sheets, the presentation of which is a requirement of EU law for fishery management purposes. The Sea Fishery Officers provide the primary data to the Harbour Masters in each of the five Fishery Harbour Centres, as supplied to them by the vessel owners or masters. The Harbour Masters, in turn provide their data, in addition to the appropriate charges, to the Department's Account Branch in Castlebar, Co. Mayo. Accounts Branch calculates the amounts due and issues the invoices to the vessel owners concerned.

In the process as just described, it is clear that the charges element of the harbour dues, which is based on the declared fish landings, is dependent inter alia, on the accuracy of primary data contained in the vessel log sheets, which are completed by the vessel owners or masters.

Various investigations of specific instances of irregularities, within the period covered by these accounts, may or may not subsequently affect the landing figures for particular vessels landing into one or more of the five Fishery Harbour Centres. Therefore, the outcome of the investigations may affect, to that extent, the harbour dues as calculated for the purposes of these accounts.

When these investigations are resolved, the impact on the landing figures will be examined and invoices will issue, as in the normal course outlined above, and these will be reported in the future accounts for the Fishery Harbour Centres.

#### **3. Advance by the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources**

An amount of €317,435 (IR£250,000) was advanced by the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in 2001 to improve cashflow on the fund during major capital works. The sum will be recovered from grants falling due at the end of the major investment phase. The amount was treated as a capital grant in the accounts.

#### **4. Monies received from An Roinn Gnóthaí, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta**

The amount shown for capital grants includes €1.5m received from An Roinn Gnóthaí, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta in respect of Ros A Mhíl.

**Fishery Harbour Centres****Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2005****5. Fixed Assets**

	01/01/05	Additions	31/12/05
	€	€	€
Killybegs	66,644,614	4,293,964	70,938,578
Castle'Bere	16,095,325	2,402,603	18,497,928
Rossaveel	13,216,133	5,607,226	18,823,359
Howth	3,077,757	213,130	3,290,887
Dunmore East	6,339,894	607,432	6,947,326
	<u>105,373,723</u>	<u>13,124,355</u>	<u>118,498,078</u>

**6. Valuations of Fixed Assets**

An independent valuation of fixed assets was carried out in 2004, which resulted in the following valuations: Killybegs: €72.75m, Castletownbere: €20.53m, Rossaveel: €26.19m, Howth: €99.28m and Dunmore East: €40.29m.

**7. Cumulative Provision for Doubtful Debts**

The Cumulative Provision for Doubtful Debts has been calculated as follows:

(A) 100% provision was made for account balances where it is considered account is not recoverable.

(B) Cumulative provision was also made in the accounts for all other accounts based on the age of the debt at the following rates:

**Age of Debt:**

Current	5%
1 year old	10%
2 year old	30%
3 year old	60%
4 year old	80%
5 year old	100%

Fishery Harbour CentresNotes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2005

	Dunmore					Total 2004 €
	Killybegs €	Castle/Bere €	Rossaveel €	Howth €	East €	
<b>8. Debtors</b>						
Sundry Debtors	1,035,763	212,342	525,677	390,350	241,912	1,803,250
Provision for Bad Debts	(101,384)	(39,295)	(103,038)	(76,531)	(47,098)	(215,994)
	<u>934,379</u>	<u>173,047</u>	<u>422,639</u>	<u>313,819</u>	<u>194,814</u>	<u>1,587,256</u>
<b>9. Creditors</b>						
Sundry Creditors	118,456	387,598	22,246	50,399	24,237	356,500
Petty Cash/ Travel Imprest Balances	3,374	-	-	-	-	3,374
Withholding Tax	29,156	-	-	-	-	29,156
Vat	9,783	-	-	-	-	9,783
	<u>160,769</u>	<u>387,598</u>	<u>22,246</u>	<u>50,399</u>	<u>24,237</u>	<u>492,553</u>

**10. Cumulative Revenue Grants**

The cumulative revenue grants to each centre up to 31st December 2005 were as follows:

	€
Killybegs	478,428
Castletownbere	461,757
Rossaveel	306,377
Dunmore East	970,818
Howth	255,291
	<u>2,472,671</u>

**Anne Deasy**

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**From:** Maureen Lawrenson  
**Sent:** 09 January 2007 11:47  
**To:** Anne Deasy  
**Subject:** re: FOI Rossaveel

Anne, In response to your email, please find attached details of the above.

regards

Maureen Lawrenson  
DCMNR  
Accounts Branch  
Michael Davitt House  
Castlebar  
Co Mayo

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Rossaveel Income

FOI Request

	Ferry Companies	Fishing Boat Owners	Cargo	Rents	Other
2003	3000.00	85232.88	5226.12	25871.00	119330.00
2004	10602.31	315889.69		28990.00	135.00 355617.00
2005	21331.60	299929.87	12721.53	7831.00	15877.00 357691.00



Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources  
Roinn Cumarsáide, Mara agus Acmhainní Náúúrtha

21/12/2006

Mr Paddy O'Brien,  
Island Ferries Teo,  
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Co. Galway.

FOI/0098/2006

Dear Mr O'Brien,

I refer to the Freedom of Information request received in this office on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 along with the associated fee.

The officer handling your request will be Ms Aine O'Leary, Sea Fisheries Administration Division, Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources, Clonakilty, Co Cork. She can be contacted at 01 6783305.

The process of locating and gathering together from within this Department the records you have sought is called 'search and retrieval'. Attached please find relevant section of the Act (section 47) attached and schedule of fees. You will be notified if this charge will apply to your request.

A final decision on your request will normally be sent to you within 4 weeks of receipt of your request. This means that you can expect to receive your decision by the 22/01/2007.

If you have not heard from us when the time allocated has expired, you are automatically entitled to appeal to the Department for a review of the matter. This review proceeds on the legal basis that the initial request is considered refused once the specified time for responding to it has expired.

You should also be aware that you are entitled to a review of the decision if your request is refused, or if you are for any reason dissatisfied with the outcome of your request. The review is a full and new examination of the matter carried out by a more senior member of staff of this Department. In the event that you need to make an appeal, you can do so by writing to Mr. Frank O'Brien, FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd., Cavan. Please note that there is a charge for all appeals of FOI requests. This charge is currently €75.00. A reduced fee of €25.00 applies if you are the holder of a Medical Card.

Please note that the Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources has a policy of posting a summary of your request, your name and address and the subsequent reply on the Department's website for reference purposes.

Yours sincerely,

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## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** Island Ferries Teo [island@iol.ie]  
**Sent:** 20 December 2006 15:40  
**To:** Mary Rabbitte  
**Subject:** F.O.I. Application

Dear Mary,

Please supply under the freedom of information act the following :

A breakdown of the harbour income for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 at Rossaveal Fishery Harbour.  
i.e. payments made by ferry companies, fishing boat owners, cargo and any other income.

Today we sent a request for a breakdown of operating costs of the harbour at Rossaveal for the same years 2003, 2004 and 2005 i.e. wages, light, water, waste etc.....

Regards

Denis.



Ceol na Farraige. Draíocht na Farraige.  
Aran Flyer. Aran Express.  
Aran Seabird.

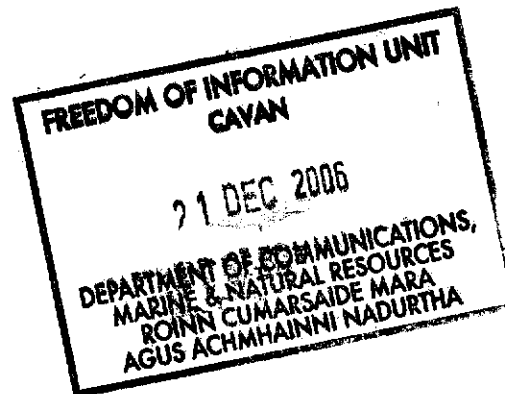
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19<sup>th</sup> December 2006

Mary Rabbitte – FOI Section,  
Dept of Marine Office  
Elm House,  
Earlsville Rd,  
Cavan.



Dear Mary,

Please supply a breakdown of the harbour fees for Rossaveal for the years, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Yours Sincerely,

  
**Paddy O'Brien**