

## **Commissioner for Aviation Regulation Announces Response to Consultation and Confirms Intention to Conduct a Review**

The Commissioner for Aviation Regulation, Mr. Bill Prasifka, today (October 17th 2003) confirmed his intention to conduct a Review of the Determination of Airport Charges, first published on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2001.

A complete statement detailing the background to this intention is posted on the Commission website ([www.aviationreg.ie](http://www.aviationreg.ie)).

The statement summarises the legislative and legal background to the decision to hold a Review and concludes that "substantial grounds" do exist to warrant a Review.

The classes of substantial grounds identified in the statement are:

1. "Analysis of the commercial consequences (particularly as to changes in passenger traffic and security requirements) for airport management and the airline business sector arising from such exogenous events as September 11<sup>th</sup> and the war in Iraq.
2. "The correction of matters of computation, calculation and application arising out of information received by the Commission after the Determination, including the substantial volume of information exchanged between the parties in the course of the Judicial Review."

The Commission intends to publish a statutory notice by 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 setting out the precise issues which will come within the scope of the Review. This notice will initiate a formal statutory consultation period of a minimum of 30 days. Following the Commission's consideration of all views received during the consultation period, it will publish a comprehensive report, setting out a reasoned response to all representations received.

### **Ends**

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