

Seamus Fitzpatrick (Transport)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday 21 June 2024 10:48
To: MOSC-Transport@corr.cloud.gov.ie; eamon.ryan@oir.ie
Subject: Re: Ref: DTTAS-MOSC-00788-2024

CC: Eamon Ryan, Minister for Transport

Thank You Mr Leonard,

In addition, in light of the surprising revelations to the Oireachtas Transport committee last Wednesday 19th June that the CEO of the DAA, Mr Kenny Jacobs, holds shareholdings in no less than 12 airlines which are customers of the DAA, can you please confirm if the Department of Transport is investigating this matter as a material conflict of interest in his role. In particular I would ask the following questions which need to be understood:

1. In order to be fully compliant with the DAA's own Governance rules, has Mr Jacobs, as CEO with a personal financial interest in these airlines, absented himself from all matters to do with Ryanair and any other airlines which he is a shareholder in? And if so , on how many occasions has this occurred?
2. Has the Dept of TRansport established the other 11 Airlines in which Mr Jacob's holds shares, and the extent of this shareholding in each case?
3. Are there any other Directors of the DAA , current or past, who have shareholdings in airlines or hold Directorships in airline companies, which may or may not have been declared? And in the event that they do/did hold shares or such positions in airlines , have they absented themselves from Board meetings and commercial meetings with such airlines , where important commercial considerations or decisions around our national airport infrastructure assets have made or discussed?
4. I am sure you will agree that any Board member of a semi-state body must be held accountable to the highest standards of that office and that , as a vendor state body making important national interest commercial decisions involving Airline clients, it is entirely inappropriate and against all ethical standards, that the CEO of the DAA would also hold shares in those airlines, whether declared or not? Please can you ask the Junior Minister, Mr Chambers, and the acting Minister Mr Ryan, if my stated belief on this matter is correct and advise me of their positions and whether Mr Jacob's should have divested any shareholding he had in airlines before becoming CEO of the DAA?
5. As this is a most urgent and important matter both in the public interest and in the interests of the Governance of a major state body I would be grateful if you would advise me of the actions and timelines you propose to investigate this matter?

Your Sincerely,

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On Fri, Jun 7, 2024 at 4:13 PM Minister of State Chambers Office <MOSC-Transport@corr.cloud.gov.ie> wrote:

Our Ref: DTTAS-MOSC-00788-2024

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Minister of State for Transport, Mr. Jack Chambers, T.D., I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7th May 2024 regarding Noise over Ballyboughal, the contents of which have been noted.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Leonard

Private Secretary to Minister of State Jack Chambers TD

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