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1.1 Donegal Airport Key Statistics

- Total passengers through Donegal Airport for the period January to March 2023 were 7,492.
- This compares to 5,001 in 2022, which represents an increase in passenger numbers of 50% for that period.
- Donegal Airport operates a PSO with 7,218 passengers using this service between January and March in 2023.
- This compares to 4,352 passengers using the PSO service in 2022, an increase of 66%.

Donegal Monthly Passenger Traffic	2022	2023	% Change
Jan	1,175	2,410	105
Feb	1,226	2,317	89
Mar	2,600	2,765	6
Apr	3,969	-	-
May	3,308	-	-
Jun	3,717	-	-
Jul	4,514	-	-
Aug	4,400	-	-
Sep	3,561	-	-
Oct	2,929	-	-
Nov	2,914	-	-
Dec	2,621	-	-
YTD	5,001	7,492	50

Table 1: Passenger traffic at Donegal Airport for the period Jan - Mar 2022 and 2023.

- Commercial movements at Donegal Airport were 350 between January and March 2023.
- This is an increase of 7% compared to 2022 up from 328.

Donegal Commercial Aircraft Monthly Traffic	2022	2023	% Change
Jan	120	115	-4
Feb	88	110	25
Mar	120	125	4
Apr	132	-	-
May	132	-	-
Jun	126	-	-
Jul	132	-	-
Aug	144	-	-
Sep	134	-	-
Oct	126	-	-
Nov	122	-	-
Dec	109	-	-
YTD	328	350	7

Table 2: Commercial traffic at Donegal Airport between Jan - Mar 2022 and 2023.

1.2 Kerry Airport Key Statistics

- Total passengers through Kerry Airport between January and March in 2023 was 72,347.
- This compares to 44,836 in 2022, which represents an increase in passenger numbers of 61% for that period.
- Kerry Airport does not operate a PSO service at present, the Kerry-Dublin route is operated by Ryanair.

Kerry Monthly Passenger Traffic	2022	2023	% Change
Jan	7,158	21,563	201
Feb	15,579	24,612	58
Mar	22,099	26,172	18
Apr	33,828	-	-
May	33,047	-	-
Jun	35,218	-	-
Jul	41,171	-	-
Aug	41,433	-	-
Sep	36,563	-	-
Oct	36,143	-	-
Nov	25,883	-	-
Dec	28,019	-	-
YTD	44,836	72,347	61

Table 3: Passenger traffic at Kerry Airport between Jan - Mar 2022 and 2023

- Commercial movements at Kerry Airport between January and March for 2023 were 792.
- This is an increase of 43% from 2022, up from 552 commercial movements.

Kerry Commercial Aircraft Monthly Traffic	2022	2023	% Change
Jan	136	268	97
Feb	160	240	50
Mar	256	284	11
Apr	300	-	-
May	318	-	-
Jun	298	-	-
Jul	340	-	-
Aug	308	-	-
Sep	301	-	-
Oct	304	-	-
Nov	265	-	-
Dec	261	-	-
YTD	552	792	43

Table 4: Commercial Movements at Kerry Airport between Jan - Mar for 2022 and 2023.

1.3 Ireland West Airport Knock Key Statistics

- **Total passengers through Ireland West Airport Knock for the period January to March 2023 was 134,372.**
- **This compares to 86,426 for the same period in 2022, an increase in passenger numbers of 55%.**

Ireland West Airport Knock (IWAK) Monthly Passenger Traffic	2022	2023	% Change
Jan	13,842	39,286	184
Feb	32,654	43,850	34
Mar	39,930	51,236	28
Apr	70,066	-	-
May	63,364	-	-
Jun	73,603	-	-
Jul	86,879	-	-
Aug	92,662	-	-
Sep	73,812	-	-
Oct	75,841	-	-
Nov	48,746	-	-
Dec	48,694	-	-
YTD	86,426	134,372	55

Table 5: Passenger traffic at IWAK Jan – Mar 2022 and 2023.

- **Commercial movements at Ireland West Airport Knock for the period January to March 2023 were 1,026.**
- **This is an increase of 36% compared to 2022, up from 756 commercial movements.**

Ireland West Airport Knock (IWAK) Commercial Aircraft Monthly Traffic	2022	2023	% Change
Jan	174	324	86
Feb	254	306	20
Mar	328	396	21
Apr	506	-	-
May	526	-	-
Jun	527	-	-
Jul	554	-	-
Aug	554	-	-
Sep	540	-	-
Oct	542	-	-
Nov	352	-	-
Dec	352	-	-
YTD	756	1,026	36

Table 6: Commercial movements at IWAK for the period Jan – Mar 2022 and 2023.

1.4 Waterford Airport Key Statistics

- **There have been no scheduled air services operating out of Waterford Airport since June 2016.**

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