

May 23rd, 2025

Deputy Cathy Bennett,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dail Question No: 254

To ask the Minister for Transport the number of IT projects within their Department, or bodies under its aegis, which have been allocated funds in excess of €1 million in the years 2020 to date; the purpose of any projects; the initial estimate to complete for such projects; the total amount expended to date; the total estimated cost to complete; the estimated timeframe by which they expected to be completed; by project; by year; in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Bennett,

Thank you for your query. Please find below the purpose and estimated timeframe of all relevant IT projects being delivered, or which have been completed since 1 January 2020.

Unfortunately, the requested information around specific project costs is commercially sensitive and cannot be disclosed. It is important to note that daa is a Commercial Semi State Organisation, and not a Public Sector Organisation. This distinction means that legitimate commercial concerns arise for daa that may not apply to some public bodies without a commercial mandate.

However, daa is committed to the achieving value-for-money in the acquisition of works, supplies and services. daa complies with relevant legislation, Code of Practice and internal governance set out in the Procurement Governance Framework and Sustainable Sourcing Guidelines. daa's procurement practices are conducted with probity and integrity adhering to the core principles of accountability, competition, equality of treatment, fairness and transparency.

Furthermore, daa adheres to best practices in project management and governance to ensure that all expenditures are justified and transparent. All projects are subject to oversight and control mechanisms to prevent and manage overspends. These include comprehensive planning, monitoring, and detailed reporting to ensure that deviations from the budget are promptly identified and addressed. We hope this provides clarity on our commitment to financial prudence and effective project management.

IT Project Name	Purpose	Estimated Timeline
Baggage Services Lifecycle Upgrade Management 2025	Baggage is a vital part of the passenger journey—any delay or disruption can significantly impact the travel experience. First implemented in 2018, the current baggage software is now approaching end-of-life. To ensure continued security, compliance, and seamless service for passengers, lifecycle upgrades are required	T1 Dublin - 31/08/2026 T2 Dublin - 30/11/2026 Cork - 31/03/2027
Cyber Security 2025	Cybersecurity is critically important as it underpins the safety, resilience, and trustworthiness of our technical infrastructure. This programme focuses on Zero Trust and the segregation of networks, business systems and users from critical operational services to reduce vulnerability to cyber & ransomware attacks.	3/31/2026
Digital NOTAMS & Aerodrome Mapping	This is an EU mandated project to digitally share Airfield data with Eurocontrol to optimise European Air Traffic.	12/31/2025
Dublin Airport Marketplace	Investment to provide best in class Mobile and Web experience for passengers and third parties operating at Dublin Airport, increase digital engagement and drive Commercial Revenue through digital channels.	31/12/2025

Cellular Upgrade T2	Mobile Data network investment to ensure that passengers, staff and third parties operating at Dublin Airport can access mobile data.	30/09/2025
Servers & Storage Infrastructure	Servers and storage deployed across two data centers in Dublin Airport for hosting all our database, CCTV storage and mandatory hold & hand luggage images.	01/07/2024
Dimensions Platform	A new rostering, time and attendance solution for all daa staff, delivering increased automation and real time operational information.	09/06/2025
T1 Network Access Layer Lifecycle Replacement	Lifecycle replacement of network access layer switches in T1 and Campus. Switches approaching end of life and end of support are replaced in line with our lifecycle schedule of work. Newer switches provide enhanced security along with improved performance and capacity.	26/02/2024
RMP Swap Out - Preparation	Inventory Management, Pricing and E-commerce platform to support Dublin Airport Commercial Car Park, Fast Track and Lounge Products.	30/05/2023
Modern Data Platform	An implementation of a full Microsoft Technology stack to support exponential data growth, predictable operations leveraging Machine Learning and a rollout of Power BI to users across daa to provide insights into their business units, driving optimised operations and commercial revenue growth.	01/02/2025
Drone Detection System	Drones flying near airports or flight paths pose a serious risk of collision with manned aircraft. Detection helps enforce no-fly zones and prevent accidents. This project included full installation of detection service including multiple sensors spread across the campus.	30/08/2024
Fibre Optic Infrastructure to serve IAA NAV Sites	Upgrade of all AirNav current copper navigation, surveillance, and communications infrastructure on the Dublin Airport airfield to new dual redundant fiber optic cabling. This ongoing project is to facilitate AirNav and hence daa working to their timelines.	Timelines led by AirNav
Data Centre Network Lifecycle	Lifecycle replacement of Data Centre Switches. Newer hardware & software provide enhanced security along with improved performance and capacity.	01/02/2024
HRIS Platform	A unified Oracle HR cloud platform to provide a single view of our people across all key people processes from Recruitment to Retirement	30/06/2024
Networks Core & Distribution Upgrades	Lifecycle - Core & Provider Edge Switch Replacement. Newer switches support higher port speeds enabling faster data transfer across the backbone	01/11/2021
Integration Platform Replacement	The integration software and hardware systems were first implemented in 2010 and have reached end of life. Project mobilised to identify future proofed replacement platform capable of supporting hybrid and multi-cloud environments. All existing & new data services migrated to new platform.	30/04/2021

Kind regards,

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