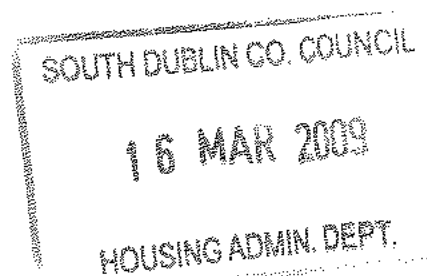


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Our Reference : 1/01/06

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13th March 2009

Dear Ms. Rooney

Tallaght Area Committee Meeting – 23rd February 2009

The Minister for Transport, Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D., has forwarded Dublin Bus your letter of 6th March for our attention.

Over the years Dublin Bus has operated a large effective network of buses at a reasonable cost to the people of Dublin. The subvention received has remained one of the lowest in Europe. Each year since 2001 Dublin Bus has made a small profit but due to the downturn in the economy a loss of €10 million has been incurred in 2008.

Dublin Bus has a responsibility to manage its finances and adjust its network to cater for current levels of demand.

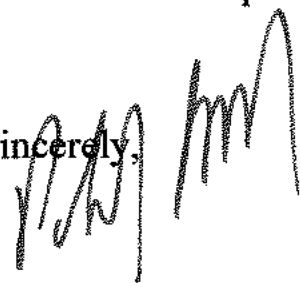
Dublin Bus has reviewed how bus services are deployed across the city taking account of new developments in public transport. However, a sharp decline in passenger numbers has occurred due to the contraction of employment in the economy, the virtual cessation of growth in newly developing areas of the city, and the considerable reduction in consumer spending and retail footfall.

Taking full account of the economic downturn, there is a need to adjust the bus network to cater for the current levels of demand. This will result in a 10% reduction in the Dublin Bus fleet. There will be a reduction in staffing levels across all grades as a result of service adjustments and other measures.

Through 2009 and onwards, Dublin Bus will continue to provide services on more than 200 routes each day with over 1,000 vehicles carrying in the region of 450,000 customers into and around Dublin. The company will remain a major employer in the city with 3,500 staff.

I hope the above is helpful to the Committee in understanding our situation and thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,



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