

Dail debates Government report on accessible transport for people with disabilities



The Joint Committee on Transport, Tourism and Sport is a group of members of the Dáil and Senators who look at issues to do with transport.

The Committee published a report in November on accessible transport for people with disabilities.



The Committee met with people with disabilities and groups like Inclusion Ireland when they were writing the report.

The report makes many recommendations to try to improve public transport for people with disabilities. These include:

- Provide accessible travel information
- Provide Changing Places accessible toilets in major transport hubs
- Get rid of the need to provide advance notice to travel



Some of the recommendations should help to address the cost of disability. These include:

- Reviewing the Free Travel scheme to make sure it takes into account the extra travel costs people have
- Provide vouchers or tokens for taxis where public transport is not possible
- Look at replacing the Motorised Transport Scheme with a new travel support schemes



The Committee asked Minister for Transport, Shane Ross TD to make sure that his Department puts the recommendations into practice.