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The Northern Ireland Assembly was dissolved at 00:01 on Thursday 26 January 2017.



Tuesday 18 December 2018

Department for Transport

Brendan Smith asked Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the estimated number of unofficial Border crossings with Northern Ireland in addition to the 208 public road Border crossings; the location of such crossings; the classification of the roads leading to such crossing points; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Shane Ross: My Department recently worked with the Department for Infrastructure in Northern Ireland to determine and agree on public road border crossings on the island of Ireland. The resulting Report is available on my Department's website together with the associated 'crossingspoint data' set.

The process in preparing the Report involved joint working prior to a final agreement on the number and type of public road border crossings. Unofficial border crossings were outside the scope of the Report.

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Department for Transport, Tourism and Sport

Catherine Murphy asked the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport if he has consulted with, offered administrative advice or financial aid to all-island sporting bodies in the context of Brexit; the degree of assistance he has offered to each; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Shane Ross: Sport Ireland is the main statutory organisation that liaises with Ireland's national governing bodies of sport (NGBs), including those 45 bodies that operate on an all-island basis. The question of consultation, or the provision of operational advice or assistance of the type indicated by the Deputy, would accordingly be more appropriate for that agency to consider. I have therefore referred the question to Sport Ireland for direct reply. I would ask the Deputy to inform my office if a reply is not received within 10 days.

It is however pertinent to emphasise that all NGBs are independent, autonomous bodies and are responsible for their own operational arrangements, procedures and competition rules for their sports.

As acknowledged in the National Sports Policy, the uncertainty associated with Brexit adds to the capacity building challenge facing the sport sector. I can assure the Deputy that my Department and Sport Ireland would work constructively to assist any NGB to deal with any challenges that might arise as a result of Brexit.

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