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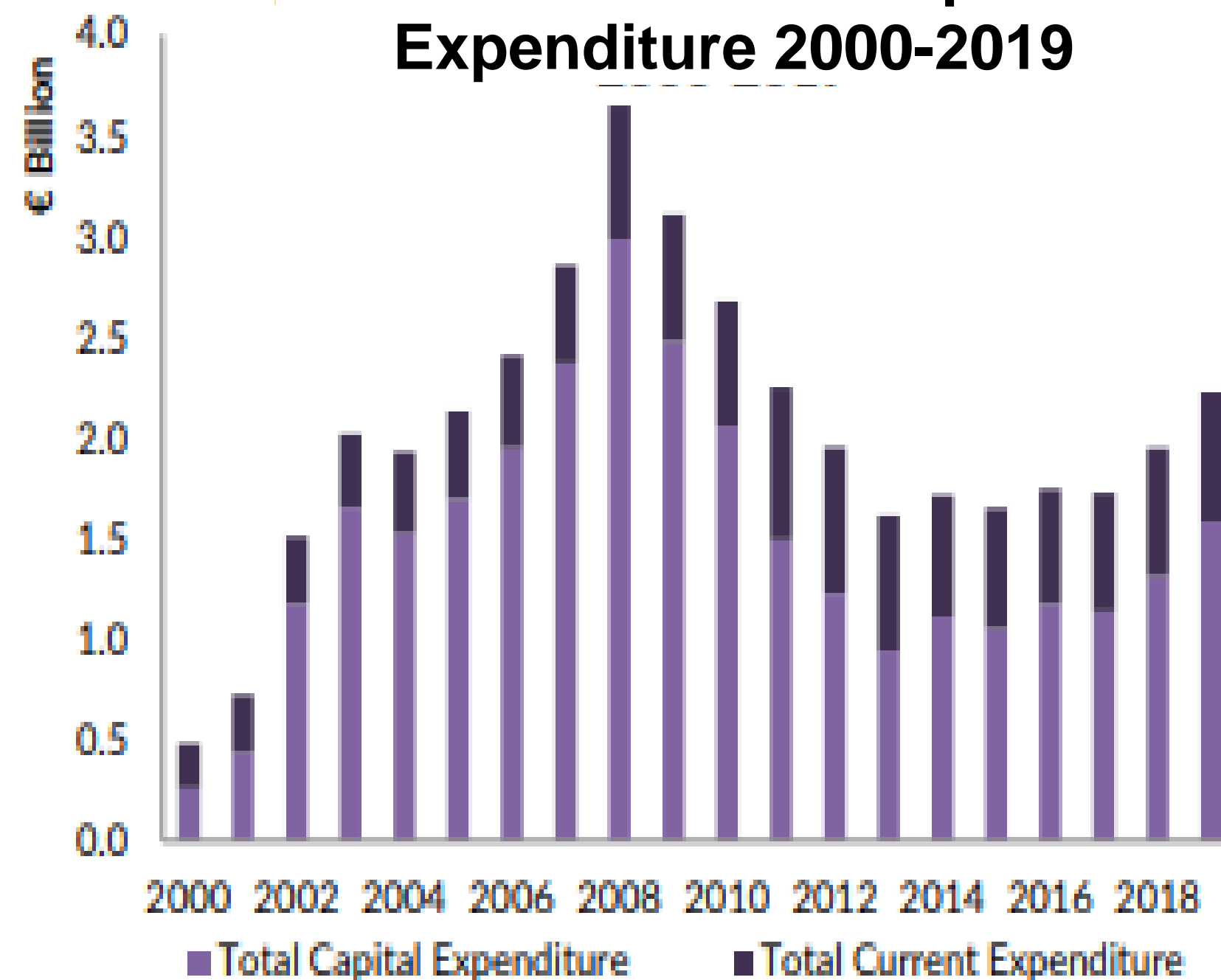
IGEES Evaluation in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport

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Gross Land Transport Expenditure 2000-2019



Expenditure (gross, non-pay) by DTTaS in 2018 amounted to €1.95bn. The allocation for 2019 has increased 14% to €2.23bn slightly below the 2011 spend of €2.48bn and 39% below the peak spend of €3.65bn in 2008.

Capital expenditure accounts for 71% of the allocated expenditure for 2019 at €1.59bn. This is a 21% increase on the 2018 capital allocation of €1.31bn and is the highest level of expenditure in this area since 2010.

Current expenditure (gross, non-pay) increased 8.8% in 2018 to €637m. The allocation for 2019 current expenditure has increased by 0.4% to €640m.

Roles and Responsibilities in Transport Sector



Transport Policy

Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport

Responsible for setting National Transport policy;
Sanctioning Authority for Regional and Local Roads expenditure
Governance and Oversight of Transport Agencies

National Transport Agencies

National Transport Authority

Oversight of public transport companies
Responsible for development of long-term transport plans for 5 Irish cities

Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Oversight and ownership of motorways and national roads;
Responsible for light rail (Luas) in Ireland

Delivery Bodies

Public Transport Companies

Irish Rail (heavy rail)
Bus Eireann (National bus services)
Dublin Bus (Bus Services in Dublin)

Local Authorities

Responsible for the delivery of many transport infrastructure schemes in Ireland

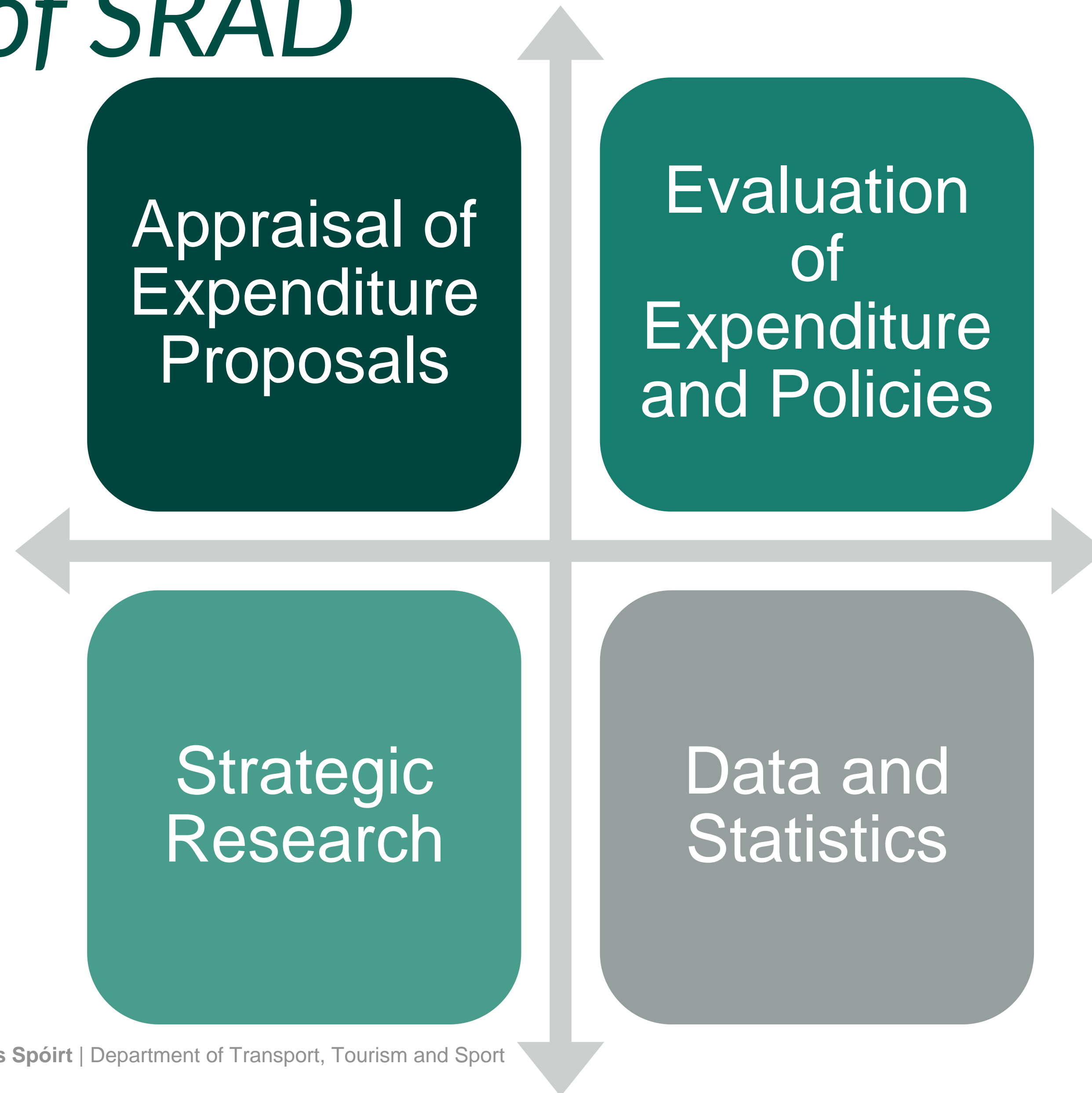
IGEES in DTTaS



Strategic Research and Analysis Division (SRAD)

- Dedicated IGEES Unit
- 7 IGEES staff (1 Principal, 3 APs, 3 Graduates) plus 1 statistician.
- Division has grown significantly over past 4 years as work programme has expanded.

The role of SRAD



Appraisal of Expenditure Proposals



- All investment proposals which entail public expenditure must be robustly appraised.
- Appraisals are to be done in line with the Common Appraisal Framework (CAF), and the scale of appraisal proportionate to the size of the scheme.
- CAF includes guidance on valuing the benefits of transport schemes.
 - *Ongoing work programme to review and update the CAF.*
- SRAD reviews economic appraisals to ensure they are robust, before approvals for funding are made (Reviewed more than 30 in 2019.)



COMMON APPRAISAL FRAMEWORK FOR TRANSPORT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES

March 2016

Evaluation of Expenditure Programmes



- SRAD has an ongoing work programme of evaluations of expenditure programmes.
- These entail reviewing some or all of the efficiency, effectiveness and continuing rationale for these programmes.
- Recent evaluations include:
 - ***Value for Money Reviews: National Roads Maintenance (2015), Driver Testing Service (2017)***
 - ***Spending Review Studies: Baseline study of Sports Capital Programme (2018), Regional Airports Programme (2019)***

Strategic Research



- On the basis of priorities set by Departmental management, SRAD conducts forward-looking analysis to inform policy-making.

PLUTO 2040

- Analysis of the likely future needs of the Irish transport network to inform investment priorities;
- 13 background papers examining current and future issues.
- Final product will be transport investment strategy to be published in 2020.

Climate Change Analysis

- Modelling and analysis to support DTTaS Climate Change policy.
- Current work includes scenario analysis on Ireland's targets for electric cars
- Recent analysis also done on the potential impacts of alternative fuels in buses.

Wider Analysis

- 2017 study on the economic costs of urban traffic congestion in Dublin.
- 2019 study on the effectiveness of the behavioural detection programme at Dublin airport.

Data and Statistics



- Ongoing programme of work to improve the availability of and use of data and statistics in DTTaS. Through a number of activities:
 - **Evaluations of programmes** often identify data and information gaps;
 - **National Travel Survey:** Work to develop a national survey of travel in Ireland, to inform policy and investment;
 - **Transport Trends:** Annual Departmental publication setting out key transport statistics in Ireland.