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Tánaiste and Office of the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment

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Mr Michael O'Leary
Chief Executive
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Dear Michael

Barry O'Leary has briefed me on the discussions he has been having with you and colleagues in Ryanair and with the Dublin Airport Authority (DAA) concerning your proposal to establish a heavy maintenance base at Dublin Airport.

I am highly supportive of this project and you can take it that all Government agencies are expected to assign the highest priority to job creation in current circumstances. I understand that hangerage is available at Dublin Airport to accommodate the project but that a number of other parties are in discussion with DAA with a view to securing facilities and that the window of opportunity may not remain open much longer.

I, my Department and its agencies will do whatever we can to progress this project. However, I don't think further progress is possible without direct discussion between Ryanair and DAA however it is arranged. I really don't see how parties can agree on a commercial arrangement, particularly given the complexities of the situation at the Airport, without talking to each other.

I will, of course, be happy to meet with you if you think this would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

Mary Coughlan TD

Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment