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# **Supplemental consultation on the National Transport Authority's proposals to directly award a contract for public bus services to Bus Éireann in the region outside Dublin City from December 2014**

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# 1. Background

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The National Transport Authority (the “Authority”) is proposing (i) to enter into another direct award contract with Bus Éireann in 2014; (ii) to amend that contract in 2016 to reduce the services within that contract by approximately 10%; and (iii) to provide the removed services through a separate contract following a competitive tender process.

The Authority undertook a public consultation in relation to the above proposal between 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and published the following documents to inform that consultation:

- Consultation paper on the Direct Award of Public Service Contract to Bus Éireann in December 2014
- Technical Report on Contract Options.
- Economic analysis of a directly award bus contract outside the Dublin bus market (prepared by Ernst and Young for the Authority)
- Report on operation of 2009 direct award contract with Bus Éireann.

In the Consultation Paper, a number of possible services were identified which might be removed in 2016 from the direct award contract and be the subject of competitive tendering. The identified services were stated as:

*“The services for tendering will be drawn from a combination of the following:*

- *All city services in Waterford*
- *Some city services in Cork*
- *Some rural stage carriage services in the south east region*
- *Certain Dublin commuter services.*

*Possible combinations are:*

- *Tender the Waterford City and portion of Cork city services together*
- *Tender either the Cork city portion or Waterford City services together with a portion of the Dublin coastal commuter services presented above*
- *Tender the Waterford city and South East stage carriage services.”*

The Authority is now seeking views on one particular supplemental matter in relation to possible services to be tendered, namely on a possible option to the Dublin coastal commuter services. The potential option is the possible tendering of certain PSO bus services currently operated by Bus Éireann on the commuter corridor to the west of Dublin city including routes serving Athy, Clane, Celbridge, Edenderry, Kildare, Naas, Newbridge and Sallins in substitution for the portion of the Dublin coastal commuter services referred to above.

This consultation paper and all the other documents are publicly available during this supplemental consultation period from the Authority’s website [www.nationaltransport.ie](http://www.nationaltransport.ie) or at the Authority’s office during the consultation period.

## 2. Other services under consideration for removal from Bus Éireann direct award contract in 2016

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The PSO bus services currently operated by Bus Éireann on the commuter corridor to the west of Dublin city include routes serving Athy, Clane, Celbridge, Edenderry, Kildare, Naas, Newbridge and Sallins. They are set out in the table below.

Dublin Commuter (Kildare and environs)	120	Dublin-Edenderry-Tullamore
	123	Dublin-Celbridge-Clane-Sallins-Naas
	124	Dublin-Portlaoise
	126	Dublin-Naas-Newbridge-Kildare
	126N (Night bus service)	Dublin-Naas-Newbridge-Clane
	130	Dublin-Kilcullen-Athy

The current routings of the services in the above table are shown in Figure 5 at the back of this Supplemental Consultation Paper.

These are being considered for competitive tendering and withdrawal from the next Direct Award contract in 2016, in substitution for the portion of the Dublin coastal commuter services set out in the services listed under the “Dublin Commuter” heading in Table A2 and shown in Figure 4 of the September 2013 Consultation Paper. Figure 4 is also attached to this paper for information.

### 3. Making a submission

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The Authority invites written submissions or observations on this possible option and on that matter only.

Written submissions and observations may be made via the website [www.nationaltransport.ie](http://www.nationaltransport.ie) or by post to:

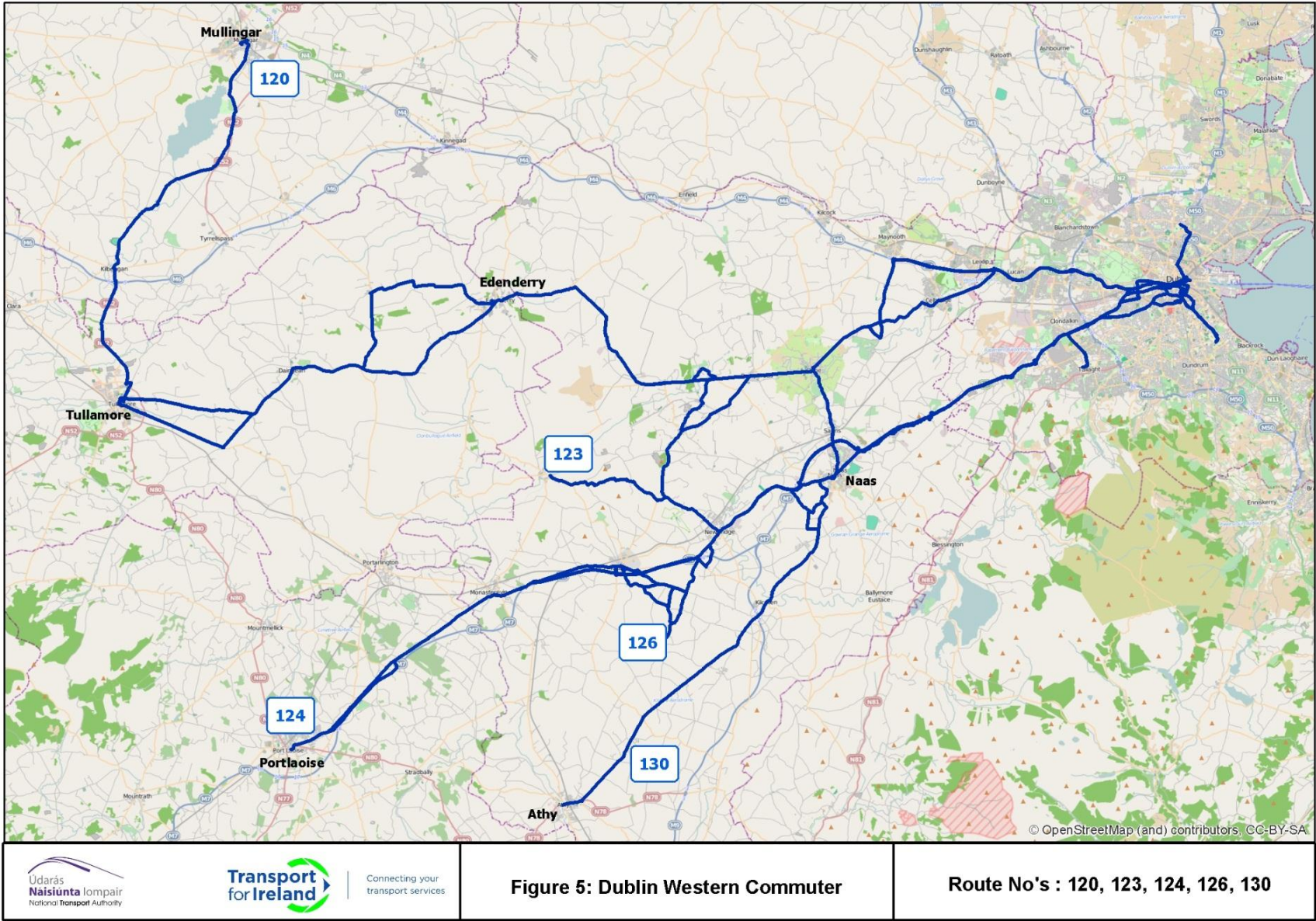
Bus Contracts,  
National Transport Authority,  
Dún Scéine,  
Iveagh Court,  
Harcourt Lane,  
Dublin 2.

All submissions must include the full name and address of the person making the submission and where relevant the name of the body or organization represented.

Submissions may be published by the National Transport Authority.

**The closing date for receipt of all submissions is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 5.00pm.**

Illustrative Map of Services on the commuter corridor to the west of Dublin





### Illustrative Map of Services on the Dublin coastal corridor

