

**Dáil Question
No: 362**

To ask the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport the amount of funding that has been allocated for the National Cycle Network in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Catherine Murphy.

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**Answered by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport
Shane Ross**

REPLY

Under the Capital Plan €100m is committed to smarter travel and carbon reduction measures, which includes funding for the development of greenways and other cycling infrastructure.

The last National Cycle Network funding programme was for the period 2014-2016 and some remaining claims under that programme will be paid this year. However, it is not intended to issue a further funding call in the immediate future. As the Deputy will be aware, the Programme for Partnership Government commits to making additional funding available for greenways and I am pursuing this funding in the context of the mid-term review of the Capital Plan. In addition, my Department is developing a new Strategy to underpin investment in Greenways and I expect that the Department will go out to public consultation in the near future seeking views on relevant issues to inform the development of the Strategy. When the capital plan review is finalised and there is clarity on the totality of the funding that will be available for greenways in the coming years, my Department will issue further funding calls and local authorities would then be able to submit projects for funding.