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CAR is merging into the IAA (Irish Aviation Authority).

- The IAA brand will be retained.
- As part of this reorganisation the air traffic control part of the IAA is being split off into a new company.



Josephine O'Reilly will be the Director of Finance in the new organisation and is now concentrating full time on merger related activities.



Adrian Corcoran's role will expand to incorporate all of the existing CAR functions, so in addition to economic regulation, Adrian will have responsibility for Travel Trade Licensing and Air Passenger Rights. Adrian is currently Director of Markets and Consumer Policy within CAR. In effect Adrian takes over Josephine's role.



Gavin Lyons will continue to manage the day-to-day activity of the Travel Trade Licensing team.



Cathy Mannion has resigned as the Commissioner from CAR and therefore will not be joining the IAA. Cathy will be leaving the Commission at the end of October.

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- These changes are the start of the transition to the new organisation with CAR merging into the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA)
- The legislation is currently before the Seanad and is expected to be enacted in the coming weeks.
- Vesting day for the new organisation is planned for 1 January 2022.
- There should be no impact on travel trade licensing due to the merger.
- From November 1st, Cathy Mannion will be appointed as a member of the Performance Review Body. PRB advises the European Commission about the operation and cost of air traffic controllers in the different Member States. Cathy will be based in Dublin, the PRB is based in Brussels.