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Deputy Duncan Smith,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House, Kildare  
Street, Dublin 2.

**Dáil Question No: 90**

**To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of installing noise reflecting ridges in Dublin Airport to combat aircraft noise; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Smith,

It has been proposed that daa install noise reflecting ridges between the North Runway and the Naul Road with a view to reducing airport noise in adjacent areas.

daa is currently engaging a consultant to conduct a study on the potential development of such a noise barrier as well as the potential feasibility and benefit of extending the existing earth bund (embankment) between the North Runway and Swords. Consideration will need to be given to the local topography and to any mandatory height restrictions that apply to structures near an airport. Any benefit that may accrue in respect of acoustic screening will only apply to ground-based noise sources such as aircraft on the runway prior to take-off.

Cost estimates for such a project cannot be made until the height and length of any berm is confirmed post completion of the feasibility study.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Connor', written in a cursive style.

Des O'Connor,  
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