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## Information Notice

### Notice of Geographic Number Changes 2009

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## 1 Introduction

In accordance with the terms of Regulation 22 of the Framework Regulations, ComReg is vested with responsibility for the management and administration of the national telecommunications numbering resource. When the level of “free” numbers (i.e. the quantity of numbers that are available for allocation) approaches a critical level, changes to the numbering scheme are necessary to ensure that sufficient numbers continue to be available to all authorised entities, and subsequently to end-users. This paper sets out details for the further development of the scheme, identifying specific number change areas, having particular regard to;

- the requirement to ensure an adequate supply of numbers and codes;
- the need to minimise disruption to users from number changes;
- efficient allocation and use of numbers.

## 2 Background

In 2001 ComReg, then the ODTR, conducted a comprehensive review of the Irish telecommunications numbering scheme.<sup>1</sup> This paper set out an evolutionary approach for the development of the numbering scheme, where changes to the scheme would happen in line with requirements.

At that time, it was noted that since liberalisation of the telecommunications market in December 1998, there has been a heavy demand for additional telephone numbers including numbers to cater for the start up requirements for newly licensed operators. Given that level of demand, it was forecast that some geographic numbering areas would reach number exhaustion within the next few years. These areas would require a change to longer subscriber numbers in order to ensure continuity of number supply. A series of number changes were introduced in 2003 and again in 2006 for the areas which were in need of immediate expansion and rationalisation.

A critical level of available free numbers has now been reached in the Clonmel (052) Area Code. In addition, the Bandon (023), Longford (043) and Killarney (064) Area Codes are likely to reach a critical level soon. As a consequence, number changes are now necessary in these areas.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision Notice D11/01 Review of the National Numbering Scheme for Telephony in Ireland ODTR 01/58

### 3 The Changes

The number changes will entail prefixing the existing 5-digit local numbers with an extra two digits in the following Area Codes:

Cork County	Bandon Area Code	(023)
Longford	Longford Area Code	(043)
Tipperary	Clonmel Area Code	(052)
Kerry	Killarney Area Code	(064)

The above number changes will not require any changes to the existing Area Code prefixes.

These changes are consistent with Decision Notice D11/01<sup>2</sup> and with changes already made to the geographic numbering scheme in other areas of Ireland.

### 4 Further Information

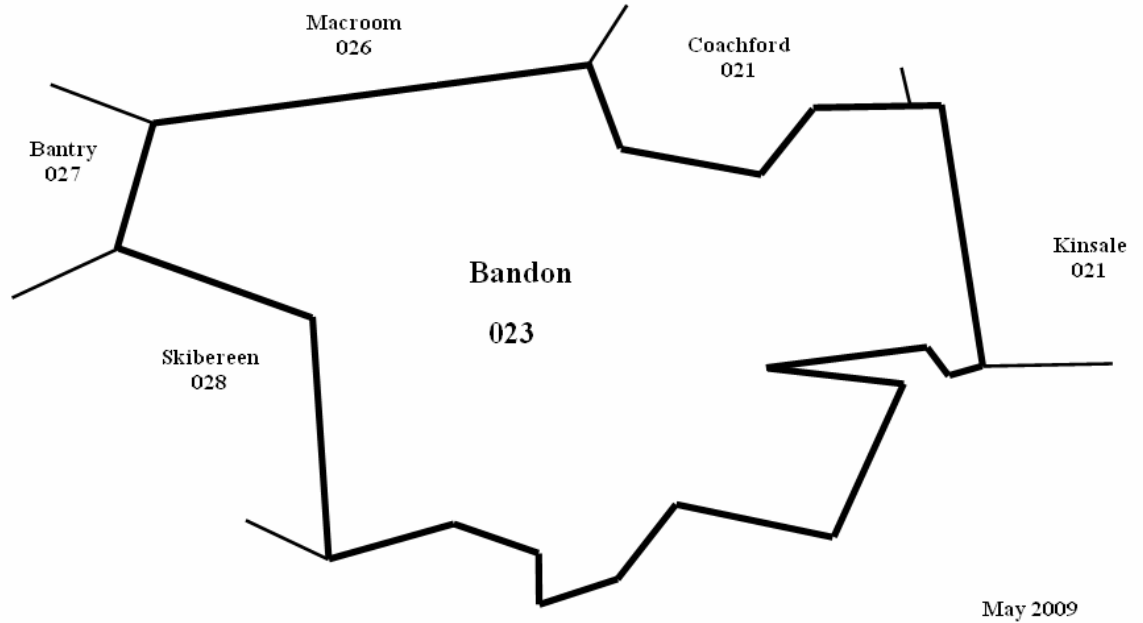
For each area where a number change is required, ComReg issues a detailed change plan to provide telephone users with information on the changes and facilitate preparatory work by network operators – see Annexes 1 to 4 for details. Consumers should contact their telecommunications service provider in the first instance for more information on these changes.

Further information is available on the ComReg Number Change website [www.askcomreg.ie/numberchanges](http://www.askcomreg.ie/numberchanges)

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<sup>2</sup> Decision Notice D11/01 Review of the National Numbering Scheme for Telephony in Ireland ODTR 01/58

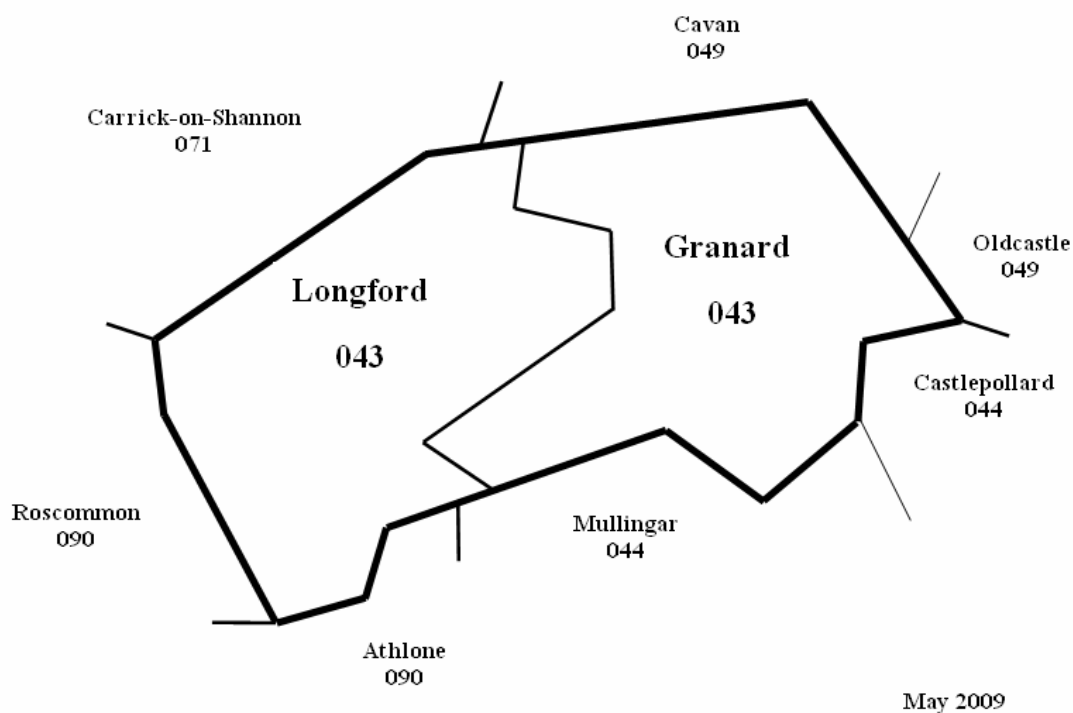
Annex 1 Number changes in the 023 Area - Bandon



Current Area/Code		Existing Number	Change to telephone numbers (5 digit numbers change to 7 digits)	New Number
Code	Area			
023	Bandon	023 + 2XXXX	Place 88 in front of the current local 5 digit number	023 + 882XXXX
		023 + 3XXXX		023 + 883XXXX
		023 + 4XXXX		023 + 884XXXX
		023 + 5XXXX		023 + 885XXXX
		023 + 6XXXX		023 + 886XXXX
		023 + 7XXXX		023 + 887XXXX
		023 + 8XXXX		023 + 888XXXX

Key Dates	
Announcement of Number Changes	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
New Numbers working in parallel with Old Numbers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2008 – 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2009
Calls to Old Numbers routed to Recorded Announcements	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2009

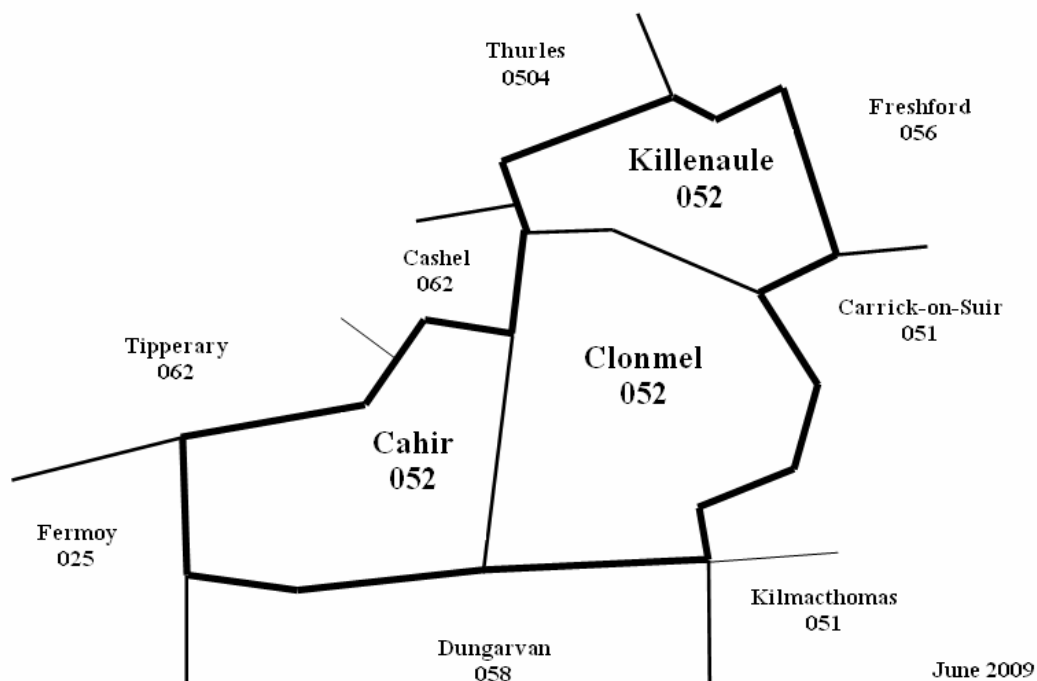
Annex 2 Number changes in the 043 Area – Longford/Granard



Current Area/Code		Existing Number	Change to telephone numbers (5 digit numbers change to 7 digits)	New Code & Number
Code	Area			
043	Longford	043 + 2XXXX	Place 33 in front of the current local 5 digit number	043 + 332XXXX
		043 + 3XXXX		043 + 333XXXX
		043 + 4XXXX		043 + 334XXXX
		043 + 5XXXX		043 + 335XXXX
		043 + 9XXXX		043 + 339XXXX
043	Granard	043 + 6XXXX	Place 66 in front of the current local 5 digit number	043 + 666XXXX
		043 + 7XXXX		043 + 667XXXX
		043 + 8XXXX		043 + 668XXXX

Key Dates	
Announcement of Number Changes	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
New Numbers working in parallel with Old Numbers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2008 – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2009
Calls to Old Numbers routed to Recorded Announcements	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2009

Annex 3 Number changes in the 052 Area – Clonmel/Cahir/Killenaule

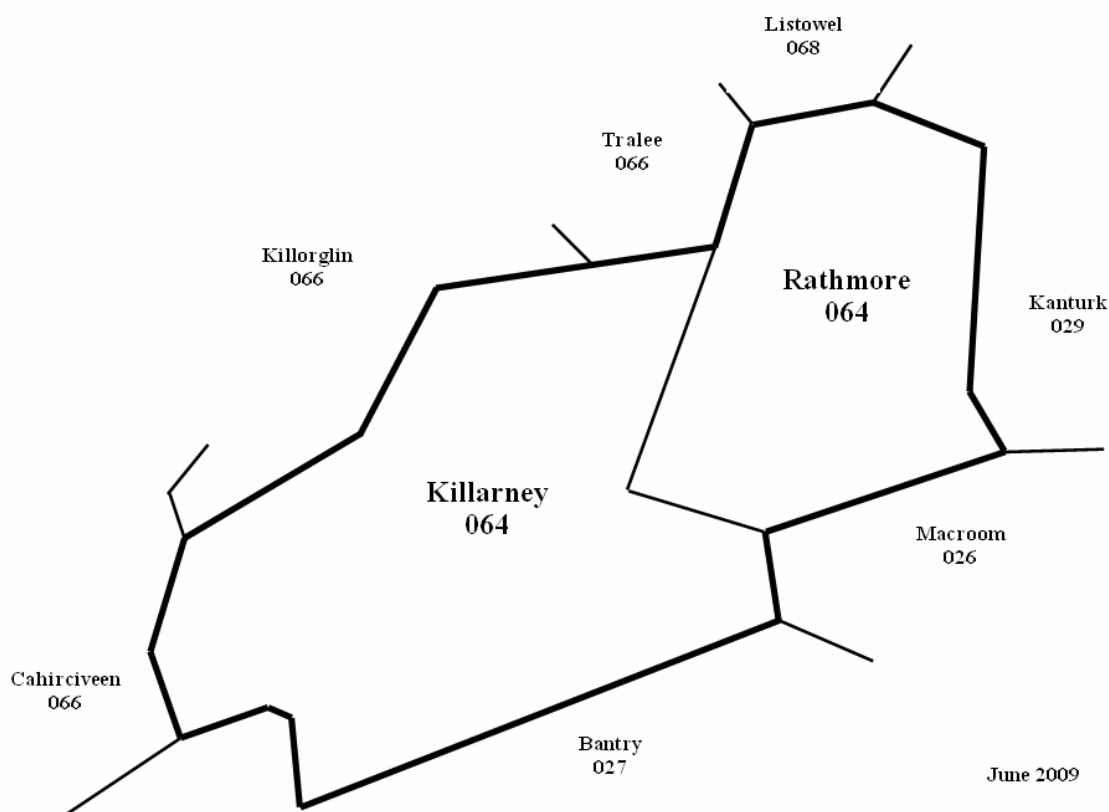


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Current Area/Code		Existing Number	Change to telephone numbers (5 digit numbers change to 7 digits)	New Code & Number
Code	Area			
052	Clonmel	052 + 2XXXX	Place 61 in front of the current local 5 digit number	052 + 612XXXX
		052 + 3XXXX		052 + 613XXXX
		052 + 4XXXX		052 + 614XXXX
		052 + 5XXXX		052 + 615XXXX
		052 + 7XXXX		052 + 617XXXX
		052 + 8XXXX		052 + 618XXXX
		052 + 9XXXX		052 + 619XXXX
052	Cahir	052 + 4XXXX	Place 74 in front of the current local 5 digit number	052 + 744XXXX
		052 + 6XXXX		052 + 746XXXX
052	Killenaule	052 + 5XXXX	Place 91 in front of the current local 5 digit number	052 + 915XXXX
		052 + 6XXXX		052 + 916XXXX

Key Dates	
Announcement of Number Changes	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
New Numbers working in parallel with Old Numbers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2008 – 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2009
Calls to Old Numbers routed to Recorded Announcements	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2009

Annex 4 Number changes in the 064 Area – Killarney/Rathmore



Current Area/Code		Existing Number	Change to telephone numbers (5 digit numbers change to 7 digits)	New Code & Number
Code	Area			
064	Killarney	064 + 2XXXX	Place 66 in front of the current local 5 digit number	064 + 662XXXX
		064 + 3XXXX		064 + 663XXXX
		064 + 4XXXX		064 + 664XXXX
		064 + 7XXXX		064 + 667XXXX
		064 + 8XXXX		064 + 668XXXX
		064 + 9XXXX		064 + 669XXXX
064	Rathmore	064 + 5XXXX	Place 77 in front of the current local 5 digit number	064 + 775XXXX
		064 + 6XXXX		064 + 776XXXX

Key Dates	
Announcement of Number Changes	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2007
New Numbers working in parallel with Old Numbers	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2008 – 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2009
Calls to Old Numbers routed to Recorded Announcements	19 <sup>th</sup> June 2009