

TOM BROWNE IN SHANNONTOWN

Minister can't give guarantee of status ruling before 1993

WHILE A decision on Shannon's transAtlantic status might be made before the end of the year, there's no guarantee this will be so, Tourism and Transport Minister, Maire Geoghegan-Quinn, inti-

mated at Kilrush on Monday.
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The Midwest submission also indicated that when the decision was made it would not be changed if there were a change of administration or a change of Minister.

A calm and deliberate study is taking place and the three semi-state bodies — Aer Rianas, Aer Lingus and Bord Fáilte, are co-operating by not making a statement.

Significantly, however, she remarked: "I have received the submissions and basically what we are doing is intensive work on these submissions — not just within my own Department but with a number of groups who have a tremendously keen in-

terest in seeing the decision being made for the medium term as opposed to the short term.

"I am reasonably confident that whenever the discussion and debate come to an end that we will make a decision in a calm atmosphere."
She refuted that the delay was causing problems planning for future tourism programmes.

Mrs. Geoghegan-Quinn appeared not overconcerned about the slump in Midwest tourism.
"The people will have to remember that there are a couple of things militating against getting the figures up to what we'd like to see them this year. There's a recession in the US together with an election year when most Americans choose to stay at home — and there's a deep recession in the UK and France"
She also felt it should be remembered that B&B accommodation had increased by 87% and overall bed accommodation by 28%.

Kilrush jobless highlighted as Minister opens Creek marina

WHILE HE stressed that it was not his intention to negative Kilrush, UDC chairman, Cllr. William O'Looney, highlighted the terrible unemployment problem in the town when Minister for Transport and Tourism, Maire Geoghegan-Quinn opened the first phase of the Creek marina last Monday.

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Asking the Minister to convey his message to the Government, Cllr. O'Looney said: "We have

Speed sign rejected

SPEEDING traffic has been causing concern in Ogonnelloe this summer. The matter has been raised by Cllr. Mary Mannion, who wants a speed limit enforced in the village, but, unfortunately, the Department of the Environment does not accept isolated proposals.

Cllr Mannion has also urged Clare County Council to take over the Lisheen Homes area of Shannon Banks estate. This has now been referred to the roads and sanitary district engineers who'll report to the September meeting.

WHILE the Limerick visit to Seafield Quilty this concern has been about the coastal dunes.

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