



Mr. Luke Byrne,
The Irish Mail on Sunday,
Embassy House,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin 4.

F.O.I Request 2010/22.

Dear Mr. Byrne,

I refer to your F.O.I request under section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003 received in this Department on 20 May, 2010 requesting a copy of all correspondence between the Department and the Irish Rugby Football Union. in relation to free to air television and television rights .

A review, in accordance with section 173 of the Broadcasting Act, 2009 incorporating a public consultation process during which submissions were invited from members of the public on the existing list of designated events and the possible designation of additional events was initiated in 2009. Submissions received from members of the public as well as interested bodies during this initial phase of the review process are available on the Department's website at www.dcenr.ie. Submissions received in 2010 during the current statutory consultation process will be made available on the Department's website in due course but are withheld under section 20 of the Freedom of Information Act which provides for the withholding of records which contain matter relating to the deliberative process of the Department.

The Freedom of Information Act provides the right to appeal a decision taken under the Act within 4 weeks of the initial decision. Should you wish to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to Ms. Carmel Conaty, F.O.I Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan.

Yours sincerely,


J. Meleady.

Broadcasting Policy Division.

18 June 2010.

26/05/2010

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Dear Mr Byrne,

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The officer handling your request will be Mr Joe Meleady, Broadcasting Policy Division, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, 29-31 Adelaide Road. Joe can be contacted on 01 6783094.

You can expect to receive your decision by the 18/06/2010.

If you have not received a decision by that time, you are automatically entitled to appeal to the Department for a review of the matter. This review proceeds on the legal basis that the initial request is considered to be refused once the specified time for responding to it has expired. A request for a review should be addressed to the undersigned at the address shown.

Please note the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources has a policy of posting a summary of non-personal requests and decisions on the Departments website for reference purposes.

Yours sincerely,

Carmel Conaty

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Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
Elm House,
Earlsvale Rd
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Phone: 01 6782902

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20 MAY 2010

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18/05/2010

Freedom of Information Unit,

To Whom It May Concern:

I am making this request for records which I believe are held by your department under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request a copy of all correspondence between the department and the Irish Rugby Football Union in relation to free to air television and television rights.

The dates for this request are from 1 March 2010 to the latest possible date.

You can send me the information by e-mail: luke.byrne@mailonsunday.ie, or by hard copy, whichever is most desirable for your department.

If you have any further questions please contact me on 086-165-9603, Tuesday – Saturday.

Regards,



Luke Byrne