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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS,
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES
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Mary Rabbitte,
Dept. of Communications,
Energy and Natural Resources,
Elm House,
Earlsvale Road,
Cavan.

Philip Ryan,
The Irish Mail on Sunday,
Embassy House,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin 4.

07/07/2009

Freedom of Information Unit,

Dear Mary,

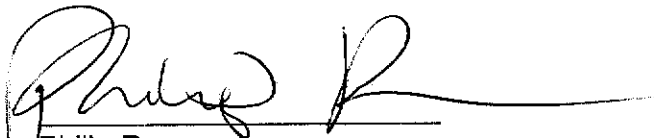
I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I am looking for copies of all correspondence, letters, emails and notes of telephone conversations between the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and Bertie Ahern or on behalf of Bertie Ahern since May 6 2008 to the present day.

You can send me the information by e-mail: Philip.ryan004@gmail.com, or by hard copy, whichever is most desirable for your department.

If you have any further questions please contact me on 0874109822.

Regards,



Philip Ryan

Mary Rabbitte

From: Philip Ryan [philip.ryan001@gmail.com]
Sent: 28 July 2009 11:00
To: Mary Rabbitte
Subject: FOI request rewording

Dear Mary,

Sorry for the late reply but here is the reworded request, thanks for taking the time to deal with it:

"I am looking for copies of all correspondence, letters, emails and notes of telephone conversations between the Minister of Communication's Office, including his secretary general and Bertie Ahern or on behalf of Bertie Ahern since May 6 2008 to the present day."

Kind regards,

Philip Ryan
Ph: 087-4109822



Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
Roinn Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha

04/07/2009

Mr Philip Ryan
The Irish Mail on Sunday
Embassy House,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin,

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2009/24

Dear Mr Ryan,

I refer to your FOI request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, received in this office on 28/07/2009 requesting records regarding correspondence between this Department and Bertie Ahern. The application was received along with the associated fee.


The officer handling your request will be Ms Ann Kissane, Human Resources Division, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, 29-31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Ann can be contacted on 016782173.

You can expect to receive your decision by the 26/08/2009.

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 Cosgrove

FOI Unit
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
Elm House,
Earlsvale Rd
Cavan

Phone: 01 6782902



An Roinn Cumarsáide,
Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha
Baile Átha Cliath 2.

Department of Communications,
Energy and Natural Resources,
Dublin 2.

21 August 2009

Mr Philip Ryan
The Irish Mail on Sunday
Embassy House
Ballsbridge
Dublin

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2009/24

Dear Mr Ryan

I refer to your FOI request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, received in this office on 28 July 2009, regarding records of correspondence between this Department and Mr Bertie Ahern, T.D.

In considering your request it has become necessary to engage in third party consultations under Section 29 of the Acts (copy attached). The Acts provide for an extension to the time limit for such consultations to be undertaken.

This extension means that you can now expect to receive your decision by 30 September 2009.

Yours sincerely

Ann Kissane
Human Resources Division
Phone: (01)6782173
email: ann.kissane@dcenr.gov.ie

[1997.] *Freedom of Information Act, 1997.* [No. 13.]

(b) if the requester so requests the head, he or she shall offer access to the record to such health professional as aforesaid, and keep it available for that purpose, in accordance with *section 8 (3)*. Pr.III S.28

(5) Where, as respects a request under *section 7* the grant of which would, but for this subsection, fall to be refused under *subsection (1)*, in the opinion of the head concerned, on balance—

(a) the public interest that the request should be granted outweighs the public interest that the right to privacy of the individual to whom the information relates should be upheld, or

(b) the grant of the request would benefit the individual aforesaid,

the head may, subject to *section 29*, grant the request.

(6) Notwithstanding *subsection (1)*, the Minister may provide by regulations for the grant of a request under *section 7* where—

(a) the individual to whom the record concerned relates belongs to a class specified in the regulations and the requester concerned is the parent or guardian of the individual, or

(b) the individual to whom the record concerned relates is dead and the requester concerned is a member of a class specified in the regulations.

(7) In this section "health professional" means a medical practitioner, within the meaning of the Medical Practitioners Act, 1978, a registered dentist, within the meaning of the Dentists Act, 1985, or a member of any other class of health worker or social worker standing prescribed, after consultation with such (if any) other Ministers of the Government as the Minister considers appropriate.

29.—(1) In this section "a request to which this section applies" means a request under *section 7* to which *section 26 (3)* or *27 (3)* applies or to which *section 28 (5)* applies and which, apart from this section, would fall to be granted.

Procedure in relation to certain requests under *section 7* to which *section 26, 27* or *28* applies.

(2) Subject to *subsection (5)*, before deciding whether to grant a request to which this section applies, a head shall, not later than 2 weeks after the receipt of the request—

(a) if the request is one to which *section 26 (3)* applies, cause the person who gave the information concerned to the public body concerned and, if the head considers it appropriate, the person to whom the information relates, or

(b) if the request is one to which *section 27 (3)* or *28 (5)* applies, cause the person to whom the information relates,

to be notified, in writing or in such other form as may be determined—

(i) of the request and that, apart from this section, it falls, in the public interest, to be granted,

[No. 13.] *Freedom of Information Act, 1997.* [1997.]

Pr.III S.29

(ii) that the person may, not later than 3 weeks after the receipt of the notification, make submissions to the head in relation to the request, and

(iii) that the head will consider any such submissions before deciding whether to grant or refuse to grant the request.

(3) A person who receives a notification under *subsection (2)* may, not later than 3 weeks after such receipt, make submissions to the head concerned in relation to the request to which this section applies referred to in the notification and the head—

(a) shall consider any such submissions so made before deciding whether to grant the request,

(b) shall cause the person to be notified in writing or in such other form as may be determined of the decision, and

(c) if the decision is to grant the request, shall cause to be included in the notification particulars of the right of review of the decision under *section 34*, the procedure governing the exercise of that right and the time limit governing such exercise.

(4) Subject to *subsection (5)*, a head shall make a decision whether to grant a request to which this section applies, and shall comply with *subsection (3)* in relation thereto, not later than 2 weeks after—

(a) the expiration of the time specified in *subsection (3)*, or

(b) the receipt of submissions under that subsection in relation to the request from those concerned,

whichever is the earlier, and *section 8 (1)* shall be construed and shall have effect accordingly.

(5) If, in relation to a request to which this section applies, the head concerned is unable to comply with *subsection (2)*, having taken all reasonable steps to do so, the head shall, if the Commissioner consents to the non-compliance, make a decision whether to grant or refuse the request not later than 7 weeks after the receipt of the request and in such a case *section 8 (1)* shall be construed and shall have effect accordingly.

(6) If, in relation to a request to which this section applies, the Commissioner does not consent, pursuant to *subsection (5)*, to non-compliance with *subsection (2)*, he or she shall direct the head concerned to take specified steps within a specified period for the purpose of complying with *subsection (2)* and if, having taken those steps within that period or such further period as the Commissioner may specify, the head is unable to comply with that subsection, he or she shall, as soon as may be, make a decision whether to grant or refuse the request.

Research and
natural resources.

30.—(1) A head may refuse to grant a request under *section 7* if, in the opinion of the head—

(a) the record concerned contains information in relation to research being or to be carried out by or on behalf of a public body and disclosure of the information or its disclosure before the completion of the research would be likely to expose the body, any person who is or will be

(2) A head shall grant a request under section 7 to which subsection (1) relates if—

(a) the person to whom the record concerned relates consents, in writing or in such other form as may be determined, to access to the record being granted to the requester concerned,

(c) the record relates only to the requester,

but, in a case falling within paragraph (a) or (c), the head shall ensure that, before granting the request, the identity of the requester or, as the case may be, the consent of the person is established to the satisfaction of the head.

Amendment of section 28 (personal information) of Principal Act.

23.—Section 28 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following subsections after subsection (5):

“(5A) Where—

(a) a request under section 7 relates to a record to which subsection (1) applies but to which subsections (2) and (5) do not apply or would not, if the record existed, apply, and

(b) in the opinion of the head concerned the disclosure of the existence or non-existence of the record would have the effect specified in subsection (1),

he or she shall refuse to grant the request and shall not disclose to the requester concerned whether or not the record exists.

(5B) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of subsection (2), a head shall, subject to paragraphs (b) to (e) of that subsection and subsections (5) and (6), refuse to grant a request under section 7 if, in the opinion of the head, access to the record concerned would, in addition to involving the disclosure of personal information relating to the requester, also involve the disclosure of personal information relating to an individual or individuals other than the requester.”

Amendment of section 29 (procedure in relation to certain requests under section 7 to which section 26, 27 or 28 applies) of Principal Act.

24.—Section 29 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting the following subsection after subsection (2):

“(2A) (a) The head may, as respects a request to which this section applies received by him or her, extend the period specified in subsection (2) for compliance with that subsection by such period as he or she considers necessary but not exceeding a period of 2 weeks if in the opinion of the head—

(i) the request relates to such number of records, or

(ii) the number of persons required by subsection (2) to be notified of the matters referred to in paragraphs (i) to (ii) of that subsection is such,

that compliance with that subsection within the period specified therein is not reasonably possible.

(b) Where a period is extended under this subsection, the head concerned shall cause notice in writing, or in such other form as may be determined, to be given to the requester concerned, before the expiration of the period, of the extension and the period thereof and reasons therefor.

(c) The reference in subsection (2) to 2 weeks shall be construed in accordance with any extension under this subsection of that period.”.

Amendment of section 33 (establishment of office of Information Commissioner) of Principal Act.

25.—Section 33 of the Principal Act is amended, in subsection (4), by substituting the following paragraph for paragraph (b):

“(b) Paragraph 5 of the Second Schedule shall not have effect in relation to remuneration in a case where the person who holds the office of Commissioner also holds the office of Ombudsman.”.

Amendment of section 34 (review by Commissioner of decisions) of Principal Act.

26.—Section 34 of the Principal Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (1), by inserting the following paragraph after paragraph (d):

“(dd) a decision to refuse to grant a request under section 7 on the ground that, by virtue of section 46, this Act does not apply to the record concerned,”,

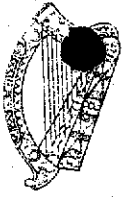
(b) by substituting the following subsection for subsection (3):

“(3) A decision under subsection (2) shall be made as soon as may be and, in so far as practicable, not later than 4 months after the receipt by the Commissioner of the application for the review concerned.”,

and

(c) in subsection (4), in paragraph (a), by inserting “or, in a case in which the Commissioner is of opinion that there are reasonable grounds for extending that period, the expiration of an additional period of such length as he or she may determine” after “relevant person concerned”,

and the said subsection (4) (other than paragraph (b)), as so amended, is set out in the Table to this section.



An Roinn Cumarsáide,
Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha
Baile Átha Cliath 2.

Department of Communications,
Energy and Natural Resources,
Dublin 2.

29 September 2009

Mr Philip Ryan
The Irish Mail on Sunday
Embassy House
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2009/24

Dear Mr Ryan

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, concerning records of correspondence by letter, email or telephone, between the Minister for Communication's Office, including his Secretary General, and Mr Bertie Ahern, T.D.

I have made a final decision to part grant your request, and I attach all relevant information with this letter. I have decided to refuse to release record no. 4 under Section 27 (1) (b) of the Acts on the grounds that it contains commercially sensitive information and could prejudice the commercial position of the third party concerned. If you have any queries regarding this correspondence you can contact me by telephone at the number below. A schedule of the records covered by your request is also attached.

I wish to advise you that, if for any reason you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request, you are entitled to seek a review by appealing the decision. To appeal, you need to write to the FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd, Cavan, Co Cavan. You must make your appeal within 4 weeks of the date of this letter, but the making of a late appeal may be permitted in certain circumstances. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Please note that an application fee for an appeal is currently €75.00 and a reduced fee of €25.00 applies if you are covered by a Medical Card.

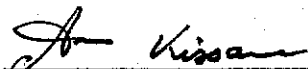
If claiming a reduced application fee, the request must also be accompanied by

- The Medical Card registration number
- The name of the issuing Health Board
- Your consent to the verification of these details with that Health Board.

Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money postal order, or personal cheque made payable to "Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources".

On receipt of the fee, you will be advised of when you can expect a decision on your appeal, and the contact details of the person handling the appeal.

Yours sincerely



Ann Kissane

Human Resources Division

Phone: (01) 6782173

email: ann.kissane@dcecr.gov.ie

Requesting records of all correspondence between this Department and Mr. Bertie Ahern, T.D. since May 6th 2008

Record No.	Brief Description & Date of Record	File Ref.	No. of Pages	Relevant facts	Findings/ conclusions (Public Interest Considerations, (If applicable))	Grant/refuse/ part-grant	Basis of Refusal: Section of Act	Record edited/Identify deletions
1	Letter dated 24/11/08 from Mr Bertie Ahern, T.D., to Minister Eamonn Ryan regarding Mr Patrick Gilroy's proposals for energy conservation industry		1			Grant		
2	Minister's Office acknowledgement of above letter dated 26/11/08		1			Grant		
3	Letter dated 15/7/08 from Mr Bertie Ahern, T.D., to Minister Ryan enclosing letter from Mr Eugene Heary regarding proposed Broadcasting Bill.		1			Grant		
4	Letter dated 19/06/09 from Mr Eugene Heary, Managing Director, Batchelors, to Mr Bertie Ahern, T.D., in relation to the proposed Broadcasting Bill		2			Refuse	27 (1) (b)	
5	Minister's Office acknowledgement of records 4 &5, dated 16/07/08		1			Grant		

6	Letter dated 22/01/09 from Mr Bertie Ahern, T.D., to Minister Ryan enclosing letter from Mr Paul Donovan regarding the Broadcasting Bill.	1				Grant	
7	Letter dated 16/01/09 from Mr Paul Donovan to Mr Bertie Ahern, T.D. regarding the Broadcasting Bill	3				Grant	
8	Minister's Office acknowledgement of records 6 & 7, dated 26/01.09	1				Grant	



Office of the Minister
Dept. of Communications, Energy And
Natural Resources

25 NOV 2008

Oifig an Aire
Roinn Cumarsáide,
Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádir...

Mr Eamon Ryan TD
Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources
29-31 Adelaide Road
Dublin 2

24th November 2008

Dear Minister

I have been contacted by Patrick Gilroy 145 Lakeview Drive, Airside Business Park, Swords, Co. Dublin regarding the stimulus for the energy conservation industry. The proposals that Mr Gilroy puts forward is as follows:

Fund projects via similar schemes such as BES or section 23's. These will half the cost of capital almost and this make projects viable for part year implementation as opposed to only putting in projects that are viable on a 12 month basis. Ireland has about 1% CHP installed cf to 9% across Europe. Europe made big moves using this type of approach in the 1990.

I would appreciate if you could examine Mr. Gilroy's suggestion and also let me have your views.

Yours sincerely

Bertie Ahern TD



Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
Roian Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádtúrtha

Office of the Minister
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Record 2

29-31 Adelaide Road
Dublin 2

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Baile Átha Cliath 2

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Ref:JF-2008188

26 November 2008

Mr. Bertie Ahern
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re:Patrick Gilroy

Dear Mr. Ahern

On behalf of the Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, Mr. Eamon Ryan T.D., I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24th November 2008 regarding energy conservation.

Your letter is currently receiving attention and we will be in contact with you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Colm Ó Conaill
Private Secretary to the
Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources



St. Luke's,
161 Lr. Drumcondra Road,
Dublin 9.

15/07/08

Mr. Eamon Ryan TD.,
Minister for Communications, Energy
And Natural Resources.
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Office of the Minister
Dept. of Communications, Energy And
Natural Resources

15 JUL 2008

Dear Minister

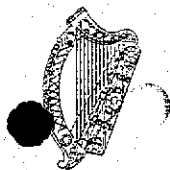
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Fuinneamh A. Nádartha

I am enclosing a letter I received from Mr Eugene Heary Managing Director of Batchelors, 72-74 Bannow Road, Cabra, Dublin 7 who is concerned with the proposed Broadcasting Bill.

Can you examine the contents of the letter and let me know the current position.

Yours sincerely,

Bertie Ahern TD.



Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
Roinn Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Náúúrtha

Office of the Minister
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Record 5

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29-31 Adelaide Road
Dublin 2

29-31 Bóthar Adelaide
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Ref: JF-200890

16 July 2008

Mr. Bertie Ahern TD
St. Lukes
161 Lower Drumcondra Road
Dublin 9

Re: Batchelors

Dear Deputy

On behalf of the Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, Mr. Eamon Ryan T.D., I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 15th July 2008 on behalf of the above regarding the 2008 Broadcasting Bill.

Your letter is currently receiving attention and we will be in contact with you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Colm Ó Conaill
Private Secretary to the
Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources



Mr Eamon Ryan TD
Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

22nd January 2009

Dear Minister

I enclose correspondence which I have received from Mr Paul Donovan, 44 Fontenoy Street, Dublin 7 regarding the Broadcasting Bill 2008.

I would appreciate if you could exam the issues raised and let me know your views on this matter.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely

Bertie Ahern TD

Office of the Minister
Dept. of Communications, Energy And
Natural Resources

20 JAN 2009

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Bertie Ahern, T.D.,
Fianna Fail,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

16 January 2009

Re: Broadcasting Bill

Dear Bertie,

I am a film and television producer who lives and works in your constituency. My company Grand Pictures has produced several award winning tv shows and feature films including *Paths to Freedom*, *Fergus' Wedding*, *Spin the Bottle*, *Stew*, *School Run* and many more.

On a national level our creative and dynamic industry engaged in excess of 14,500 people in employment in 2007. It produces award-winning productions such as *The Wind that Shakes the Barley*, *Once*, *Whistleblower*, *Ear to the Ground*, *The Clinic*, *Buyer Beware* and animation series like *Give up Yer Aul' Sins*.

As it currently stands, proposed cut-backs in RTÉ and new legislation currently progressing through the Oireachtas will drastically reduce the amount of money spent on independent programming by the national broadcaster.

This means that 45 per cent of all jobs in the industry could be lost next year.

Already many production companies are being forced to lay off significant numbers of staff. One very high profile entertainment company has recently had to halve its workforce from 24 full time employees to twelve. This same company also faces a further 50 per cent reduction in staff next year, if the situation remains the same. This pattern is being repeated across the industry on a weekly basis.

The industry showcases Ireland and Irish talent to huge audiences abroad. Bord Fáilte estimates that Irish films and television programmes directly generate more than €400 million in tourism revenue annually.

In this letter I would like to propose a relatively simple action that the government could take to assist the industry and the state.

Our company produces feature films *Mapmaker*, *Puffball*, *Dead Long Enough*, *The Race*, *Wide Open Spaces*, etc. which are part financed from abroad and are sold internationally generating income for Irish investors and the Exchequer here and employing in excess of 50

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cast and crew at a time. Our television productions employ similar numbers and show Irish stories to Irish audiences however, I am greatly concerned that our ability to do so is protected in the upcoming Broadcasting Bill.

The issue relates to the Broadcasting Bill 2008, which is currently before the Dail. As it currently stands, the Bill will allow RTÉ to limit its spending on the independent production sector to €40 million every year. This is significantly lower than the spend in recent years (€79.4 million in 2007, €70.5 million in 2006 and €74.6 million in 2005) and will have a devastating effect on the independent sector, forcing dozens of companies out of business permanently.

Such a reduction in spend in the Independent Production Unit (IPU) of RTÉ will result in at least a corresponding loss of job contracts in the sector. Of the 14,711 people engaged in the independent sector in 2007, more than a third or 5,124 of these job contracts were related to productions for RTE. A 45 per cent reduction in spend could therefore result in a corresponding reduction in job contracts – meaning a loss of 2,313 job contracts in the sector.

We, as independent producers, completely recognise the need to face up to the realities of the economic downturn and cut our cloth accordingly. However, we and our employees will bear a disproportionate amount of cuts to the television budget, despite the success and efficiency of our programming. At present, 50 per cent of all of the programmes shown on primetime television on RTÉ (excluding news and sports) are made by independent production companies.

RTÉ's Director General recently stated that there will be no job losses in RTÉ. However, it is clear from the figures outlined above that there will be massive job losses in television. But they will only be in the independent sector. We argue that every effort should be made to both protect jobs and increase revenue to the exchequer during this difficult economic time.

Bearing in mind the current economic climate, we are calling on the Bill to introduce a percentage spend to the independent production unit. We propose that 35% of total television revenues should be spent on independent production (similar to RTÉ actual spend over the past four years), rather than allow the amount spent by RTE to be reduced to a flat fee of €40million. Some €36.5 million less than was spent by RTE on independent production in 2007. We understand the importance of RTE's spend on independent production over the last number of years and our proposal is not radically different from their actual spend. The principle of a percentage would tie the independent sector to the revenue of RTÉ. Neither are we asking for a radical change in legislation as a percentage linked figure was adopted in the Broadcasting Authority (Amendment) Act of 1993. As the national broadcaster's revenue falls so would the amount it spends on independent production. This change should have little or no cost to the exchequer. Rather it will result in a net benefit to the state through garnering additional revenues for the government.

It will take into account the large decrease in advertising revenue that RTÉ is predicting for this year, but would also allow for more money to be spent on independent production when advertising revenues increase. Such a percentage tie would also overcome any issues related to inflation in to the future. The Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources is currently considering a percentage solution in advance of the Report Stage of the Bill and we are seeking wider government support for this to be set at 35 per cent.

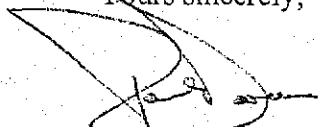
Now is the time for legislators to demonstrate they can stimulate economic growth, employment and inward investment through the introduction of strategic policy decisions. I strongly believe the measure outlined above will do exactly that and protect existing jobs and returns to revenue.

The film and television industry in Ireland is about more than jobs and tax returns. It is a unique way that this country showcases itself, its beautiful landscapes, its culture and history to an audience far beyond the borders of this island.

It is imperative that this vital industry is given the assistance it needs to continue to retain and foster the creative talent that is at the heart of this independent film, television and animation sector.

I would be happy to discuss any of these issues with you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Donovan



Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
Roinn Cumarsáid, Fuinnimh agus Ainéalaíocht Náisiúnta

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Record 8

Ref:BO-200935

26th January 2009

Mr Bertie Ahern TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare St
Dublin 2

Re: Mr Paul Donovan, 44 Fontenoy Street, Dublin 7

Dear Deputy

On behalf of the Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, Mr. Eamon Ryan T.D., I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 22nd January 2009 regarding the Broadcasting Bill 2008.

The contents will be brought to the Minister's attention.

Yours sincerely

Colm Ó Conaill
Private Secretary to the
Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources