

An Roinn Cumarsáide,  
Fainneán agus Acmhainní Náisiúna,  
Baile Átha Cliath 2.

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

18 March 2008

Deputy Simon Coveney  
Leinster House  
Kildare St.  
Dublin 2

FOI/0012/2008

Dear Deputy Coveney,

I refer to the request made by you below under the Freedom of Information Act for records held by this Department and the letter to you from Mary Rabbite of 20 February.

*"All documentation, including communications, relating to the setting up of an International Advisory Forum on Next Generation Broadband Networks by the Department, including but not restricted to, communications to potential land current members of the Forum. Also including, but not restricted to, any discussion about the terms of reference of the skill set of required or any guidelines relating to the calibre of members the Department wished to acquire."*

I have made a final decision to grant your request and am part-granting access to a number of records as they contain personal information under section 28(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. 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 and the records are attached.

You may appeal this decision by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit at the above address. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this letter; however, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

If I can be of any additional help to you please, do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely,

Alan O'Sullivan  
Communications (Regulatory Affairs) Division  
PH: 01 678 2705

Requesting records re. the Next Generation Broadband Networks

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	Email from Ken Spratt to John McElligott, 18 Dec 07	Telpol32/2	1			Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
2	Email from Ken Spratt to Kenneth Carter, 18 Dec 07	Telpol32/2	1			Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
3	Email from Ken Spratt to Jaroslaw Ponder, 18 Dec 07	Telpol32/2	1			Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
4	Email from Ken Spratt to Michéal Smith, 18 Dec 07	Telpol32/2	1			Grant		
5	Email from Ken Spratt to Tony Shortall, 18 Dec 07	Telpol32/2	1			Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
6	Email from Ken Spratt to Kenneth Carter, 19 Dec 07	Telpol32/2	2			Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
7	Email from Ken Spratt to Eamonn Confrey, 19 Dec 07	Telpol32/2	1			Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted

8	Email from Ken Spratt to Isolde Goggin, 19 Dec 07	Telpol32/ 2	1				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
9	Email from Ken Spratt to Eddie Molloy, 19 Dec 07	Telpol32/ 2	1				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
10	Email from Ken Spratt to Martin Cronin, 19 Dec 07	Telpol32/ 2	1				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
11	Email from Ken Spratt to John McElligott, 24 Dec 07	Telpol32/ 2	3				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
12	Email from John McElligott to Ken Spratt, 19 Dec 07	Telpol32/ 2	1				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
13	Email from John McElligott to Ken Spratt, 19 Dec 07	Telpol32/ 2	1				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
14	Email from John McElligott to Ken Spratt, 19 Dec 07	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
15	Email from John McElligott to Ken Spratt, 19 Dec 07	Telpol32/ 2	3				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
16	Email from John McElligott to Ken Spratt, 19 Dec 07	Telpol32/ 2	3				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
17	Email from John McElligott to Ken Spratt, 21 Dec 07	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
18	Email from John McElligott to Ken Spratt, 24 Dec 07	Telpol32/ 2	4				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted

19	Email from Lorraine O'Donoghue to Ken Spratt, 14 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
20	Email from Minister Ryan to John McElligott, 6 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
21	Email from Alan O'Sullivan to Forum Members, 5 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	3				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
22	Email from Press Office to Ken Spratt, 5 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	2				Grant		
23	Email from Alan O'Sullivan to Eddie Molloy, 22 Jan 2008	Telpol32/ 2	1				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
24	Email from Alan O'Sullivan to Minister's Office, 18 Jan 2008	Telpol32/ 2	1				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
25	Email from Minister Ryan to Ken Spratt, 21 Dec 2007	Telpol32/ 2	9				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
26	Email from Tony Shortall to Ken Spratt, 20 Dec 2007	Telpol32/ 2	1				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
27	Email from Eamonn Confrey to Ken Spratt, 20 Dec 2007	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
28	Email from Isolde Goggin to Ken Spratt, 20 Dec 2007	Telpol32/ 2	3				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
29	Email from Martin Cronin to Ken Spratt, 20 Dec 2007	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted

30	Email from Isolde Goggin to ken Spratt, 19 Dec 2007	Telpol32/ 2	1				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
31	Email from Kenneth Carter to Ken Spratt, 19 Dec 2007	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
32	Email from Alan O'Sullivan to Eamonn Confrey, 18 Dec 2007	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
33	Email from Peter O'Neill to Patricia Cronin and Ken Spratt, 18 Dec 2007	Telpol32/ 2	1				Grant		
34	Summary of Forum Members, January 2008	Telpol32/ 2	4				Grant		
35	Letter from Minister Ryan to John McElligott, 21 January 2008	Telpol32/ 2	1				Grant		
36	Email from Kenneth Carter to Colm O'Conaill, 21 January 2008	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
37	Email from Kenneth Carter to Alan O'Sullivan, 21 January 2008	Telpol32/ 2	3				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
38	Email from Martin Cronin to Colm O'Conaill, 22 January 2008	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
39	Email from Susan Lowen to Alan O'Sullivan, 22 January 2008	Telpol32/ 2	1				Grant		
40	Email from Westbury Hotel to Alan O'Sullivan, 22 Jan 2008	Telpol32/ 2	4				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted

41	Email from Isolde Goggin to Alan O'Sullivan	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
42	Email from Kenneth Carter to Alan O'Sullivan, 5 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
43	Email from Brian Thompson to Alan O'Sullivan, 5 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	1				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
44	Email from Westbury Hotel to Alan O'Sullivan	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
45	Email from Matt Yardley to Alan O'Sullivan, 8 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	1				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
46	Email from Frank Sanda to Alan O'Sullivan, 11 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	1				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
47	Email from Trish Hunter to Alan O'Sullivan, 11 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	1				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
48	Email from Martin Cronin to Alan O'Sullivan, 12 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
49	Email from Tony Shortall to Alan O'Sullivan, 12 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	1				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
50	Emails from Colm O'Conaill to Forum Members, 21 Jan 2008	Telpol32/ 2	7				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
51	Email from Michael Nelson to Lorraine O'Donoghue, 12 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	2				Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted

52	Email with attachment from John McElligott to Minister Ryan, 8 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	19					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
53	Email from John McElligott to Minister Ryan 6 Jan 2008	Telpol32/ 2	3					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
54	Fax from Alan O'Sullivan to Westbury Hotel, 15 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	9					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
55	Email from Alan O'Sullivan to Forum Members, 11 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	1					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
56	Fax from Lorraine O'Donoghue to One Pico, 19 Feb 2008	Telpol32/ 2	4					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
57	Fax from Alan O'Sullivan to One Pico, 29 Jan 2008	Telpol32/ 2	6					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
58	Invitation letters from minister Ryan to the Forum Members, 21 Jan 2008	Telpol32/ 2	21					Grant		
59	Email from Eamon Confrey to Alan O'Sullivan, 21 Jan 2008	Telpol32/ 2	4					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
60	Email from Alan O'Sullivan to Forum members, 5 February 2008	Telpol32/ 2	2					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
61	Email from Westbury to Alan O'Sullivan, 15 Jan 2008	Telpol32/ 2	4					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
62	Email from Alan O'Sullivan to Ken Spratt, Patricia Cronin, 21 Dec 2007	Telpol32/ 2	1					Grant		

63	Email from Mary Nolan to Alan O'Sullivan re Fitzwilliam Hotel, 27 December 2007	Telpol32/2	4					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
64	Email from Mary Nolan to Alan O'Sullivan re Westbury Hotel, 19 December 2007	Telpol32/2	4					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
65	Email from Mary Nolan to Alan O'Sullivan re Conrad Hotel, 20 December 2007	Telpol32/2	2					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
66	Email from Westbury Hotel to Alan O'Sullivan, 22 Jan 2008	Telpol32/2	4					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
67	Email from Mary Nolan to Alan O'Sullivan re Westin Hotel, 20 December 2007	Telpol32/2	6					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
68	Email from Ken Spratt to Alan O'Sullivan, 17 December 2007	Telpol32/2	1					Grant		
69	Email from Ken Spratt to Eamonn Confrey, 17 Dec 2007	Telpol32/2	1					Grant		
70	Email from Peter O'Neill to Ken Spratt, Patricia Cronin, 7 Dec 2007	Telpol32/2	1					Grant		
71	Email from Patricia Cronin to Peter O'Neill, 3 Dec 2008	Telpol32/2	2					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted
72	Email from Peter O'Neill to Patricia Cronin, Ken Spratt, 6 Jan 08	Telpol32/2	1					Part-Grant	S. 28 (1)	Personal information deleted



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

20<sup>th</sup> February, 2008

Deputy Simon Coveney,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare St.,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy,

I refer to the Freedom of Information request received in this office on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 along with the associated fee.

The officer handling your request will be Mr. Alan O'Sullivan, Communications (Regulatory Affairs & Postal ) Division, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, 29-31 Adelaide Rd., Dublin 2. He can be contacted at 01 6782705.

A final decision on your request will normally be sent to you within 4 weeks of receipt of your request. This means that you can expect to receive your decision by the 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.

If you have not heard from us when the time allocated has expired, 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.

You should also be aware that you are entitled to a review of the decision if your request is refused, or if you are for any reason dissatisfied with the outcome of your request. The review is a full and new examination of the matter carried out by a more senior member of staff of this Department. In the event that you need to make an appeal, you can do so by writing to Mr. Frank O'Brien, FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd., Cavan. Please note that there is a charge for all appeals of FOI requests. This charge is currently €75.00. A reduced fee of €25.00 applies if you are the holder of a Medical Card.

Please note that the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources has a policy of posting a summary of your request, your name and address and the subsequent reply on the Department's website for reference purposes.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Rabbitte  
FOI Unit  
PH: 01 6782903

**REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS UNDER THE  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1997**

Please address this request to relevant FOI Contact

Please use **BLOCK** letters

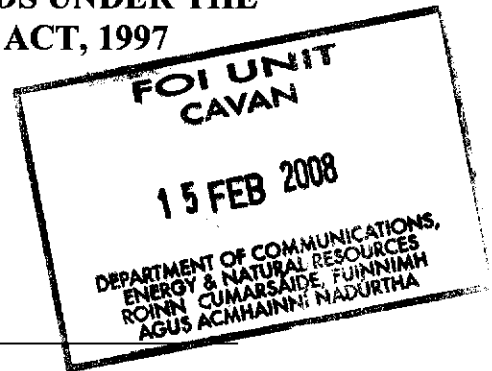
**Details of Applicant**

Surname: Covey TD

First Name: Simon

Postal Address: Fine Gael, Leinster House,  
Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

(PP. Conor Quinn)



Telephone Number(s)

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Home : \_\_\_\_\_

Date FOI request Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Business: (01) 618 3753

Identity Verified: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Consent Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Information**

My preferred form of access is: *(please tick as appropriate)*

to receive copies of the record by post   
other – please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**Details of Request**

In accordance with **Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Act**, I request access to records which are: *(please tick as appropriate)*

Personal  
Non-personal

*In the space provided below, please describe the records as fully as you can. If you are requesting **Personal Information**, please state precisely, in whose name those*

*records are held. You will not normally be given access to personal information of another person unless you have obtained the written consent of that person.*

I request the following records:

All documentation, including communications, relating to the setting up of an International Advisory Forum on Next Generation Broadband Networks by the Department, including but not restricted to, communications to potential and current members of the Forum. Also including, but not restricted to, any discussion about the terms of reference of the skill set required or any guidelines relating to the calibre of members the Department wished to acquire.

Please sign here: Simon Coveney TD Date: 13/02/08