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Dublin 2

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2008/66

Dear Mr O'Brien,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 for records held by this Department concerning incidents of theft within An Post.

I am regret to inform you that records requested cannot be located and that I must therefore refuse your request under section 10(1) (a) of the Acts (a copy of section 10 is enclosed for your reference).

In its search for the records, this Department has tried to use all practical, possible means for finding them. However, it has not found the records, or discovered any indication that they ever existed. In view of the comprehensive but unsuccessful searches, I find that, so far as I am able to determine, the records sought by you do not exist.

You may appeal this decision by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd., Cavan seeking internal review of the matter. Please note, that a fee of €75 applies for such an appeal. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque, and made payable to Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. Please refer to this decision in your letter. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, 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 and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks.

Yours sincerely,



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**To: FOI Unit,
Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources,
Elm House, Earlsvale Road,
Cavan.**

Re: FOI request

Date: December 18, 2008

To whom it may concern:

I wish to apply, under the Freedom of Information Act, for the following:

Any reports, records, paperwork or testimony that has come to the attention of the Department reports concerning incidences of theft at An Post.

By theft, I mean complaints or proven cases of money, valuables, mail, or similar going missing from An Post offices, or not being delivered to intended recipients.

I would appreciate if I could receive hard copies of the documentation involved. I have enclosed the relevant fee for this request, and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Dear Mr O'Brien,

I refer to your FOI request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, received in this office on 22/12/2008 regarding incidences of theft at An Post. The application was received along with the associated fee.

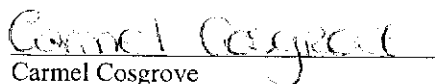
The officer handling your request will be Ms Nuala Free, Communications (Regulatory Affairs & Postal) Division, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, 29-31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Nuala can be contacted on 01 6782705.

You can expect to receive your decision by the 22/01/2009.

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,


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