



Our ref: FOI/50/2004.

Mr. Frank Connolly,
3rd Floor,
Embassy House,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin 4.

9 July 2004

Dear Mr. Connolly,

I refer to the request, which you made to this Department under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested "correspondence between the Department of Communications and the Department of the Taoiseach and the Broadcasting Commission of Ireland on any issue concerning Sky Television, News International or any of publisher Rupert Murdoch's companies over the past five years."

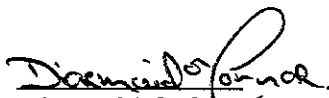
As you are aware I clarified this request with you and we agreed the relevant records as correspondence between this Division and Sky.

I enclose a schedule of the relevant records, which I am releasing to you.

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 Mr. John Wynne, FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2.

The review is a full and new consideration of the matter by a more senior member of staff of this Department. The Act requires that the review be completed within 3 weeks of receipt of such request.

Yours sincerely,


Diarmuid O'Connor
Broadcasting Policy Division

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List of Documents Relevant to Request

No	Date	Document Details	Decision.
1	10/11/03	Letter from Mr. Kevin O’Brien, DCMNR to Mr. Mark Deering, Director of Sky Ireland re Development of Digital Television in Ireland.	Yes
2	26/08/2002	Transcript of contribution made by Mr Mark Deering, Sky at the public meeting on the designation of certain sports events 26 August 2002.	Yes
3	21/08/2002	Submission from Sky Television to the consultation on the designation of events under the Broadcasting (Major Events Television Coverage) Act 1999.	Yes
4	09/08/2002	Note for File by John Larkin, DCMNR re telephone conversation notifying Sky of public meeting on the designation of certain sports events.	Yes
5	26/06/2002	Transcript of contribution made by Mr Mark Deering, Sky at the public session on the forum on broadcasting on 26 June 2002.	Yes