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Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha
Baile Átha Cliath 2.

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

18 February 2009

Mr Aiden Corkery
Political Reporter
Irish Daily Mail
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2009/1

Dear Mr Corkery

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, for records regarding information on every Special Advisor, Economic Advisor, Press Advisor and Programme Manager operating in the Department.

I have made a final decision to your request. Your request for names, assignment and salary details for the aforementioned Advisors has been granted and I attach all relevant information with this letter. Your request for records regarding salary details for 2009 and 10 percent pay cut for the Advisors has been refused under Section 10 (1) (a) of the Act as the records concerned do not exist. If you have any queries regarding this correspondence you can contact me by telephone at the number below.

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.

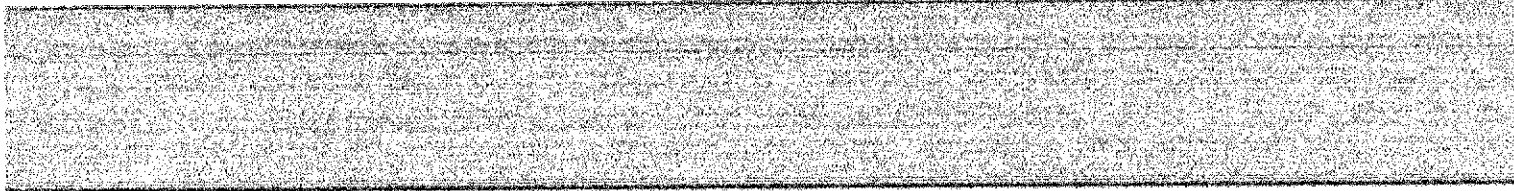
Yours sincerely

Ann Kissane

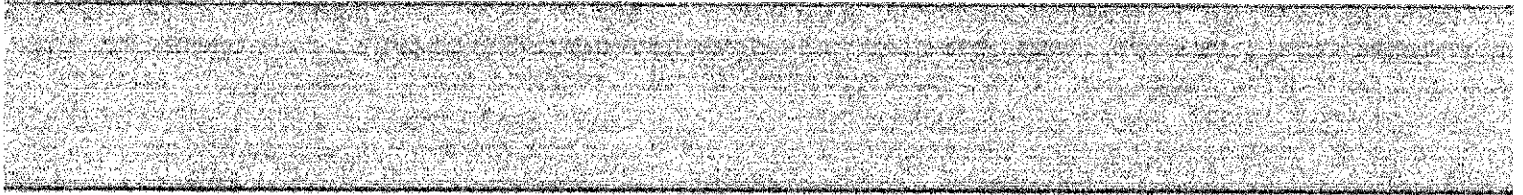
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Name	Title	Salary paid 2008
Morgan Bazilian	Special Adviser to Minister Ryan	€106,627.83
Brid McGrath	Press Adviser to Minister Ryan	€86,004.46
Suzanne Duke	Special Adviser to Minister of State Power	€85,945.96



27/01/2009

Mr Aiden Corkery
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Dear Mr Corkery,

I refer to your FOI request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, received in this office on 22/01/2009 regarding information on every special advisor, economic advisor, press advisor & programme manager operating in the department. 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. Ann can be contacted on 01 6782173

You can expect to receive your decision by the 19/02/2009.

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,

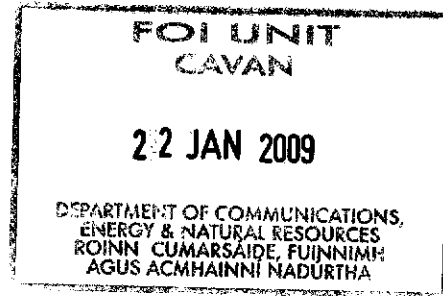

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January 19, 2009

FOI Unit,
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Dear FOI officer,

In accordance with Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003, I wish to request access to the following records which I believe to be held by your Office:

The name and title of every special adviser, economic adviser, press adviser and programme manager operating in your department. I also wish to know to which Cabinet minister or Minister of State they are assigned and the total amount paid to them in salary and bonuses in 2008, as well as the total amount expected to be paid to them in salary and bonuses in 2009.

I also want to know whether each of these advisers has or has not taken a 10 per cent pay cut as suggested by Finance Minister Brian Lenihan during his Budget speech in October.

Kind regards,

Aiden Corkery