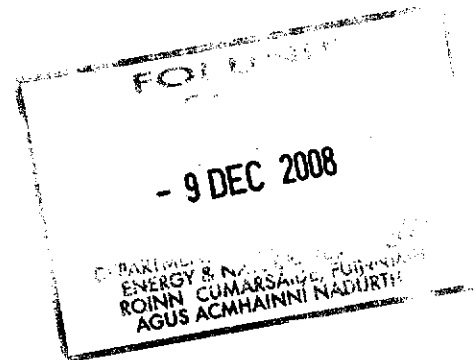


Freedom of Information Unit,  
Elm House,  
Earlsvale Road,  
Cavan.

Irish Daily Star newspaper,  
62a Terenure Road North,  
Dublin 6w.  
December 8, 2008.



To whom it may concern,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I wish to request the following information:

- All copies of recent correspondence (from September 1, 2007) to Minister Eamon Ryan and senior officials from oil companies about plans to make all cars electric by 2020.

I wish to receive the information in printed format. I enclose the appropriate fee of €15.

If you have any queries regarding any details of my request, please feel free to contact me on (086) 3582886 at any stage.

Sincerely,

Kevin Jenkinson.



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

19/12/2008

Mr Kevin Jenkinson  
Irish Daily Star Newspaper  
62a Terenure Road North,  
Dublin 6w,  
Dublin,

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2008/65

Dear Mr Jenkinson,

I refer to your FOI request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, received in this office on 09/12/2008 in relation to records regarding electric cars. The application was received along with the associated fee.

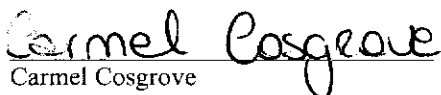
The officer handling your request will be Ms Geraldine Luddy, Renewable & Sustainable Energy Division, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, 29-31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Geraldine can be contacted on 01 6783215

You can expect to receive your decision by the 09/01/2009.

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,

  
Carmel Cosgrove

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

Phone: 01 6782902



A. Nollaig Ó Súilleabháin,  
T. Ó Súilleabháin agus Nollaig Ó Súilleabháin  
Balla Átha Cliath 2.

Department of Communications,  
Energy and Natural Resources,  
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**Our Ref: FOI/2008/65**

22 December 2008

Mr Kevin Jenkinson  
Irish Daily Star Newspaper  
62A Terenure Road North  
Dublin 6W

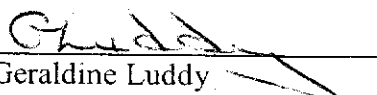
Dear Mr Jenkinson

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 - 2003 for copies of all correspondence from oil companies since 1 September 2007 to Minister Eamon Ryan and senior officials about plans to make all cars electric by 2020.

I have made a final decision to refuse your request of 9 December 2008. This decision is made under Section 10(1)(a) of the FOI Acts on the basis that the records you request do not exist.

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 Frank O'Brien, Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd, Cavan. Please note that there is a charge for all appeals of FOI requests which is currently €75 or €25 for medical card holders. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely

  
Geraldine Luddy  
Sustainable and Renewable Energy Division