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04/06/2010

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

Dear Sir/Madam,


In accordance with Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Act 1997, I wish to request access to the following:



- Copies of records indicating all appointments by the Minister of individuals to organisations under the aegis of the Department and to other outside organisations since April 21, 1998.

The records sought would have the name of the individual, the organisation they were appointed to and the date of their appointment.

Please find enclosed a postal order for €15 to cover the cost of this application. If you need to clarify anything I am contactable at 01 7055717 / 086 8071449 or at sphelan@independent.ie.

Yours Sincerely,


Shane Phelan



14th June, 2010

Mr. Shane Phelan,
Investigative Correspondent,
Irish Independent,
Independent House,
27 - 32 Talbot St.,
Dublin 1.

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2010/28

Dear Mr. Phelan,

I refer to your FOI request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, received in this office on 9th June, 2010 requesting '*copies of records indicating all appointments by the Minister of individuals to organisations under the aegis of the Department and to other outside organisations since April 21, 1998*'. The application was received along with the associated fee.

The officer handling your request will be Mr. John Donohoe, Corporate Governance Division, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd., Cavan. John can be contacted at 01 6783026

You can expect to receive your decision by the 7th July, 2010.

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,



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

Phone: 01 6782903



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

7th July 2010

Mr Shane Phelan
Investigative Correspondent
Irish Independent
Independent House
27-32 Talbot Street
Dublin 1

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2010/28

Dear Mr. Phelan,

I refer to your request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts: 1997 and 2003, received in the Department on 9th June 2010 requesting copies of records indicating all appointments by the Minister of individuals to organisations under the aegis of the Department and to other outside organisations since 21 April 1998.

I also refer to our phone conversation wherein I clarified that your request was to be interpreted to refer only to Ministerial Appointments to bodies under the aegis of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources at the time of your request, and would not encompass details of appointments to bodies which may have been under the aegis of the Department in the past and are now under the aegis of another government department.

In relation to your request, I have made a final decision to grant your request. The table attached to this letter, sets out the relevant details up to September 2007. As details of Ministerial Appointments to bodies under the aegis of this Department since September 2007 are publicly available on the website www.egovernance.ie, they are not included in the table attached.

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.

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Earls Vale Road
Cavan

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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.

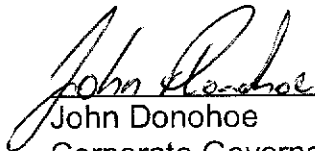
If claiming a reduced application fee, the request must also be accompanied by

- 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,



John Donohoe

Corporate Governance Unit
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources,
Elm House, Earlsvale Road,
Cavan,
Co Cavan

Phone: 01 – 6783026

Organisation	Board Member	Date of First Appointment
An Post	Patrick Compton	01 November 1992
An Post	Patrick Davoren	01 November 1992
An Post	Jerry Condon	01 November 1996
An Post	Alice O' Flynn	21 May 1997
An Post	Margaret McGinley	13 November 1997
An Post	Peter Wyer	05 December 1997
An Post	Peter Wyer	05 December 1997
An Post	Bernard Bradley	01 January 1998
An Post	John A. Lally	23 July 1998
An Post	Evanne Kilmurray	17 December 1999
An Post	Eugene Keenan	01 November 2000
An Post	Shay Martin	01 November 2000
An Post	James Alan Sloane	01 January 2001
An Post	Stephen O'Connor	18 January 2001
An Post	John Hynes	26 March 2001
An Post	Paul Kavanagh	27 May 2002
An Post	Cathy Herbert	04 February 2003
An Post	John Quinlivan	09 May 2003
An Post	Donal Curtin	14 July 2003
An Post	James Hyland	11 December 2003
An Post	James Alan Sloane	01 January 2004
An Post	Thomas Devlin	01 November 2004
An Post	Terry Kelleher	01 November 2004
An Post	Louise English	01 June 2005
An Post	Ciara Hurley	03 April 2006
An Post	Brian McConnell	03 April 2006
An Post	Donal Connell	14 August 2006
Bord Gais Eireann	Michael O'Riordan	19 February 1998
Bord Gais Eireann	Tony Kenna	29 July 1998
Bord Gais Eireann	Michael Conlon	10 November 1999
Bord Gais Eireann	Gerry Walsh	03 October 2000
Bord Gais Eireann	Ed O'Connell	09 November 2001
Bord Gais Eireann	Gene Fitzgerald	13 March 2002
Bord Gais Eireann	Prionsias J. Kitt	17 April 2002
Bord Gais Eireann	Frances Ruane	07 May 2002
Bord Gais Eireann	Pearse O'Hanrahan	19 December 2002
Bord Gais Eireann	Tom Donlon	26 March 2003
Bord Gais Eireann	Aidan Eames	03 March 2004
Bord Gais Eireann	Ross Hynes	21 June 2006
Bord Gais Eireann	Elaine O'Donovan	21 June 2006
Bord na Mona	Pat McEvoy	01 January 1995
Bord na Mona	P.J. Minogue	01 January 1995
Bord na Mona	Peter J. Coghill	16 December 1997
Bord na Mona	Con Stokes	01 January 1999
Bord na Mona	Paddy Fox	01 January 1999
Bord na Mona	Paddy Hughes	01 December 1999
Bord na Mona	Brian McCormack	06 April 2000
Bord na Mona	Peter Malone	24 October 2000
Bord na Mona	John Hourican	01 January 2001
Bord na Mona	Donagh O'Donoghue	09 October 2001
Bord na Mona	Rory M. Scanlon	27 May 2002
Bord na Mona	Fergus McArdle	13 November 2002
Bord na Mona	Paschal Campbell	13 November 2002
Bord na Mona	Johanna Downes	13 November 2002
Bord na Mona	Paddy Rowland	01 January 2003
Bord na Mona	Anne Heraty	28 September 2004
Bord na Mona	Gabriel Cribbin	09 September 2005
Bord na Mona	Pam Kearney	09 September 2005
Bord na Mona	Pauge Bennett	01 January 2007
Bord na Mona	Pat Kane	01 January 2007
Central Fisheries Board	Lal Faherty	24 January 2000
Central Fisheries Board	Jimmy King	24 January 2000
Central Fisheries Board	Marion Corcoran	24 January 2000
Central Fisheries Board	Paddy Byrne	24 January 2000
Central Fisheries Board	Eamon Cusack	24 January 2000
Central Fisheries Board	Paula Carroll	20 June 2000
Central Fisheries Board	David Mackey	24 June 2005
Central Fisheries Board	Mary Bohan	27 June 2005
Central Fisheries Board	Eamon de Buileir	27 June 2005
Central Fisheries Board	Naul McCole	27 June 2005
Central Fisheries Board	John Henry Mc Laughlin	27 June 2005

Organisation	Board Member	Date of First Appointment
Commission for Communications Regulation (Comreg)	Isolde Goggin	02 January 2003
Commission for Communications Regulation (Comreg)	John Doherty	02 January 2003
Commission for Communications Regulation (Comreg)	Mike Byrne	01 December 2004
Commission for Energy Regulation (CER)	Tom Reeves	08 September 1999
Commission for Energy Regulation (CER)	Michael Tutty	13 October 2004
Commission for Energy Regulation (CER)	Regina Fian	01 February 2005
Eastern Regional Fisheries Board	Betty Hayes	01 September 1999
Eastern Regional Fisheries Board	Des Taylor	01 January 2000
Eastern Regional Fisheries Board	Karin Dubsy	20 March 2000
Eastern Regional Fisheries Board	Carmel Lynn	22 June 2000
Eastern Regional Fisheries Board	John Higgins	22 June 2000
Eastern Regional Fisheries Board	Mary Kelly Quinn	22 June 2000
Eastern Regional Fisheries Board	Patrick Kelly	22 June 2000
Eastern Regional Fisheries Board	Eleanor Mayes	22 June 2000
Eastern Regional Fisheries Board	Kevin O'Brien	22 June 2000
Eastern Regional Fisheries Board	Anne Farrell	22 June 2000
Eastern Regional Fisheries Board	Michael Joyce	12 June 2007
Eirgrid	Prof Eddie O'Kelly	20 March 2001
Eirgrid	Emer Daly	20 March 2001
Eirgrid	David Mackey	20 March 2001
Eirgrid	John Ronaghan	20 March 2001
Eirgrid	Eamonn Cahill	20 March 2001
Eirgrid	Daniel Tierny	20 March 2001
Eirgrid	Maurice Holly	20 March 2001
Eirgrid	Martina Mckney	15 September 2004
Eirgrid	Dermot Byrne	04 July 2005
Eirgrid	Bernie Gray	08 September 2005
Eirgrid	William Egerton	25 April 2006
Eirgrid	Jane Williams	25 April 2006
Eirgrid	Cormac MacDonnachadha	08 December 2006
ESB	John McGinley	01 January 1995
ESB	Ken O'Hara	25 November 1997
ESB	Sean Geraghty	01 January 1999
ESB	Pat Smith	01 January 1999
ESB	Georgina Kenny	11 April 2000
ESB	Tadhg O'Donoghue	06 September 2000
ESB	Eoin Fahy	22 January 2001
ESB	Padraig McManus	17 February 2002
ESB	William McKee	30 May 2002
ESB	Derry O'Donovan	30 May 2002
ESB	Anne Taylor	30 May 2002
ESB	Joseph LaCumbre	01 January 2003
ESB	Eamonn Connolly	01 January 2003
ESB	Bernard Byrne	01 September 2004
ESB	Seamus Mallon	21 February 2006
ESB	Bobby Yeates	01 January 2007
ESB	John Coleman	01 January 2007
ESB	John Nugent	01 January 2007
ESB	Tony Merriman	01 January 2007
ESB	Garry Keegan	06 June 2007
Irish National Petroleum Corporation (INPC)	Sean Fitzgerald	21 May 1998
Irish National Petroleum Corporation (INPC)	Gene Fitzgerald	21 May 1998
Irish National Petroleum Corporation (INPC)	Paddy Power	01 June 1998
Irish National Petroleum Corporation (INPC)	Denis Murphy	04 June 1999
Irish National Petroleum Corporation (INPC)	Patrick Fenton	04 June 1999
Irish National Petroleum Corporation (INPC)	Edmund O'Connell	22 June 2001
Irish National Petroleum Corporation (INPC)	Peter O'Neil	14 November 2001
Irish National Petroleum Corporation (INPC)	Vincent Caffrey	26 September 2003
Irish National Petroleum Corporation (INPC)	Seamus O'Scollain	25 September 2003
Irish National Petroleum Corporation (INPC)	Mary Austin	25 September 2003
Irish National Petroleum Corporation (INPC)	Aidan Donnelly	01 March 2004
Loughs Agency	Jack Allen	13 December 1999
Loughs Agency	Francis Feeley	13 December 1999
Loughs Agency	Dick Blackiston-Houston	13 December 1999
Loughs Agency	Patrick J. Griffin	13 December 1999
Loughs Agency	Siobhán Logue	13 December 1999
Loughs Agency	Joseph Martin	13 December 1999
Loughs Agency	Peter Savage	13 December 1999
Loughs Agency	Andrew Ward	13 December 1999
Loughs Agency	Keith Anderson	13 December 2002
Loughs Agency	Lord Cooke of Islandreagh	13 December 2002
Loughs Agency	Jacqui McConville	13 December 2002
Loughs Agency	Tarlach O'Crosain	13 December 2002
Loughs Agency	Francis Feeley	13 December 2002

Organisation	Board Member	Date of First Appointment
Mining Board	Sean McDermott	04 September 1999
Mining Board	John Shackleton	04 September 1999
Mining Board	Philip O'Brien	21 July 2003
Mining Board	Eoin O'buachalla	04 December 2003
Mining Board	Clair Reidy	15 September 2006
NORA	Gene Fitzgerald	31 March 1995
NORA	Mary Austin	28 September 2000
NORA	Vincent Caffrey	09 November 2000
NORA	Sean Fitzgerald	25 September 2003
NORA	Aidan Donnelly	25 March 2004
North Western Regional Fisheries Board	Cllr Jimmy Maloney	02 March 2001
North Western Regional Fisheries Board	Brendan O'Mahony	02 June 2002
North Western Regional Fisheries Board	Ann Geary	02 June 2002
North Western Regional Fisheries Board	Ann Campbell	02 June 2002
North Western Regional Fisheries Board	Mary Gallagher McBride	02 June 2002
North Western Regional Fisheries Board	Cllr Tony Ferguson	02 June 2002
North Western Regional Fisheries Board	Padraig Traynor	02 June 2002
North Western Regional Fisheries Board	Mary Hensey	02 June 2002
Northern Regional Fisheries Board	Patrick Sweeney	07 June 2000
Northern Regional Fisheries Board	Matt Caulfield	07 June 2000
Northern Regional Fisheries Board	Maeve Quinn	07 June 2000
Northern Regional Fisheries Board	Caroline Connolly	07 June 2000
Northern Regional Fisheries Board	John Henry McLaughlin	07 June 2000
Northern Regional Fisheries Board	Paddy Boyle	07 June 2000
Northern Regional Fisheries Board	Joan Kelly	07 June 2000
Northern Regional Fisheries Board	Cllr. Peter Kennedy	07 June 2000
Northern Regional Fisheries Board	Kieran Lynch	07 June 2000
Northern Regional Fisheries Board	Billy Grimes	01 July 2003
Northern Regional Fisheries Board	Cllr. Enda Bonnor	31 December 2005
Northern Regional Fisheries Board	Cllr. Jerry Lundy	13 December 2006
RTE	Stephen O'Byrne	01 June 2000
RTE	Patrick Wright	01 June 2000
RTE	Joe Barry	01 June 2000
RTE	Maura Hayes	01 June 2000
RTE	Dr Mary Peters, CBE	01 June 2000
RTE	Mary Finian	21 June 2000
RTE	Anne Doyle	27 June 2000
RTE	Patrick Marron	03 July 2001
RTE	Patrick Marron	03 November 2001
RTE	Des Geraghty	22 October 2002
RTE	Finlan Drury	21 June 2005
RTE	Maria Killian	21 June 2005
RTE	Patricia King	21 June 2005
RTE	Ian Malcolm	21 June 2005
RTE	Una NiChonaire	21 June 2005
RTE	Emer Finnian	14 September 2005
RTE	Joe O'Brien	14 September 2005
Shannon Regional Fisheries Board	Declan Quigley	14 June 2000
Shannon Regional Fisheries Board	Mary Conry-Kennedy	14 June 2000
Shannon Regional Fisheries Board	Peg Ward	14 June 2000
Shannon Regional Fisheries Board	Breege Murray	14 June 2000
Shannon Regional Fisheries Board	Paddy Mackey	14 June 2000
Shannon Regional Fisheries Board	Cllr Mary Bohan	14 June 2000
Shannon Regional Fisheries Board	Seamus McDermott	14 June 2000
Shannon Regional Fisheries Board	Kevin Duffy	01 December 2005
South Western Fisheries Board	Mary Buwala	04 July 2000
South Western Fisheries Board	James Doyle	04 July 2000
South Western Fisheries Board	John Harrington	04 July 2000
South Western Fisheries Board	John Lucey	04 July 2000
South Western Fisheries Board	Mary O'Connor	04 July 2000
South Western Fisheries Board	Ellen Mary Fitzgerald	04 July 2000
South Western Fisheries Board	John Harte	04 July 2000
South Western Fisheries Board	Annette McNamara	04 July 2000
Southern Regional Fisheries Board	Cllr Robert Aylward	01 June 2000
Southern Regional Fisheries Board	John Condon	01 June 2000
Southern Regional Fisheries Board	Mary Ferns	01 June 2000
Southern Regional Fisheries Board	Ruth Nolan	01 June 2000
Southern Regional Fisheries Board	Noeleen Byrne	01 June 2000
Southern Regional Fisheries Board	Michael Fanning	01 June 2000
Southern Regional Fisheries Board	Ann Gibbons	01 June 2000

Organisation	Board Member	Date of First Appointment
Sustainable Energy Ireland	Prof. Frank Convery	01 May 2002
Sustainable Energy Ireland	David Taylor	01 May 2002
Sustainable Energy Ireland	Claire O'Connor	01 May 2002
Sustainable Energy Ireland	Gerry Cahill	01 May 2002
Sustainable Energy Ireland	John McMullen	01 May 2002
Sustainable Energy Ireland	Bill Flood	01 May 2002
Sustainable Energy Ireland	Vicky Heslop	01 May 2002
Sustainable Energy Ireland	Michael Nicholson	01 May 2002
Sustainable Energy Ireland	David Naughton	01 May 2002
Sustainable Energy Ireland	John Buckley	01 May 2002
Sustainable Energy Ireland	Pat O'Malley	01 May 2002
Sustainable Energy Ireland	Tom Kennington	01 May 2002
Sustainable Energy Ireland	Martin Finucane	24 October 2003
Sustainable Energy Ireland	Eileen Gleeson	01 September 2005
Sustainable Energy Ireland	Eileen Gleeson	01 September 2005
Sustainable Energy Ireland	Joe Harford	19 September 2006
Sustainable Energy Ireland	Juan O'Connor	19 September 2006
TG4	Peter Quinn	1 April 2007
TG4	Joe Connolly	1 April 2007
TG4	Padraig MacDonnacha	1 April 2007
TG4	Eilís Ní Chonghaile	1 April 2007
TG4	Méabh Mhic Ghairebheith	1 April 2007
TG4	Méadhbh Nic an Aírchinnigh	1 April 2007
TG4	Brid Ní Neachtáin	1 April 2007
TG4	Feargal Ó Sé	1 April 2007
TG4	Regina Culliton	1 April 2007
The Digital Hub	William Burgess	21 July 2003
The Digital Hub	Philip Flynn	21 July 2003
The Digital Hub	Don Thornhill	21 July 2003
The Digital Hub	Dan Flinter	21 July 2003
The Digital Hub	John Fitzgerald	21 July 2003
The Digital Hub	Sean Dorgan	21 July 2003
The Digital Hub	Paul Kavanagh	21 July 2003
The Digital Hub	Peter Cassels	21 July 2003
The Digital Hub	Jackie Hamson	21 July 2003
The Digital Hub	Paul McGuinness	21 July 2003
The Digital Hub	Sean Dorgan	21 July 2003
The Digital Hub	Joe Murphy	29 September 2004
The Digital Hub	Attracta McMullin	27 January 2006
The Digital Hub	Jack Fagan	27 January 2006
The Digital Hub	John Tierney	06 November 2006
The Digital Hub	Frank Ryan	06 November 2006
The Digital Hub	James Boylan	06 November 2006
The Digital Hub	Michael Kelly	06 November 2006
The Digital Hub	Ruth McPartlan	06 November 2006
The Digital Hub	Helen Keehan	06 November 2006
The Digital Hub	Joyce O'Connor	23 November 2006
The Digital Hub	Rosemarie Gunne	28 November 2006
The Digital Hub	Alice Davis	09 August 2007
Western Fisheries Board	Helen Moynihan	01 January 2000
Western Fisheries Board	Grainne McConnell	01 January 2000
Western Fisheries Board	Dr Mary Muircheartaigh	01 January 2000
Western Fisheries Board	Marie O'Connor	01 January 2000
Western Fisheries Board	Dr Jimmy Dunne	01 January 2000
Western Fisheries Board	Tomas Browne	01 January 2000
Western Fisheries Board	Ruadhri DeBarra	01 January 2000
Western Fisheries Board	Ald Michael Leahy	01 January 2000