

16 May 2010

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

Dear Sir/Madam

Under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts I seek copies of the following records:¹

1. Copies of all complaints, comments, observations or otherwise received by the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources or any official in the Department Communications, Energy and Natural Resources about the current arrangements for the television broadcasting of Heineken Cup rugby matches or Six Nations Rugby matches.

This request applies to records held by the Minister in his capacity as Minister and as elected TD for the Dublin South constituency.

All personal information should, of course, be deleted from these records.

2. Copies of all records held by the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources relating to the proposed exclusive Free-to-Air broadcast of Heineken Cup rugby matches or Six Nations Rugby matches.

I enclose the required €15 fee for this request.

Yours faithfully



¹ In accordance with the FOI Acts I means records to be: all documents, notes, papers, emails, post-its, transcripts of phone calls, or any other record whatsoever.

20/05/2010

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FOI Request Reference: FOI/2010/20

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your FOI request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, received in this office on 18/05/2010 requesting information regarding complaints or observations about the current arrangements for the television broadcasting of Heineken Cup rugby matches or Six Nations Rugby matches. The application was received along with the associated fee.

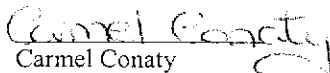
The officer handling your request will be Mr Joe Meleady, Broadcasting Policy Division, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, 29-31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2. Joe can be contacted on 01 6783094.

You can expect to receive your decision by the 16/06/2010.

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,


Carmel Conaty

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Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
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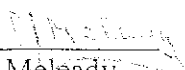
Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your F.O.I request under section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003 received in this Department on 18 May, 2010 requesting information regarding complaints or observations about the current arrangements for the television broadcasting of Heineken Cup rugby matches or Six Nations Rugby matches.

A review, in accordance with section 173 of the Broadcasting Act, 2009 incorporating a public consultation process during which submissions were invited from members of the public on the existing list of designated events and the possible designation of additional events was initiated in 2009. Submissions received from members of the public as well as interested bodies during this initial phase of the review process are available on the Department's website at www.dcc.ie. ie. Submissions received in 2010 during the current statutory consultation process will be made available on the Department's website in due course but are withheld under section 20 of the Freedom of Information Act which provides for the withholding of records which contain matter relating to the deliberative process of the Department.

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 Ms. Carmel Conaty, F.O.I Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan.

Yours sincerely,


J. Meleady.

Broadcasting Policy Division.

June 2010.