



Email:

Phones:

Monday, 10 November 2008

The Freedom of Information Officer

Department of Communications, ^{Enterprise} Enterprise and Natural Resources

29-31 Adelaide Rd

Dublin 2

Dear Sir/Ms,

I wish to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act for the following documents:

All documents concerning representations made by RTE in connection with programmes.

I enclose a cheque for €15 in this connection.

If you have any queries concerning this please contact me at the phone numbers above or at the email address cited above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Vincent Browne'.

Vincent Browne

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

18th November, 2008

Mr Vincent Browne

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2008/57a
FOI/2008/57b

Dear Mr Browne,

I refer to your FOI requests under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, received in this office on 13th November, 2008, in total I received 4 requests from you (see attached) and a corresponding payment for each request. As advised, under FOI the requestor has the option of asking numerous questions and the maximum 'up-front' fee that maybe charged is €15.00. I have accepted your requests as a single request and your request has been assigned to the appropriate decision-makers within the Department. I am returning 3 cheques marked cancelled.

As discussed your request for records 'concerning representations made by RTE for a licence fee increase from 2004 to date' has been answered in previous requests and I have sent them to you by email, if you have queries in relation to this please contact me.

Your request 'concerning representations made by RTE in connection with programmes' has been assigned to Mr. Diarmuid O'Connor, Broadcasting Policy Division, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, 29 - 31 Adelaide Rd., Dublin 2.(Ref No. FOI/2008/57a) and your request for all documents 'concerning broadband coverage throughout Ireland' has been assigned to Ms. Marian Salmon, Communications Development Division, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, 29 - 31 Adelaide Rd., Dublin 2(Ref. No. FOI/2008/57b). This request was received in duplicate, please see attached.

You can expect to receive your decision by the 11th December, 2008.

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

Phone: 01 6782903



Our Ref: FOI/0057a/2008

15 December 2008

Dear Mr Browne

I refer to your freedom of information request (reference number FOI/0057a/2008) received in this Department on 13 November 2008.

Your request is as follows:

"All documents concerning representations made by RTÉ in connection with programmes".

With regard to your request, I have not identified any relevant records.

If you have any queries in respect of this reply, please ring me at 01 6783095.

If you are not satisfied with this reply, you have the right to appeal this decision. Should you wish to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to Mr Frank O'Brien, FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan. The appeal is a full and new examination of the matter carried out by a senior member of staff of this Department. Should you want to make such an appeal, please do so in writing, within four weeks.

Yours sincerely

Diarmuid O'Connor
Broadcasting Policy Division