

Record No 5

**Mary Rabbitte**

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**From:** Patricia Cronin  
**Sent:** 10 September 2009 17:16  
**To:** Carmel Cosgrove  
**Cc:** Ann Kissane  
**Subject:** FW: Ken Foxe FOI Request  
**Attachments:** Ken Foxe Noels Dempseys March 2007 trip.pdf

Carmel

Ann Kissane will look after this FOI.

Rgds

Patricia

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**From:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 09 September 2009 15:31  
**To:** Patricia Cronin  
**Cc:** Ciara Bates  
**Subject:** Ken Foxe FOI Request

Hi Patricia,  
Please see attached FOI Request which we received in the FOI Unit today. Can you confirm that this is for your area, and if so, could you please nominate a Decision Maker to deal with the request.

Kind Regards,

*Carmel Cosgrove*  
FOI Unit  
Department of Communications,  
Energy & Natural Resources  
Elm House  
Cavan

☎ 01 678 2902

Ken Foxe

The Sunday Tribune

Independent House

27-32 Talbot Street

Dublin 1

Dear Sir/Madam,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am seeking details of all costs associated with a trip in March 2007 by the Minister Noel Dempsey to Texas.

I am seeking a detailed itinerary, a list of passengers and a list of all costs.

In each case, I am seeking actual copies of all bills: hotels, flights, restaurant expenses, subsistence claims, gifts, transport costs and any other expense incurred on the trip.

I enclose a cheque for €15 and should you have any queries I can be contacted at [kfoxe@tribune.ie](mailto:kfoxe@tribune.ie) or on my mobile at 086-8339259.

Yours sincerely,



Ken Foxe

Public Affairs Correspondent, the Sunday Tribune

FOI UNIT  
CAVAN

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS,  
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES  
ROINN CUMARSAIDE, FUINNIMH  
AGUS ACMHAINNÍ NADURTHA

## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 10 September 2009 17:32  
**To:** Ann Kissane  
**Cc:** Mary Rabbitte  
**Subject:** Ken Foxe FOI Request  
**Attachments:** Ken Foxe Noels Dempseys March 2007 trip.pdf

Hi Ann,  
I have assigned this FOI request to yourself on the inquire system. The department received a similar request last year FOI/14/2008; you can view this request and reply at the link below:

<http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/Corporate+Units/Freedom+of+Information/2008/February+2008.htm>

Kind Regards,  
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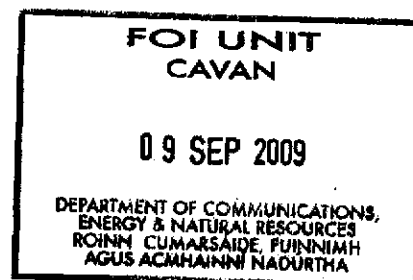
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**Sent:** 21 September 2009 15:01  
**To:** Ann Kissane  
**Subject:** FOI/2009/22, FOI/2009/24, FOI/2009/31 Update for MC report

Hi Ann,

Regarding the requests listed above, I would be grateful if you would give me an update, I require the update for the MC report.

Kind Regards  
Mary

*Mary Rabbitte,  
FOI Unit,  
DCENR,  
Elm House,  
Earlsvale Rd.,  
Cavan.  
01 6782903*

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**Mary Rabbitte**

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**From:** Ann Kissane  
**Sent:** 21 September 2009 17:07  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Subject:** RE: FOI/2009/22, FOI/2009/24, FOI/2009/31 Update for MC report

Hi Mary

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Regards

Ann

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DCENR,  
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Cavan.  
01 6782903*

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## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** Ann Kissane  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 28 September 2009 09:58  
**Subject:** Read: RE: FOI/2009/22, FOI/2009/24, FOI/2009/31 Update for MC report

Your message

**To:** Ann Kissane  
**Subject:** RE: FOI/2009/22, FOI/2009/24, FOI/2009/31 Update for MC report  
**Sent:** 25/09/2009 17:43

was read on 28/09/2009 09:58.

**Mary Rabbitte**

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**From:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 28 September 2009 12:29  
**To:** Ann Kissane  
**Subject:** RE: FOI/2009/22, FOI/2009/24, FOI/2009/31 Update for MC report

Hi Ann,

Thanks for the update.

Regards  
Mary

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**From:** Ann Kissane  
**Sent:** 28 September 2009 10:33  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Subject:** RE: FOI/2009/22, FOI/2009/24, FOI/2009/31 Update for MC report

Hi Mary

- Decision on 22/2009 issued on 23/2009
- Decision on 24/2009 will issue today
- I am examining records for 31/2009 and expect to make decision this week
- I am also Deciding Officer on 33/2009 received on 17/9 & have requested relevant records from Minister's Office & Accounts. I will be contacting the requestor this week regarding search and retrieval fees when I have an estimate of the time involved.

Regards

Ann

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**From:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 25 September 2009 17:43  
**To:** Ann Kissane  
**Subject:** RE: FOI/2009/22, FOI/2009/24, FOI/2009/31 Update for MC report

Hi Ann,

I'm updating the FOI report for the MC meeting, would appreciate if you would give me an update for this week (w/e 25/09/2009) for the requests listed above.

Regards  
Mary

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**Subject:** RE: FOI/2009/22, FOI/2009/24, FOI/2009/31 Update for MC report

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## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** Ann Kissane  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 21 September 2009 15:02  
**Subject:** Read: FOI/2009/22, FOI/2009/24, FOI/2009/31 Update for MC report

Your message

**To:** Ann Kissane  
**Subject:** FOI/2009/22, FOI/2009/24, FOI/2009/31 Update for MC report  
**Sent:** 21/09/2009 15:01

was read on 21/09/2009 15:02.

**Mary Rabbitte**

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**From:** Ann Kissane  
**Sent:** 06 October 2009 09:25  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Subject:** RE: RE FOI/2009/24, FOI/2009/31, FOI/2009/33

Hi Mary

Decision on FOI 24/2009 issued on 29/09 – part granted

I am currently doing up Schedule of Records for FOI 31/2009 and awaiting further record from Accounts. I hope to be in position to issue this decision today.

A letter issued on 1 October to requestor of FOI 33/2009 for deposit of €142.46 for estimated search & retrieval fees of €712.30. I have not received reply to date.

Regards

Ann

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**From:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 05 October 2009 18:03  
**To:** Ann Kissane  
**Subject:** RE FOI/2009/24, FOI/2009/31, FOI/2009/33

Hi Ann,

I'm updating the FOI report for MC, would appreciate if you would give me an update on the requests listed above.

Kind Regards  
Mary

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FOI Unit,  
DCENR,  
Elm House,  
Earlsvale Rd.,  
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01 6782903*

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## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** Ann Kissane  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 06 October 2009 09:14  
**Subject:** Read: RE FOI/2009/24, FOI/2009/31, FOI/2009/33

Your message

**To:** Ann Kissane  
**Subject:** RE FOI/2009/24, FOI/2009/31, FOI/2009/33  
**Sent:** 05/10/2009 18:03

was read on 06/10/2009 09:14.

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**Mary Rabbitte**

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**From:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 17 September 2009 12:10  
**To:** 'Margaret\_McCormack@entemp.ie'; 'FOI\_Unit@entemp.ie'  
**Cc:** Carmel Cosgrove  
**Subject:** FOI request Shane Phelan  
**Attachments:** Shane Phelan request.pdf

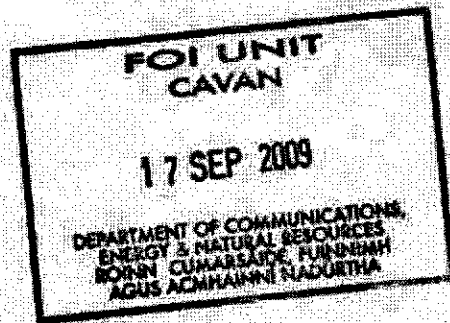
Hi Margaret,

I have attached an FOI request regarding Minister's expenses which we received this morning, can you check if other Departments have received a similar request.

Regards  
Mary

*Mary Rabbitte,  
FOI Unit,  
DCENR,  
Elm House,  
Earlsvale Rd.,  
Cavan.  
01 6782903*

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Shane Phelan  
Investigative Correspondent,  
Irish Independent,  
Independent House,  
27-32 Talbot St,  
Dublin 1.  
15/09/2009

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 costs incurred during international travel by the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources from June 1, 2007 to August 31, 2009.

The records sought would include:

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- records indicating the membership of each travelling party

To be clear, I am not seeking a table simply listing expenses incurred. I am seeking photocopies of individual documents/records/receipts associated with each instance of expenditure.

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](mailto:sphelan@independent.ie).

Yours Sincerely,

  
Shane Phelan

## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** Margaret\_McCormack@entemp.ie  
**Sent:** 17 September 2009 12:44  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Subject:** FOI request Shane Phelan

### Return Receipt

Your document: FOI request Shane Phelan

was received by: Margaret McCormack/entemp

at: 17/09/2009 12:38:24 PM

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## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** geraldine\_fitzpatrick@entemp.ie  
**Sent:** 17 September 2009 12:22  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Subject:** FOI request Shane Phelan

### Return Receipt

Your document: FOI request Shane Phelan  
was received by: Geraldine Fitzpatrick/entemp  
at: 17/09/2009 12:16:39 PM

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## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** Patricia Cronin  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 17 September 2009 12:40  
**Subject:** Read: FOI Request Shane Phelan ID No.

Your message

**To:** Patricia Cronin  
**Subject:** FOI Request Shane Phelan ID No.  
**Sent:** 17/09/2009 12:27

was read on 17/09/2009 12:40.

**Mary Rabbitte**

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**Sent:** 17 September 2009 12:27  
**To:** Patricia Cronin  
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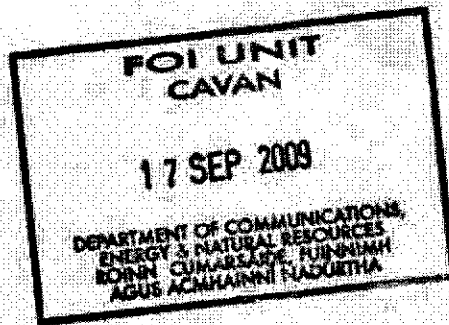
Hi Patricia,

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Kind Regards  
Mary

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DCENR,  
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Earlsvale Rd.,  
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**From:** Patricia Cronin  
**Sent:** 22 September 2009 16:35  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Cc:** Ann Kissane  
**Subject:** RE: FOI Request Shane Phelan ID No.

Mary

Ann Kissane will handle this request.

Rgds

Patricia

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## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** Ann Kissane  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 24 September 2009 13:04  
**Subject:** Read: Template for deposit request letter.

Your message

**To:** Ann Kissane  
**Subject:** Template for deposit request letter.  
**Sent:** 24/09/2009 10:39

was read on 24/09/2009 13:04.

## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 24 September 2009 10:39  
**To:** Ann Kissane  
**Subject:** Template for deposit request letter.  
**Attachments:** Request deposit .doc

**Tracking:**

Recipient	Read
Ann Kissane	Read: 24/09/2009 13:04
Carmel Cosgrove	

Hi Ann,

For your information I have attached the template for the 'deposit request' letter.

Regards  
Mary

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DCENR,  
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/09/2009

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2009/

Dear,

I refer to your FOI request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, received in this office on in relation to

Section 47 of the FOI Acts provides for the recoupment by the department of certain costs associated with FOI requests. Having considered your request it has been estimated that the services of [x] staff member(s) will be the minimum required to efficiently complete the 'search and retrieval' and other costs associated with your request. The table beneath outlines the estimated cost to process your request.

	Rate	Quantity	Line Total
Search & Retrieval	€20.95 per hour	0.00	€0.00
Photocopy	€0.04 per page	0.00	€0.00
Floppy Disk	€0.51 per unit	0.00	€0.00
CD ROM	€10.16 per unit	0.00	€0.00
Radiograph	€6.35 per unit	0.00	€0.00
		<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>€0.00</b>
		<b>Estimated Deposit</b>	<b>€0.00</b>

Where the total fee for the 'search and retrieval' process exceeds €50.79, the Acts require that you are sent a formal estimate and request payment of the Deposit amount stated above. A Bank Draft, Money Order, cheque or postal order in this amount made payable to the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, should be forwarded to the FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd, Cavan, Co Cavan at the earliest opportunity.

The 'search and retrieval' work to be carried out will not commence until the deposit has been received. This notice suspends the deadline for a final decision on your request for access to the documents. The suspension of the deadline will be lifted if and when the deposit is received.

Please note that a refund will be provided if the actual costs for the 'Search and retrieval' process, are less than the estimate provided but you will be asked for any balance that occurs between the actual cost and the estimate if applicable.

If we have not received the deposit within 8 weeks of the date of this letter, it will be understood that you are no longer interested in pursuing this request and your request will be deemed to be withdrawn.

Please note that this does not affect your rights under the FOI Acts to pursue your request after that time.

If you wish to explore possible amendments to your request which might reduce or eliminate the fee in this matter, please contact the FOI Unit. You may appeal the decision to impose the stated fee. This appeal can be made in writing to the FOI Unit. It would assist if your letter of appeal referred to the present letter and stated the reasons for your appeal.

Yours sincerely,

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Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

Phone: 01 678

**Mary Rabbitte**

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**Mary Rabbitte**

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**From:** geraldine\_fitzpatrick@entemp.ie on behalf of FOI\_Unit@entemp.ie  
**Sent:** 29 September 2009 18:00  
**To:** CSUN@entemp.ie  
**Subject:** FOI request Ministerial expenses incurred during internat. travel - Update?

To: Members of the FOI Civil Service Users Network

This Department is considering how best to progress the FOI request from Shane Phelan, Irish Independent on ministerial expenses incurred during international travel. Following discussions with our Finance Unit, it would appear that, as currently worded, the request would attract a significant 'search and retrieval' fee. While a formal estimate has not yet been provided to the requester, he was offered an opportunity over the phone to refine his request and when he declined that offer he was advised that it was likely that a significant fee would be charged. He indicated that he was prepared to appeal any such fee.

I would appreciate if you would advise as to how this request is being dealt with in your Department. Has a 'Search and Retrieval' fee been requested yet?

Geraldine Fitzpatrick  
CSUN

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**Sent:** 05/10/2009 18:03

was read on 06/10/2009 09:14.

**Record No 7****Mary Rabbitte**

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**From:** Frank.O'Brien  
**Sent:** 07 September 2009 15:42  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Subject:** RE: FOI

Carmel,

Send the link below to Mr. Byrne and advise that if he clicks on it he should be able to access the material. Let him know that we are looking into the reason why he could not access the material in the usual way with a view to resolving the issue.

Thanks

Frank


<http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/Corporate+Units/Freedom+of+Information/2009/>

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**From:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 07 September 2009 12:10  
**To:** Frank.O'Brien  
**Subject:** FW: FOI

Hi Frank  
The 2009 FOI request have been uploaded and are up to date. Not sure why he can't see them when he uses this link.

*Carmel Cosgrove*  
FOI Unit  
Department of Communications,  
Energy & Natural Resources  
Elm House  
Cavan

 01 678 2902

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**From:** Danny Byrne [mailto:dbyrne@ksuc.ie]  
**Sent:** 05 September 2009 22:58  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Subject:** FOI

Good Day, your department has a long standing policy of updating foi requests on the website, <http://www.dcenr.gov.ie> However there are none on it for 2009. Has this policy changed?. Why are the requests not updated as they were before?....Thanking you

Kindest Regards,

**Danny Byrne**  
17 St Stephen's Green  
Dublin 2

**Tel - 01 6762975**

**Fax - 01 6610960**

**Email - [dbyrne@ksuc.ie](mailto:dbyrne@ksuc.ie)**

**Mary Rabbitte**

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**From:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 15 September 2009 15:50  
**To:** Patricia Cronin  
**Subject:** Request ID 439  
**Attachments:** Danny Byrne.pdf

**Tracking:**

Recipient	Read
Patricia Cronin	Read: 15/09/2009 16:02
Carmel Cosgrove	

Hi Patricia,

I have attached an FOI request received in the FOI Unit today for your attention, I would appreciate if you would nominate a decision-maker from your area to deal with this request.

Regards  
Mary

*Mary Rabbitte,  
FOI Unit,  
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Earlsvale Rd.,  
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# Freedom of Information Request

## Details of Applicant

Surname: Byrne

First Name: Danny

Postal Address: 23 Kelston Avenue, Foxrock, Dublin 18

E-Mail Address: [dbyrne@ksuc.ie](mailto:dbyrne@ksuc.ie)

Please find enclosed payment of €15.00 for my request.

SEP 11 2009

FOI UNIT  
Cavan

15 SEP 2009

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS,  
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES  
ROINN CLMÁISEAIDÉ, FUINNIMH  
AGUS ACHMHAIRNÍ NA DÚETHA

## Form of Access

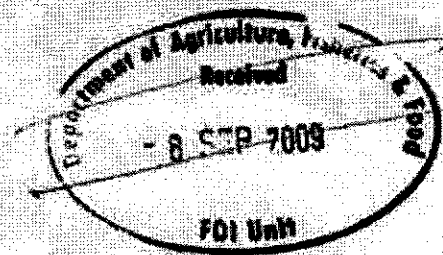
My preferred form of access is to receive copies by post

## Details of Request

In accordance with section 7 of the FOI Act  
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*This should included all travel expenses, flights, meals,  
accommodations etc.*



**Mary Rabbitte**

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**From:** Danny Byrne [dbyrne@ksuc.ie]  
**Sent:** 16 September 2009 16:27  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Subject:** RE:

Thanks alot Carmel

Kindest Regards,

**Danny Byrne**  
Kildare Street and University Club  
17 St Stephen's Green  
Dublin 2

**Tel** - 01 6762975  
**Fax** - 01 6610960  
**Email** - dbyrne@ksuc.ie


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**From:** FOI UNIT [mailto:FOI.UNIT@dceur.gov.ie]  
**Sent:** 16 September 2009 16:25  
**To:** Danny Byrne; FOI UNIT  
**Subject:** RE:

Hi Danny,  
Your FOI Request was received in our FOI Unit yesterday.

We have forwarded to it the appropriate section within our Department to nominate a decision maker. When a decision maker is appointed we can then acknowledge your request.

Kind Regards,  
*Carmel Cosgrove*  
FOI Unit  
Department of Communications,  
Energy & Natural Resources  
Elm House  
Cavan

 01 678 2902

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**From:** Danny Byrne [mailto:dbyrne@ksuc.ie]  
**Sent:** 16 September 2009 15:32  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Subject:**

Ms Rabbitte, I refer to an foi request I have sent you last week, I haven't yet received an acknowledgement...

Kindest Regards,

**Danny Byrne**  
Kildare Street and University Club  
17 St Stephen's Green  
Dublin 2

# Freedom of Information Request

## Details of Applicant

Surname: Byrne

First Name: Danny

Postal Address: 23 Kelston Avenue, Foxrock, Dublin 18

E-Mail Address: [dbyrne@ksuc.ie](mailto:dbyrne@ksuc.ie)

Please find enclosed payment of €15.00 for my request.

Sp 11<sup>th</sup> 2009

FOI UNIT  
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15 SEP 2009

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS,  
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES  
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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food  
Received  
8 SEP 2009  
FOI Unit

## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** Patricia Cronin  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 15 September 2009 16:02  
**Subject:** Read: Request ID 439

Your message

**To:** Patricia Cronin  
**Subject:** Request ID 439  
**Sent:** 15/09/2009 15:50

was read on 15/09/2009 16:02.

**Mary Rabbitte**

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**From:** Brian Walsh  
**Sent:** 22 September 2009 17:26  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Subject:** RE: FOI request Danny Byrne,

Thanks Mary

Brian

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**From:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 22 September 2009 17:25  
**To:** Brian Walsh  
**Subject:** FOI request Danny Byrne,

Hi Brian,

For your information, I have attached a link to the decision-makers manual which outlines details of charging fees for S&R and I have also attached a template 'fee request' letter.

[http://intranet/NR/rdonlyres/CA7F8E76-6C4E-4FAC-94B6-86DD566CAE8F/0/Manual\\_Part1.doc](http://intranet/NR/rdonlyres/CA7F8E76-6C4E-4FAC-94B6-86DD566CAE8F/0/Manual_Part1.doc)

Regards  
Mary

*Mary Rabbitte,  
FOI Unit,  
DCENR,  
Elm House,  
Earlsvale Rd.,  
Cavan.  
01 6782903*

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## Mary Rabbitte

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**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 22 September 2009 17:25  
**Subject:** Read: FOI request Danny Byrne,

Your message

**To:** Brian Walsh  
**Subject:** FOI request Danny Byrne,  
**Sent:** 22/09/2009 17:25

was read on 22/09/2009 17:25.

**Mary Rabbitte**

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**From:** Patricia Cronin  
**Sent:** 22 September 2009 16:30  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Subject:** RE: Request ID 439

Mary

Brian Walsh Finance Division will be the decision-maker in this case.

Rgds

Patricia

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**From:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 18 September 2009 16:52  
**To:** Patricia Cronin  
**Subject:** FW: Request ID 439

Hi Patricia,

I refer to the email below, can you confirm who will be dealing with this request, I require the update for the MC report.

Kind Regards  
Mary

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**From:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 15 September 2009 15:50  
**To:** Patricia Cronin  
**Subject:** Request ID 439

Hi Patricia,

I have attached an FOI request received in the FOI Unit today for your attention, I would appreciate if you would nominate a decision-maker from your area to deal with this request.

Regards  
Mary

*Mary Rabbitte,  
FOI Unit,  
DCENR,  
Elm House,  
Earlsvale Rd.,  
Cavan.  
01 6782903*

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## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** Patricia Cronin  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 21 September 2009 09:19  
**Subject:** Read: FW: Request ID 439

Your message

**To:** Patricia Cronin  
**Subject:** FW: Request ID 439  
**Sent:** 18/09/2009 16:52

was read on 21/09/2009 09:19.

## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** Brian Walsh  
**Sent:** 23 September 2009 16:13  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Subject:** RE: FOI/2009/34

Carmel

Done that

Thanks

Brian

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**From:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 23 September 2009 15:36  
**To:** Brian Walsh  
**Subject:** FOI/2009/34

Hi Brian

When you get a chance can you log into the inquire system and accept the role of decision maker for FOI/2009/34. When your in your "workspace" in the inquire system just click on the down arrow beside "select action" and choose "accept"

Thanks,

*Carmel Cosgrove*


FOI Unit

Department of Communications,

Energy & Natural Resources

Elm House

Cavan

 01 678 2902

**Mary Rabbitte**

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**From:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 05 October 2009 18:12  
**To:** Brian Walsh  
**Subject:** FOI/2009/34

Hi Brian,

I would appreciate if you would give me an update in relation to the request listed above as I'm updating the FOI report for the MC.

Kind Regards  
Mary

*Mary Rabbitte,  
FOI Unit,  
DCENR,  
Elm House,  
Earlsvale Rd.,  
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## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** Brian Walsh  
**Sent:** 06 October 2009 09:28  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Subject:** RE: FOI/2009/34

Hi Mary

The key document to answer this request is the Ministers Diary. However, efforts to locate it to date have been unsuccessful. ISD are currently checking to see if the diary which appears to have been electronic only and kept on lotus notes can be retrieved.

Looks like a refusal in that records cannot be found or do not exist.

Regards

Brian

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## Mary Rabbitte

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**From:** Brian Walsh  
**To:** FOI UNIT  
**Sent:** 06 October 2009 09:25  
**Subject:** Read: FOI/2009/34

Your message

**To:** Brian Walsh  
**Subject:** FOI/2009/34  
**Sent:** 05/10/2009 18:12

was read on 06/10/2009 09:25.

**Record No. 8**

**Mary Rabbitte**

**From:** Brian Carroll .T- Corporate Finance  
**Sent:** 02 October 2009 14:50  
**To:** Carmel Cosgrove; FOI UNIT  
**Cc:** Mary Rabbitte  
**Subject:** FW: FOI Request  
**Attachments:** Neil Callaghan Ministers Credit Card.pdf

Please see below. I am happy to be assigned as decision maker.

Brian

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**From:** Patricia Cronin  
**Sent:** 02 October 2009 13:26  
**To:** Carmel Daly  
**Cc:** Brian Carroll .T- Corporate Finance  
**Subject:** FW: FOI Request

Carmel

The decision –make for this FOI is Brian Carroll.

Rgds

Patricia

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**From:** Carmel Cosgrove  
**Sent:** 01 October 2009 12:16  
**To:** Patricia Cronin  
**Subject:** FW: FOI Request

Apologies, I have now attached the request.

Hi Patricia,  
Please see attached FOI Request which we received this morning in the FOI Unit.  
Could you please nominate a Decision Maker to deal with this request?

Kind Regards,  
*Carmel Cosgrove*  
FOI Unit  
Department of Communications,  
Energy & Natural Resources  
Elm House  
Cavan

☎ 01 678 2902

Request for Access to Records under the FOI Act, 1997

Please use BLOCK letters

Details of Applicant

Surname: CALANAN / BRN  
First Name: NEIL / JENNIFER  
Postal Address: THE SUNDAY TRIBUNE, 15 ~~BRIDGE~~  
~~STREET~~ INDEPENDENT HOUSE, TALBOT ST,  
DUBLIN 1

Telephone Number(s)

Home: 01 4300  
Business: 083 7417233

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS,  
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES  
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Date FOI Request Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Identify Verified q \_\_\_\_\_  
Consent Confirmed q \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Information

Before you are given access to personal information relating to yourself, you may be asked to provide proof of your identity.

Form of Access

My preferred form of access is:  
(please tick as appropriate)  
To receive copies of the records by post   
Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

Details of Request

In accordance with section 7 of the FOI Act, I request access to records which are: (Please tick as appropriate) Personal  Non-personal  (In the space provided please describe the records as fully as you can. If you are requesting personal information, please state precisely in whose name those records are held. You will not normally be given access to personal information of another person unless you have obtained the written consent of that person)

I request the following records: DETAILS OF MINISTERS  
OFFICIAL CREDIT CARD SPENDING SINCE JANUARY 2009

PLEASE SIGN HERE  
DATE 29/10/09

*Neil Calanan & Jennifer*

**Mary Rabbitte**

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**From:** geraldine\_fitzpatrick@entemp.ie on behalf of FOI\_Unit@entemp.ie  
**Sent:** 01 October 2009 17:28  
**To:** CSUN@entemp.ie  
**Subject:** Cross Departmental FOI request - Minister's official credit card spend

To: Members of the FOI Civil Service Users' Network

The Departments of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Health and Justice received the following request today from Jennifer Bray and Neil Callanan from the Sunday Tribune:

"I request the following records itemised spending on the Minister's official credit card since January 2009."

Please confirm if a similar request was received in your Department.

Geraldine Fitzpatrick  
CSUN

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