



---

Our Reference Number: FOI/18/2005

30<sup>th</sup> May, 2005

Mr. Chris Dooley  
Newsroom  
The Irish Times  
10-15 D'Olier Street  
Dublin 2.

Dear Mr. Dooley

I refer to the request, which you have made under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 for records held by this Department.

I made a final decision on your request on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2005 following 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultation on some of the records held by this Department. I may be contacted by telephone 01-6782263 or by email at [ciara.bates@dcmnr.ie](mailto:ciara.bates@dcmnr.ie) to answer any questions you may have, and to assist you generally with this matter.

The purpose of this letter is to explain my decision and it is arranged as follows:

1. A schedule of all the records discovered relating to your request is attached;
2. Concerning records to which access is granted or part granted, method of release;
3. A statement of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so.

This letter addresses each of these four parts in turn.

#### 1. Schedule of records

The schedule is attached at the end of this letter. It describes each document, and indicates whether the document is released in full, released with deletions (partially released) or not released. Documents

with deletions are a mix of material, some of which can be released, and some of which is withheld as outlined above. For documents noted as partially released, the schedule refers to the sections of the FOI Acts, which apply to prevent the release or else indicate that the material was not relevant. The schedule shows the documents that this Department considers relevant to your request. It also gives you a summary and overview of the decision as a whole.

## 2. Arrangements for access/fee to be paid/form of access

You have sought access to the records in any format, and I have found that an appropriate form of access in this case is to provide photocopies of the records. The records described as released in full or partially released are ready for release upon receipt of payment for the 'search and retrieval' work on your request. This cost is set out under Section 47 of the Acts and relates to the locating and gathering together from within this Department the records you have sought.

- 1 hour (€20.95 per hour) search and retrieval = €20.95
- 8 sheets for photocopy at €0.04 per sheet = €0.32
- Total Cost = €21.27

## 3. Rights of appeal

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 of the case by appealing the decision to this Department's FOI Internal Review Board. To appeal, you need only write to Mr. John Wynne, FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2. You must make your appeal within 4 weeks of receiving this letter, but the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body. Please note the new FOI charges which came into being on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2003, the application fee for an appeal is currently €75 and a reduced fee of €25 applies if you are covered by a medical card.

Yours sincerely,



Ciara Bates  
Postal Division