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February 9 2007

Mary Rabbitte  
Freedom of Information Officer  
Department of Communication, Marine and Natural Resources  
Elm House  
Earlsvale Rd  
Cavan

Dear Ms Rabbitte,

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

Copies of all applications made under the first call of the County/Group Broadband Scheme for contracts to provide broadband services in five West Kerry communities: Baile an Fhirteirigh, Ceann Tra, Boherbue, Kinard and Brandon.

Copies of applications made by Udaras na Gaeltachta for broadband services to be provided in the abovementioned communities.

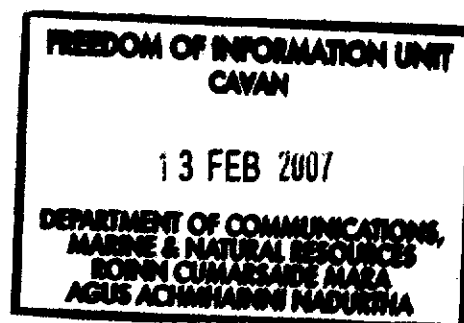
Copies of all correspondence to date between the Department of Communications and Ildana Teoranta, including details of payments made and which projects these payments related to.

Copies of any documents relating to follow up/assessment by Department officials of broadband schemes put in place by Ildana.

Please send me this information on paper. I enclose a cheque for €15.

Yours sincerely,

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14/02/2007

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FOI/0018/2007

Dear Ms O'Connor,

I refer to the Freedom of Information request received in this office on 14/02/2007 along with the associated fee.

The officer handling your request will be Ms Mairead O'Donovan, Communications (Development) & Electronic Commerce Division, Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources, 29 - 31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2, Co Dublin. She can be contacted at 01 678 2168.

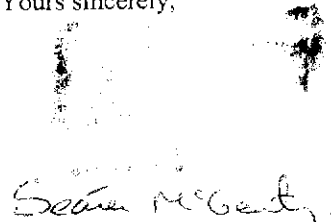
A final decision on your request will normally be sent to you within 4 weeks of receipt of your request. This means that you can expect to receive your decision by the 14/03/2007.

If you have not heard from us when the time allocated has expired, 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.

You should also be aware that you are entitled to a review of the decision if your request is refused, or if you are for any reason dissatisfied with the outcome of your request. The review is a full and new examination of the matter carried out by a more senior member of staff of this Department. In the event that you need to make an appeal, you can do so by writing to The FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Co. Cavan. Please note that there is a charge for all appeals of FOI requests. This charge is currently €75.00. A reduced fee of €25.00 applies if you are the holder of a Medical Card.

Please note that the Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources has a policy of posting a summary of your request, your name and address and the subsequent reply on the Department's website for reference purposes.

Yours sincerely,



Seana McGearty  
FOI Unit  
PH: 6782902



Ref. No: FOI/0018/2007



March 1<sup>st</sup> 2007

Dear 

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Act, 1997 for access to records held by this Department, which was received in the Freedom of Information Unit on February 14<sup>th</sup> 2007.

In relation to your request for copies of all applications under the 1<sup>st</sup> Call Group Broadband Scheme for the following communities in West Kerry; Boherbue, Brandon, Ballyferriter, Ventry and Kinard, Co. Kerry. I have decided to refuse your request and I have relied on Section 27.1 (b) and Section 26.1 (a) of the Freedom of Information Act, copies enclosed for ease of reference. Section 27.1 (b) restricts access to the financial, commercial, scientific or technical information that relates to persons other than yourself. Section 26.1 (a) states that "the record concerned contains information given to a public body in confidence and on the understanding that it would be treated as confidential".

There are no records relating to applications made by Udaras na Gaeltachta under the 1st Call Group Broadband Scheme for the aforementioned communities.

One record contains the composite information you requested pertaining to the details of payments made to Ildana in relation to Group Broadband Projects in the aforementioned communities. I have decided to grant your request on a partial release basis, relying on Section 27.1 (b) and Section 26.1 (a).

Finally, in relation to your request for any documents relating to follow-up/assessment by Department Officials of the aforementioned schemes, I have decided to refuse your request and I have relied on Section 27.1 (b) and Section 26.1 (a).

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You should be aware that you are entitled to a review if you are for any reason dissatisfied with the outcome of your request. The review is a full and new examination of the matter carried out by a more senior member of staff of this Department. In the event that you need to make an appeal, you can do so in writing to Mr. Frank O'Brien, FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan.

Yours sincerely

*Mairead O'Donovan*

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Schedule of Records: Summary of Decision Making

Copies of all applications made under the first call of the County/Group Broadband Scheme for contracts to provide broadband services in five West Kerry communities. Four questions asked relating to Broadband services in Kerry

Record No.	Brief Description & Date of Record	File Ref.	No. of Pages	Relevant facts	Findings/conclusions (Public Interest Considerations, (If applicable))	Grant/refuse/part-grant	Basis of Refusal: Section of Act	Record edited/Identify deletions
1	GBS Project proposal file and evaluation information BOHERBUE CO. KERRY	GBS/031			Disclosure would prejudice future receipt of information	REFUSE	Section 26 Section 27	
2	GBS Project proposal file evaluation information BRANDON CO. KERRY	GBS/032			"	REFUSE	Section 26 Section 27	
3	GBS Project proposal file evaluation, grant claim	GBS/033		BALLYFERRIER	"	REFUSE	Section 26 Section 27	
4	GBS Project proposal file evaluation, grant claim + Audit	GBS/034		VENTRY CO. KERRY	"	REFUSE	Section 26 Section 27	
5	GBS Project proposal file + evaluation	GBS/035		KINARD, CO. KERRY	"	REFUSE	Section 26 Section 27	
6	GBS excel spread sheet	GBS.X/5			Financial + Commercial info. Given in Conference	PART - GRANT	Section 27 Section 26	

