

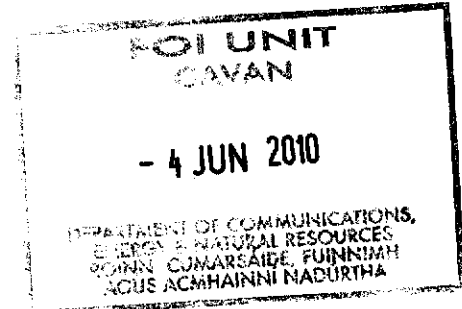
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Freedom of Information Officer  
Department of Communications,  
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Elm House  
Earlsvale Road



June 2, 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

Under the Freedom of Information Act 1997, I'd like to request details of all governmental agencies, committees, boards or other quasi autonomous organisations within the remit of your department.

The details should include the following:

- 1 . Name of each agency.
- 2 . When it was established.
- 3 . Total number of directors for each agency (Quango) or member of each board or committee.
- 4 . Total fees and expenses paid by Government Depts in 2007, 2008, 2009 to directors or committee/board members - broken down by type of cost (ie fee, expense etc).
- 5 . The names and positions of the directors or committee/board members to whom these payments were made, and the amount each director or committee/board member received in the period mentioned - broken down again by type of cost.
- 6 . Total annual subsidy for 2007, 2008, and 2009 for each agency.  
· The date of the last cost/benefit analysis (or general review) done by your Dept on your expenditure on each agency.  
· The results/recommendations of the last cost/benefit analysis (or general review) done by your Dept on your expenditure on each agency.


Can I also ask that you provide the current head count for your department - and the number of people employed to liaise with each agency.

I would like this information is presented in written format.

If you have any questions or require clarification or further information please contact me on 01-4993477 or 087-3284155.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Cox  
News Reporter



09/06/2010

Mr Robert Cox  
Independent Star Limited  
Star House  
62a Terenure Road North  
Dublin 6w

**FOI Request Reference: FOI/2010/27**

Dear Mr Cox,

I refer to your FOI request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, received in this office on 04/06/2010 requesting details of all Government agencies, committees, boards or other quasi autonomous organisations within the remit of the Department. The application was received along with the associated fee.

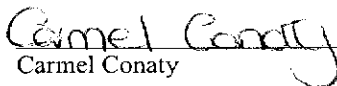
The officer handling your request will be Mr John Donohoe, SDU/Strategic Change/Corporate Governance Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan. John can be contacted on 01 6783026.

You can expect to receive your decision by the 05/07/2010.

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

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

Phone: 01 6782902



2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010

Robert Cox  
News Reporter  
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**FOI Request Reference: FOI/2010/27**

Dear Mr. Cox,

I refer to your request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts: 1997 and 2003, received in the Department on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010 relating to details of all governmental agencies, committees, boards or other quasi autonomous organisations within the remit of your department.

1. Name of each agency
2. When it was established
3. Total number of directors for each agency (Quango) or member of each board or committee
4. Total fees and expenses paid by Government Depts. in 2007, 2008, 2009 to directors or committees board members – broken down by type of cost (i.e. fee, expense etc).
5. The names and positions of the directors or committee/board members to whom these payments were made and the amount each director or committee/board member received in the period mentioned – broken down again by type of cost.
6. Total annual subsidy for 2007, 2008, and 2009 for each agency
7. The date of the last cost/benefit analysis (or general review) done by your Department on your expenditure on each agency.
8. The results/recommendations of the last/cost benefit analysis (or general review) done by your Dept on your expenditure on each agency.
9. The current head count for your department – and the number of people employed to liaise with each agency.

In relation to parts 1, 2, and 3 of your request, I have made a final decision to grant your request. As per our phone conversation of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010 wherein I clarified that this was to be interpreted as bodies under the aegis of this Department, the relevant details are set out in Appendix 1.

In relation to parts 4 and 5 of your request, I have made a final decision to refuse your request under Section 10 (1) (a) of the Act as the records concerned do not exist.

In relation to part 6 of your request, I have made a final decision to grant your request (as per our telephone on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010 where I clarified that this element of your request referred to money provided to each agency through the Vote of this department. The table at Appendix 2 provides the relevant details.

In relation to parts 7 and 8 of your request, I have made a final decision to refuse your request under Section 10 (1) (a) of the Act as the records concerned do not exist.

In relation to part 9 of your request, I have made a final decision to part grant your request. In respect of the current head count of the Department, I have made a final decision to grant your request. The head count for the department at the end of May 2010 is 291 (full time equivalent 268.29). In respect of the second part of your request under part 9, I have made a final decision to refuse your request under Section 10 (1) (a) of the Act as the records concerned do not exist.

If you have any queries regarding this correspondence you can contact me by telephone at the number below.

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 by appealing the decision. To appeal, you need to write to the FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd, Cavan, Co. Cavan. You must make your appeal within 4 weeks of the date of this letter, but the making of a late appeal may be permitted in certain circumstances. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Please note that an application fee for an appeal is currently €75.00 and a reduced fee of €25.00 applies if you are covered by a Medical Card.

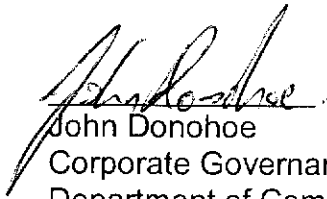
If claiming a reduced application fee, the request must also be accompanied by

- The Medical Card registration number
- The name of the issuing Health Board
- Your consent to the verification of these details with that Health Board.

Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money postal order, or personal cheque made payable to "Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources".

On receipt of the fee, you will be advised of when you can expect a decision on your appeal, and the contact details of the person handling the appeal.

Yours sincerely,



John Donohoe  
Corporate Governance Unit  
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources,  
Elm House, Earlsvale Road,  
Cavan,  
Co Cavan

Phone: 01 - 6783026

Appendix 1: Details of bodies under the aegis of the Department

<b>Bodies under the aegis of the Department</b>	<b>Establishment day</b>	<b>No of Board Members</b>
AN POST	01 January 1984	15
Bord Gais Eireann	13 September 1976	9
Bord na Mona	31 December 1946	12
Broadcasting Authority of Ireland	14 July 2009	9
Central fisheries Board	29 October 1980	9
Commission for Communications Regulation	01 December 2002	3
Commission for Energy Regulation	14 July 1999	3
Digital Hub Development Agency	21 July 2003	14
Eirgrid	01 July 2006	10
Electricity Supply Board (ESB)	28 May 2027	12
Irish National Petroleum Corporation	29 June 1979	5
Mining Board	22 December 1931	3
National Oil Reserves Agency	01 August 2007	5
Ordnance Survey Ireland	04 March 2002	10
Radio Teilifís Éireann (RTE)	01 January 1926	12
Sustainable Energy Ireland	01 May 2002	12
Teilifís na Gaelige	01 October 1996	12
Eastern Regional Fisheries Board	29 October 1980	21
Loughs' Agency	02 December 1989	12
North Western Regional Fisheries Board	29 October 1980	21
Northern Regional Fishers Board	29 October 1980	22
Shannon Regional Fisheries Board	29 October 1980	22
South Western Regional Fisheries Board	29 October 1980	22
Southern Regional Fisheries Board	29 October 1980	22
Western Regional Fisheries Board	29 October 1980	22

**Appendix 2: Details of Funding provided to Bodies under the aegis of the Department for each of the years 2007, 2008 and 2009.**

<b>Subhead &amp; Body funding provided to</b>	<b>2009 Outturn €000</b>	<b>2008 Outturn €000</b>	<b>2007 Outturn €000</b>
B2 - Multimedia Developments (NDRC)	3,813	2,631	2,501
B2 - Multimedia Developments (DHDA)	1,731	1,941	1,855
C1 - Grant to RTÉ	204,255	201,067	194,838
C2 - Payment to an Post	12,444	12,630	12,221
C3 - Broadcasting Commission of Ireland	4,550	5,000	3,810
C4 - TG4	36,133	36,390	31,897
C5 - Broadcasting Fund (BCI)	11,888	10,478	10,255
D1 - SEI Admin & General Expenses	8,350	62,430	54,200
D2 - Sustainable Energy Programmes (SEI)	59,267		
D3 - Energy Research (SEI)	11,781	2,425	-
E6 - OSI (Transferred from D/Finance in January 2008)	5,087	5,970	-
F1 - Inland Fisheries (Fishery Boards)	31,455	34,110	31,357