



30th January, 2007

Ms Suzanne Morgan,
Newstalk,
3rd Floor,
Warrington House,
Mount Street Crescent,
Dublin 2.

FOI/0094/2006

Dear Ms Morgan,

I refer you request under the Freedom of Information Act for access to records held by this Department in connection with any social functions held during the Christmas period from mid November, 2005 to January, 6th 2006.

Your request has been granted and the information requested is below.

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1. Departmental Christmas Party	11,150
2. Geological Survey of Ireland Christmas Party	1,318
3. Retired Staff Christmas Party	4,000
4. Lunch hosted by Minister	456

The figures quoted at 1-3 above represent contributions made by the Department towards the cost of staff functions. The balance of the costs associated with these events was met by staff contributions.

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 the Department's FOI Internal Review Board. To appeal, you need to write to Mr. Frank O'Brien, FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd., 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 appropriate circumstances. The appeal 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 "The Department of Communications, Marine & Natural Resources".

On receipt of the fee, an acknowledgement letter will be sent to you outlining details of when you can expect a decision on your appeal, and the contact details of the person handling the appeal.

Yours sincerely,

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From: "Suzanne Morgan" <suzanne@newstalk.ie>
To: foi.unit@dcmnr.gov.ie
Date: 11/29/2006 11:37 AM
Subject: FOI Request

Hi there,

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I request the following information:

- Details on expenses incurred by the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources on any social functions held during the last Christmas period (mid November 2005 - January 6th 2006).

My contact details are below and I will send a printed email and a cheque for 15 euro made payable to the Department.

All the best,

Suzanne Morgan.

Suzanne Morgan,
Reporter & Researcher,
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Hoy.*