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

Dear Sir/Madam,

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like access to copies of the following records.

1. Results of all audits of department computers using software (such as PixAlert) in 2006, 2007 and 2008. Please include any statistics that show how many computers were found to contain inappropriate material. Please also include any records which show any disciplinary proceedings which arose from such audits.
2. Records showing how much the department spent on bottled water in 2006 and 2007 and in January and February 2008.
3. All correspondence and records of meetings between the minister and department officials and RTE over the proposed new broadcast bill.
4. Records showing any data protection breaches in the department in from January 2005 to present. If any data protection issues arose please include records on any inquiries into these.

Regards,

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Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
Roinn Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha

27th March, 2008

Mr. Mark Tighe,
News Reporter,
The Sunday Times,
4th Floor,
Bishop's Square,
Redmond's Hill,
Dublin 2.

Dear Mr. Tighe,

I refer to the Freedom of Information request received in this office on 11th March, 2008 and the associated fee which was received in the FOI Unit on 27th March, 2008.

Your request has been circulated to 4 divisions with the Department and the following decision-makers have been nominated to deal with your request:

Part 1: Records relating to Computer Audits. Ref. No: FOI/0023/2008

Decision-maker: Ann Kissane, HR Division, Phone No. 01 6782173.

Part 2: Records relating to how much the Department spent on bottled water.

Ref. No: FOI/0020/2008

Decision-maker: Tracey Hall, Corporate Services, Phone No. 01 6782554.

Part 3: Records relating to the proposed new Broadcast Bill. Ref. No: FOI/0021/2008

Decision-maker: Bill Morrissey, Broadcasting Policy Division, Phone 01 6783176.

Part 4: Records relating to Data Protection Issues. Ref. No: FOI/0022/2008

Decision-maker: Joe Birthistle, Information Systems Division, Phone 01 6782205.

The postal address for all of the above is 29 – 31 Adelaide Rd., Dublin 2.

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 11th April, 2008.

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 Mr. Frank O'Brien, FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd., 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, Energy & 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,

Mary Rabbitte

FOI Unit

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Mr Mark Tighe
The Sunday Times
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Ref FOI 20/2008

Dear Mr Tighe

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 for records held by this Department/Body: requesting the information on how much the Department spent on bottled water in 2006, 2007 and the first two months of 2008.

I have made a final decision to grant your request on 10/04/08. If you have any queries regarding this correspondence you can contact me by telephone at 01 6782554.

The overall figures are as follows;

Year/Period	Spend
2006	18,768.89
2007	16,286.39
2008	1,148.53
TOTAL	36,203.81

Rights of appeal

You may appeal this decision. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, Elm House, Cavan. Your correspondence should include a fee of €75 for processing the appeal. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. *A week is defined in the Act to mean 5 consecutive weekdays, excluding Saturdays and public holidays (Sundays are also excluded, as they are not weekdays).* The appeal will

involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department/Body.

Yours sincerely



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10/4/08