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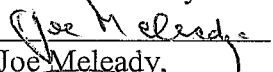
Dear Mr Fry,

I refer to the requests which you recently made to this Department under the Freedom of Information Act in which you requested copies of all written submissions made to the Department during the public consultation process prior to the Ministerial designation of events of major importance pursuant to the Broadcasting (Major Events Television Coverage) Act, 1999, including (a) records relating to a public meeting held as part of the public consultation process in Dublin Castle on 26 August, 2002. and (b) records relating to meetings between the Minister for Communications and sporting bodies/ sporting event organisers and broadcasters including but not limited to the FAI, the IRFU, the GAA, the Irish Sports Council, TV3, Bsky B and RTE during August 2002.

I enclose a schedule, of all records held on file S1/197 – H/02 which are relevant to the requests. I am withholding access to a number of records as set out in the schedule such as records no 20, 43 and 49 which include information which is confidential and commercially sensitive. The Freedom of Information Act provides the right to appeal a decision taken under the Act within 4 weeks of the initial decision. Should you wish to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to Mr. John Wynne, FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2.

The review is a full and new consideration of the matter by a more senior member of staff of this Department. The Act requires that the review be completed within 3 weeks of receipt of such request.

Yours sincerely

  
Joe Meleady,  
Broadcasting Policy Division.

## Schedule 2

**Schedule of relevant records held on File No S1/197 – H/02 entitled “Submissions received as part of the Public Consultation re: proposed designation of events as provided for in the Broadcasting (Major Events Television Coverage) Act, 1999”.**

<b>Record Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Decision</b>
1	Undated	Letter from Marie Boran – 1 page	Release
2	24 July 2002	E-mail from Lorcan Byrne and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
3	19 July 2002	E-mails from Corrigad, M Boran and Tadhg O slattra incl acknowledgements from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
4	24 July 2002	E-mail from Mary Davies and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
5	20 August 2002	Note from C Doran and acknowledgement from J Larkin – 2 pages	Release
6	24 July 2002	Letter from Alan Doyle, Barry Doyle and Co, Solicitors and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 3 pages	Release
7	15 August 2002	Copy of newspaper article – 1 page	Release
8	30 July 2002	Copy of newspaper article – 1 page	Release
9	8 August 2002	Letter from the GAA to Ciarán Ó hÓbáin enclosing a submission plus a faxed copy of the entire submission sent on 27 August 2002 and an acknowledgement from John Larkin – 13 pages	Release
10	24 July 2002	E-mail from Paul Geday and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
11	24 July 2002	E-mail from John Griffin and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
12	19 July 2002	E-mail from Frank Hand and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release

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13	29 July 2002	Letter from John Hobson and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 2 pages	Release
14	24 July 2002	E-mail from John Hoolahan and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
15	19 July 2002	E-mail from Richard Houlihan and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
16	20 August 2002	E-mail from Andrew Hunt and acknowledgement from N Callan – 1 page	Release
17	22 July 2002	Letter from International Association of Athletics Federations – 1 page	Release
18	20 August 2002	Letter from Irish Fans United and submission plus updated submission, acknowledgement from J Larkin and fax registering for the public meeting – 12 pages	Release
19	20 August 2002	Fax from Irish Football Supporters Association and press release dated 28 August 2002 – 2 pages	Release
20	13 August 2002	Letters from the Irish Rugby Football Union to the Minister and to Ciarán Ó hÓbáin, enclosing an Annual Report and written submission, and an acknowledgement from J Larkin – 14 pages	Release except for Schedule A of the written submission which contains confidential and commercially sensitive information and is withheld under section 26 (1(a) and section 27(1)(b) respectively

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21	15 August 2002	E-mail from Martin Kelly and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
22	25 July 2002	Letter from P Kelly – 1 page	Release
23	13 August 2002	E-mail from Tony Lane and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
24 /25	24 July 2002	E-mails from Brendan McDermott and Jim McCormaic and acknowledgements from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
26	24 July 2002	E-mail from Tony McGinley and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page.	Release
27	July 2002	Correspondence with Ann McHale – 6 pages	Release
28	19 July 2002	E-mail from John McHugh and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
29	29 July 2002	E-mail from Sarah Morgan and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
30	1 August 2002	Correspondence from Dr Jo Murphy-Lawless – 2 pages	Release
31	20 August 2002	E-mail from Oisin Murphy-Lawless and acknowledgement from N Callan– 1 page	Release
32	25 July 2002	E-mail from John O'Carroll and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
33	24 July 2002	E-mail from Kevin O'Carroll and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
34	22 July 2002	Correspondence to and from Val O'Grady – 5 pages	Release
35	24 July 2002	E-mail from Lilian O'Hara and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
36	24 July 2002	E-mail from Eoin O'Neill and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
37	19 July 2002	E-mail from Olibhear Tadgh O'Slattra and	Release

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		acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	
38	24 July 2002	E-mail from Michael O’Sullivan, enclosing a submission, and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 4 pages	Release
39	24 July 2002	Letter from Pat Hickey, Olympic Council of Ireland – 1 page	Release
40	29 July 2002	Postcard from Gerald Osbourne and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 2 pages	Release
41	24 July 2002	E-mail from Anthony Purcell and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
42	15 August 2002	Letter from RTÉ, enclosing a submission, and acknowledgement from J Larkin – 19 pages	Release
43	19 July 2002	Fax from RTÉ to Secretary General, including a note on discussion between RTÉ and the FAI and on contract values with the main sporting organisations – 5 pages	Release except for material headed “ Pertinent Facts and Figures” pages 4 & 5 which contain confidential and commercially sensitive information and are withheld under section 26(1)(a) and section 27(1)(b).
44	21 August 2002	E-mail from Sky Ireland – 6 pages	Release
45	24 July 2002	E-mail from Tom McGill, Stavier Films and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1	Release

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46	21 August 2002	Correspondence to and from TV3 – 12 pages	Release
47	13 August 2002	Letter from UEFA (Union des associations europeenes de football) and acknowledgement from J Larkin – 3 pages	Release
48	19 July 2002	E-mail from Shane Whelan and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
49	23 August 2002	Fax from FAI enclosing a submission – 19 pages	Release except for information “Financial implications for future development “ no 8.as it contains information which is commercially sensitive.
50	29 August 2002	E-mail from Irish Hard of Hearing Association and acknowledgement from J Larkin – 3 pages	Release
51	Undated	Copy of contributions made on the Department’s Online Forum – 27 pages	Release
52	25 July 2002	E-mail from E.A. Walsh and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1 page	Release
53	26 August 2002	Letter from Association of Irish Racecourse and acknowledgement from John Larkin – 3 pages	Release
54	30 August 2002	Submission from the International Rugby Board and acknowledgement from J Larkin – 4 pages.	Release
55	29 August 2002	Letter from Royal Dublin Society and acknowledgement from J Larkin – 3 pages	Release

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56	30 August 2002	E-mail from Paul Eustace and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 2 pages	Release
57	30 August 2002	E-mail from Paula Jordan and acknowledgement from S Clifford –1 page	Release
58	2 September 2002	E-mail from S. McMillan and acknowledgement from S Clifford – 1page	Release
59	25 July 2002	E-mail from Joanne Walsh – 1 page	Release
60	25 July 2002	E-mail from Anne Walsh – 1 page	Release
61	24 July 2002	E-mail from Sheena Holohan – 1 page	Release
62	23 July 2002	E-mail from B Brown – 1 page	Release
63	22 July 2002	E-mail from B. Malone – 1 page	Release
64	22 July 2002	E-mail from finbar.c – 1 page	Release
65	22 July 2002	E-mail from Gerry Nolan – 1 page	Release
66	22 July 2002	E-mail from Paul Meade – 1 page	Release
67	22 July 2002	E-mail from Christene Brown – 1 page	Release
68	22 July 2002	E-mail from Sheila Larrigan – 1 page	Release
69	17 July 2002	E-mail from Gavin Bergin – 1 page	Release
70	17 July 2002	E-mail from Barry Murphy – 1 page	Release
71	17 July 2002	E-mail from Niamh Cashin – 1 page	Release
72	17 July 2002	E-mail from Frances Reid - 1 page	Release
73	17 July 2002	E-mail from Frances Reid – 1 page	Release
74	17 July 2002	E-mail from Orla Cassels – 1 page	Release
75	17 July 2002	E-mail from Jason Curran – 1 page	Release
76	17 July 2002	E-mail from Lisa Kinsella – 1 page	Release
77	17 July 2002	E-mail from Kevin Boyle. – 1 page	Release
78	17 July 2002	E-mail from Padraig. – 1 page	Release
79	17 July 2002	E-mail from Jill Tunney. – 1 page	Release
80	17 July 2002	E-mail from Padraig – 1 page	Release
81	17 July 2002	E-mail from Jill Tunney – 1 page	Release
82	17 July 2002	E-mail from Mary Mulvey – 1 page	Release
83	17 July 2002	E-mail from Susan Buckley – 1 page	Release

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84	17 July 2002	E-mail from E Curran – 1 page	Release
85	17 July 2002	E-mail from Caitriona O’Hara – 1 page	Release
86	17 July 2002	E-mail from Dominic O’Brien – 1 page	Release
87	17 July 2002	E-mail from Gerry Maher – 1 page	Release
88	17 July 2002	E-mail from David Daly – 1 page	Release
89	17 July 2002	E-mail from Cliona Dukes – 1 page	Release
90	17 July 2002	E-mail from Rebekah – 1 page	Release
91	17 July 2002	E-mail from Frank Sheridan – 1 page	Release
92	17 July 2002	E-mail from Robbie – 1 page	Release
93	17 July 2002	E-mail from Riann Coulter – 1 page	Release
94	17 July 2002	E-mail from F McGarry – 1 page	Release
95	17 July 2002	E-mail from Sarah – 1 page	Release
96	17 July 2002	E-mail from David Darcy – 1 page	Release
97	17 July 2002	E-mail from Edwin Doherty – 1 page	Release
98	17 July 2002	E-mail from Michael O’Grady – 1 page	Release
99	17 July 2002	E-mail from Robin Craig – 1 page	Release
100	17 July 2002	E-mail from Ann Mahady – 1 page	Release
101	17 July 2002	E-mail from Marian King – 1 page	Release
102	17 July 2002	E-mail from SRFC Ultras – 1 page	Release
103	17 July 2002	E-mail from James O’Connell – 1 page	Release
104	17 July 2002	E-mail from Phil Green – 1 page	Release
105	17 July 2002	E-mail from AA – 1 page	Release
106	17 July 2002	E-mail from Jacqui Churcher – 1 page	Release
107	17 July 2002	E-mail from Linda Greene – 1 page	Release
108	17 July 2002	E-mail from Dave Myles – 1 page	Release
109	17 July 2002	E-mail from Jason – 1 page	Release
110	17 July 2002	E-mail from David O’Toole – 1 page	Release
111	17 July 2002	E-mail from Chris Rock – 1 page	Release
112	17 July 2002	E-mail from David – 1 page	Release
113	17 July 2002	E-mail from Fergal Lennon – 1 page	Release
114	17 July 2002	E-mail from Fiona O’Reilly – 1 page	Release
115	17 July 2002	E-mail from Dave Victory – 1 page	Release

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116	17 July 2002	E-mail from John Cagney – 1 page	Release
117	17 July 2002	E-mail from Lewis Brien – 1 page	Release
118	17 July 2002	E-mail from Peter Brady – 1 page	Release
119	17 July 2002	E-mail from Mark Hughes – 1 page	Release
120	17 July 2002	E-mail from Gerard Keenan – 1 page	Release
121	17 July 2002	E-mail from Vinny Carroll – 1 page	Release
122	Undated	Postcard from the Clinch Family and acknowledgement issued by the Minister – 2 pages	Release
123	Undated	Postcard from Stephen Murphy and acknowledgement issued by the Minister – 2 pages	Release
124	Undated	Postcard from Hugh Burns and acknowledgement issued by the Minister – 2 pages	Release
125	Undated	Postcard from B. Nugent – 1 page	Release
126	8 August 2002	Letter from Pdraig OhAirt and acknowledgement issued by the Minister – 3 pages	Release
127	19 August 2002	Letter from B. Melvin and acknowledgement issued by the Minister – 2 pages	Release
128	16 August 2002	Letter from Charles Flanagan and acknowledgement issued by the Minister – 2 pages.	Release
129	26 August 2002	Transcript of Proceedings at Public Forum 26 August 2002 – 103 pages	Release
130	6 September 2002	Letter from Irish Sports Council and acknowledgement issued by John Larkin – 6 pages	Release
131	12 September	Letter from Broadcasting Commission of	Release

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	2002	Ireland and acknowledgement issued by John Larkin – 2 pages.	
132	1 October 2002	Letter from Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism plus a duplicate copy – 4 pages	Withheld under s 20 –record forms part of the deliberative process.