

22 February 2008

Deputy Simon Coveney,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

FOI/0003/2008

Dear Deputy,

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003 for access to records held by this Department in connection with the issue of Sustainable Energy Ireland's allocation under Budget 2008.

Your request has been *granted* and I attach all relevant information with this letter. Please find included a Schedule of all records associated with your request, detailing the order in which they are filed here.

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 this Department's FOI Internal Review Board. To appeal, you need to write to Mr. Frank O'Brien, FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, 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 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 and a reduced fee of €25 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, Energy & 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,

Maria Scully
Renewable & Sustainable Energy Division



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

25th January, 2008

Deputy Simon Coveney,
Leinster House,
Kildare St.,
Dublin 2

FOI/0003/2008

Dear Deputy,

I refer to the Freedom of Information request received in this office on 25th January, 2008 along with the associated fee.

The officer handling your request will be Ms. Maria Scully, Renewable & Sustainable Energy Division, Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources, 29 – 31 Adelaide Rd., Dublin 2. She can be contacted at 01 6783205.

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 22nd February, 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
PH: 01 6782903

**REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS UNDER THE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 1997**

Please address this request to relevant FOI Contact

Please use **BLOCK** letters

Details of Applicant

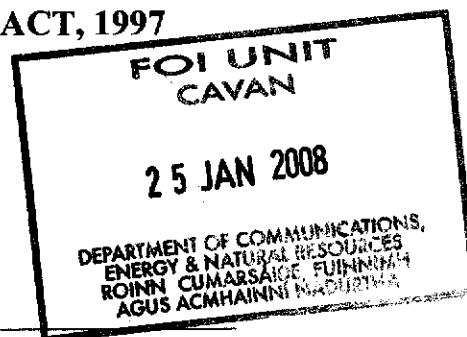
Surname: Covey TD

First Name: Simon

Postal Address: Lemster House, Kildare Street,

Dublin 2.

(PP. Conor Quinn)



Telephone Number(s)

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Home : _____

Date FOI request Received: _____

Business: (01) 618 3753

Identity Verified: _____

Mobile: 087 8321755
(PP. 6183755)

Consent Confirmed: _____

Personal Information

My preferred form of access is: *(please tick as appropriate)*

to receive copies of the record by post
other – please specify _____

Details of Request

In accordance with **Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Act**, I request access to records which are: *(please tick as appropriate)*

Personal
Non-personal

*In the space provided below, please describe the records as fully as you can. If you are requesting **Personal Information**, please state precisely, in whose name those*

records are held. You will not normally be given access to personal information of another person unless you have obtained the written consent of that person.

I request the following records: _____

- all non-routine documentation (involving grades PO and above) since 1st June 2007 relating to the issue of SEI's allocation under Budget 2008; including (but not restricted to) documentation relating to the allocation to the "Greener Homes Scheme" and any correspondence between SEI and the Department on the size of this allocation and the anticipated demand for the scheme.

Please sign here: Simon Cereeny TD Date: 22/01/08