



Ms. Samantha McGaughren,  
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14 May 2004.

**FOI Ref: 33/2004.**

Dear Ms. Mc Gaughren,

I refer to your Freedom of Information request received in this Department on 21 April 2004 as follows:

'copies of any correspondence between RTE and the Department of Communications since the start of 2004.'

Within the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Broadcasting Division has particular responsibility for RTE, therefore your request has been forwarded to this Division for reply. Your request fails to identify any area of this Divisions work in which you are interested. I have therefore tried to ensure as full a compliance with your request as possible across all aspects of the Divisions work. If you have any queries in respect of the material released to you please ring me at 6783095.

Relevant records are held on the following files:

S1/453-A/02: 'General Correspondence re: RTE Programming'.

S1/470-A/04: 'RTE shareholding in Telegael Teoranta'.

S1/38-U/04: 'RTE Superannuation (No.15) Scheme, 2004'.

S1/445-B/04: 'RTE Management Accounts 2004'.

S1/33-E/03: 'Appointment of RTE Director-General 2003'.

S1/194-C/03: 'Future of RTE Performing Groups'.

S1/128-I/04: 'RTE Independent Production Unit: Annual Report 2003'.

S1/34-H/04: 'Volume Two: Remuneration of RTE Director General'.

S1/465-A/02: 'Volume One: Public Service Broadcasting Charter'.

S1/54-AC/01: 'Availability of TG4 in Northern Ireland'.

S1/468-A/03: 'Digital TV'.

Enclosed for your attention are schedules of the relevant records held on these files.

I am prepared to release all records set out in the schedules with the exception of those listed below.

Access to the following records is being refused under section 27(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act on the grounds that these records contain commercially sensitive information.

**File S1/445-B/04:**

Records 1, 2, 4 and 6

Access to the following records is being refused under section 20(1) of the Freedom of Information Act on the grounds that these records contain matter relating to the deliberative process of a public body.

**File S1/34-H/04:**

Record 2

**File S1/54-AC/01:**

Record 1,2,3 and 4

**File S1/468-A/03:**

Records 1,2,3,4,5,and 9

Access to the following records is being refused under section 27(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act on the grounds that these records contain commercially sensitive information. Access is also refused under section 20(1) of the Act as these records contain matter relating to the deliberative process of a public body.

**File S1/470-A/04:**

Record 1;

**File S1/194-C/03:**

Record 1;

**File S1/128-I/04:**

Record 2;

**File S1/34-H/04:**

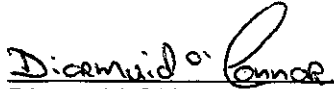
Record 3.

**File S1/468-A/03:**

Records 6, 7 and 8

I take this opportunity to remind you of your right to appeal as mentioned in the acknowledgement letter. Should you wish to make such an appeal, you should do so in writing, within 4 weeks, to Mr. John Wynne, FOI Manager, Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Leeson lane, Dublin 2.

Yours sincerely,

  
Diarmuid O'Connor,  
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