



16<sup>th</sup> January, 2008

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Dear

I refer to the Freedom of Information request received in this office on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2008 along with the associated fee.

The officer handling your request will be Ms Mary Farrell, Communications (Development) & Electronic Commerce Division, Department of Communications Energy & Natural Resources, 29 – 31 Adelaide Rd., Dublin 2. She can be contacted at 01 6782931.

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

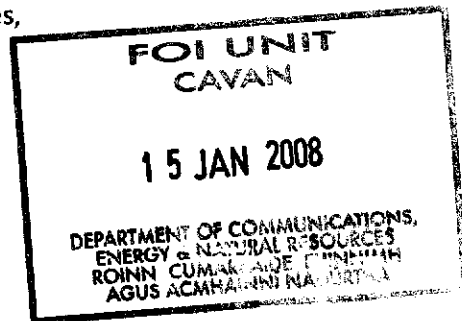
You should also be aware that you are entitled to a review of the decision if your request is refused, or if you are for any reason dissatisfied with the outcome of your request. The review is a full and new examination of the matter carried out by a more senior member of staff of this Department. In 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,

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9<sup>th</sup> January 2007

**RE: Freedom of Information Act request – Net 1 Communications**

Dear Ms Rabbitte,

I am requesting some information under the Freedom of Information Act in respect of Net 1 Communications, Donovan House, Adelphi Court, Dundalk, Co. Louth and enclose a cheque for €15 for this service.

I understand that this company has been in receipt of several grants for the provision of wireless broadband services in the Monaghan region since 2005 and I would like to know:

1. How much this company has received in government subvention,
2. What geographical areas this subvention was intended to cover,
3. What service (in terms of broadband speeds) the provider was expected to provide,
4. What steps the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, formerly DCMNR has taken to audit the provision of these services and,
5. What arrangements are in place to claw back these payments in the event that the provider fails to provide the service as specified?

Should you need to contact me to discuss any matters relating to this request, you can do so by calling me on [redacted] I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely