

[REDACTED]

24<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Our Ref: FOI/2015/256

Your Ref: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request for access to information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which was received in this Office on 4/08/2015 as follows:

*"In accordance with Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I request access to records which are both personal and non-personal in respect of the Tender for Contract for School Transport Services, Fifth Cycle, Lot 2: Operating Board C76 (the "Operating Board") and in particular all documentation regarding the award criteria contained therein, responses of the successful tenderer etc."*

In order to assist identify the specific records being sought you clarified in your letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> August as follows:

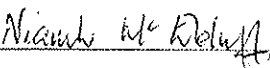
1. The personal records that are being sought do relate to [REDACTED]
2. The specific time frame which applies to our request is from March 2015 to August 2015.
3. The specific types of records we are seeking are all documentation relating to the school contract tender, tendered by [REDACTED] and which was awarded to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] contracted by Bus Éireann, in particular the system applied to [REDACTED] tender and also vis-a-vis any other tender and any other notes records, comments made in relation to same.

I have considered your request and have made a decision to part grant your request on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

I enclose a schedule with this letter which shows the documents considered relevant to your request. It describes each document and refers to the sections of the FOI Act which apply to prevent release.

In the event that you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal it. 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 Education and Skills, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 or by e-mail to [foi@education.gov.ie](mailto:foi@education.gov.ie). You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding the weekend and public holidays. However, 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 body.

Yours sincerely,

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Niamh McElduff

School Transport Section