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3rd September, 2015

Re: Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014 – Ref: FOI 2015/258

Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your application under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for copies of correspondence in relation to the following:

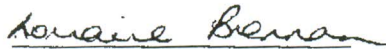
- **Copies of all correspondence, both written and electronic, between Dept. of Education and Catholic Church, Archbishop of Dublin or any other Catholic organisations/dioceses in relation to divestment of schools for the time period 1 July 2014 until the current date.**
- **Copies of any reports/briefings/memos prepared for the Minister for Education relating to the above during the same period.**

I attach a schedule of documents which outlines the documents that are considered relevant to your request. These documents are held in Forward Planning Section of the Department of Education and Skills. The schedule outlines the reasons for non-release or part release. The decision to release these documents was made by the undersigned on this day under Section 8 of the Acts.

You may appeal this decision. 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. Your correspondence should include a fee of €30 for processing the appeal. (Payment should be made by way of personal cheque, bank draft or postal money order to the accountant the Department of Education and Skills. *Please note that from 19 September, 2014, the Department of Education and Skills no longer accept cheque payments from business users in accordance with the Department of Finance Circular 01/2013.* For further information regarding payment methods for business users, please email foi@education.gov.ie)

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, however, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. A week is defined in the Act to mean 5 consecutive weekdays, excluding Saturdays and public holidays (Sunday are also excluded, as they are not weekdays). The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely,



Lorraine Brennan
Executive Officer
Forward Planning Section