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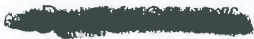


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23rd May, 2016

Re: Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014 – Ref: FOI 2016/158



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

An electronic copy of any and all submissions by the Department of Education and Skills related to Kilkenny Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2020.

A final decision was made on your request by myself on the 23rd of May 2016. I may be contacted by telephone at 057-9324432 in order to answer any questions you may have and to assist you generally in this matter.

Section 15 (1) (a) of the Act states that an FOI request may be refused if:

"the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken"

I can confirm that the record does not exist as there were no submissions issued by the Department of Education and Skills related to the Kilkenny Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2022.

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 (€10 for medical card holders)(delete as applicable) for processing the appeal. Payment should be made by way of personal cheque or postal money order made payable to the accountant in the Department of Education and Skills. Please note the Department of Education and Skills no longer accept cheque payments from business users. 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, 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.

Should you wish to discuss the above, you can contact me by telephone on 057-9324432.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George Carolan", is written over a horizontal line.

George Carolan

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