

19th May 2016

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Re: FOI request 2016/152

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I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this body.

A final decision was made on your request by myself Maria Bracken on the 19th May 2016. I may be contacted by telephone on 09064 83811 in order to answer any questions you may have, and to assist you generally in this matter.

I am sorry to inform you that we cannot locate the records and that I must therefore refuse your request. As is explained below, this decision is made under section 15(1)(a) of the Act.

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.'

In an effort to locate the records that you are seeking I have searched the relevant files within the section and have consulted with other sections within the Department. The reason they are not available may be due to the fact that records may be held locally by individual schools.

Decision

I have listed above the searches undertaken, and the results of those searches. In accordance with the requirements of section 15(1)(a) I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify and locate the records requested [or to identify any records in relation to your request as they do not exist]. I am unable to locate the records concerned and must therefore refuse your request on this basis.

Right of appeal

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 have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone on 09064 83811.

Yours sincerely,

Maria Bracken
Executive Officer

Colligan, Jason

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 April 2016 10:29
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Dear FOI Secretary

Following an FOI request I was recently I was provided with a copy of Statutory Instrument 'S180/20/10/1217' which refers to the 'Agreed to revised employment and pension arrangements for teachers and institute of technology lecturers who are or become Oireachtas members'. Paragraph (1) of that document (shown below) refers to the Statutory Instrument replacing the then existing leave arrangements.

(1) any member of the Dáil and the Seanad who holds a teaching post in a primary, secondary, community, comprehensive or vocational schools will have the option of applying for a Career Break of up to 10 years. This will replace existing leave arrangements;

I would be obliged if you could provide me with a copy of all leave arrangements for teachers who became members of the Oireachtas in post in a primary, secondary, community, comprehensive or vocational schools prior to 27th January 2011 and prior to the establishment of the 31st Dáil and 24th Seanad.

I look forward to your reply.

Kind regards

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