From: [Redacted]
Sent: 16 December 2016 15:30
To: Freedom of Information <fol@education.gov.ie>
Subject: FoI request: Salaries at the DES

In accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information acts, I wish to request the following information:

1. The name, job title, salary scale and precise salary of every person employed by the Department of Education, or hired as a contractor, who is paid over €150,000 per annum, including all those earning €150,000 or more pro-rata.

2. The names, job title, salary scale and precise salary of the ten highest earners, or contractors, including those who work on a pro-rata basis, who are directly employed by the Department of Education.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any clarification.

I look forward to receiving the information within 20 working days.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]
Dear [Name],

I refer to your request for access to information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which was received by this office on 16th December 2016.

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I am the assigned decision maker for your request and am writing to seek further clarification in relation to the term ‘contractor’ as mentioned in your request as I’m not sure if by this, you are looking for details of individuals on fixed term contracts employed by this Department or if you are referring to contracted services e.g. security, cleaning etc. The Department also hires consultants/ consultancy companies to do reports etc. and this information is available on our website at: http://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Corporate-Reports/Financial-Reports/Expenditure-on-Consultancy/Expenditure-on-Consultancy-by-Department-of-Education-and-Skills-in-2015.pdf

If the information sought is not available on the website perhaps you could clarify term ‘contractor’ as you understand it so I can accurately respond to your request.

Kind regards

Ellis Oliver