



15<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

**Re: FOI request 2016/13**

Dear

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

- "1. *Teachers' sick days for the academic year 2014/15 and so far for the academic year 2015/16*
2. *The cost of temporary/substitute teachers for the academic year 2014/15 and so far for the academic year 2015/16*"

I, Denise Cunniffé, have now made a final decision to part grant your request on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision. This explanation has the following parts:

1. a schedule of all of the records covered by your request;
2. an explanation of the relevant findings concerning the records to which access is denied, and
3. a statement of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so.

This letter addresses each of these three parts in turn.

**1. Schedule of records**

A table of the records being released is attached at Appendix 1 of this letter. It shows the records that this Department considers relevant to your request.

**2. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access**

The sections of the Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions.

With regard to your request for the figures for *teachers sick days for January and February 2016 and for the cost of temporary/substitute teachers for January and February 2016*, I have made a decision to refuse records under the provisions of Section 15 (1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 on the basis that no record currently exists which contains the precise detailed information that you are seeking at this present time.

### 3. Rights of appeal

In the event that you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal this 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 & Skills, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1. Your correspondence should include a fee of €30 for processing the appeal. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to the Department of Education and Skills. 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 090 6483967.

Yours sincerely,

  
Denise Cunniffe

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