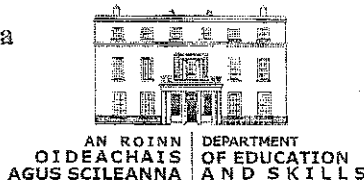


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10th March 2016

Reference: FOI 2016/64

I refer to your request under the terms of the Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act which was received by this office on the 12th February 2016 seeking access to the following:

“the number of special duties posts in primary schools in January of each of the years 2009 to 2016 inclusive;
the number of assistant principals posts in primary schools in January of each of the years 2009 to 2016 inclusive;
the number of assistant principals posts that have been approved in primary schools by way of alleviation of the moratorium on promotion in each of the years 2009 to 2015 inclusive;
the number of special duties posts in second level schools in January of each of the years 2009 to 2016 inclusive;
the number of assistant principals posts in second level schools in January of each of the years 2009 to 2016 inclusive;
the number of assistant principals posts that have been approved in second level schools by way of alleviation of the moratorium on promotion in each of the years 2009 to 2015 inclusive.”

I am the elected decision maker in this instance and may be contacted at (090) 648 3788 should you have any queries regarding my decision.

In your request you state that your preferred form of access to these records would be via email. I made a final decision to grant your request on the 10th March 2016.

The purpose of this email is to:

1. To provide you with the details as requested for primary and post primary schools that are paid via the Department of Education's payrolls and
2. Explain how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so

1. Details as requested for schools paid via the Department of Education's payrolls are as follows:

Primary Schools:

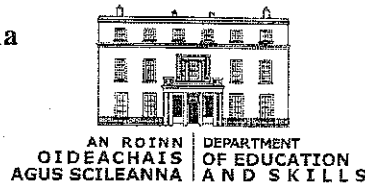
Year	Assistant Principal Posts in Department paid Primary Schools	Special Duties Posts in Department paid Primary Schools	The number of assistant principals posts that have been approved in Primary Schools by way of alleviation of the moratorium on promotion
2009	1,522	8,274	25
2010	1,342	7,768	24
2011	1,196	7,483	50
2012	1,001	6,769	24
2013	853	6,287	56
2014	800	5,987	88
2015	762	5,505	67
2016	710	5,189	

Post Primary Schools excluding teachers employed by Education Training Boards (ETB's):

Year	Assistant Principal Posts in Department paid Second Level Schools (i.e. excluding ETB teachers)	Special Duties Posts in Department paid Second Level Schools (i.e. excluding ETB teachers)	The number of assistant principals posts that have been approved in second level schools by way of alleviation of the moratorium on promotion (i.e. excluding ETB teachers)
2009	3,730	5,493	19
2010	3,247	5,320	69
2011	2,857	5,058	122
2012	2,464	4,746	154
2013	2,280	4,238	211
2014	2,115	4,075	303
2015	2,201	3,485	153
2016	2,275	3,183	

The Department of Education and Skills provides grants to Education and Training Boards (ETBs) to pay its teaching staff. The grant covers the cost of sanctioned posts and posts of responsibility directly on an ETB's payroll. As each ETB runs and maintains its own payroll, information on the number of teaching staff in receipt of Special Duties and Assistant Principal's allowances are not readily available to the Department.

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Should you have any queries regarding the above information please contact me on (090) 64 83788 or via email at tara_mulryan@education.gov.ie

2. Right of Appeal

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request then you are entitled to seek an internal review in accordance with the terms of section 21 of the FOI Act 2014.

In the event that you wish to make such an appeal you may do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Education and Skills, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 or by emailing foi@education.gov.ie. Your correspondence should include a fee of €30 for processing the appeal. (Payment should be made by way of personal cheque or postal money order to the accountant of the Department of Education and Skills).

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 (Sundays 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,

Tara Mulryan

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