

Bóthar Phort Laoise
An Tulach Mhór
Co. Uíbh Fhailí

Portlaoise Road
Tullamore
Co. Offaly

10th March 2016

[REDACTED]

Re: FOI request 2016/82

Dear [REDACTED]

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

- (1) All reports written (both internal/external) regarding SUSI since September 2015 to February 23rd 2016.
- (2) Documents which show the names, titles and associated salary of the three highest earners at SUSI
- (3) All correspondences, letters, emails sent/received between the CEO/Head of SUSI office and the Minister's office at the Department of Education since September 2015 to February 23rd 2016.

I, Suzanne Flood have now made a final decision to grant your request on 9th March 2016.

You have sought access to the records by means of print and electronic form. Accordingly, a copy of the record is now enclosed including a copy of the schedule to this record and this document has also been sent via attachment to [REDACTED]

The information blanked out in the document in the attached schedule is refused under Section 37(1) of the Freedom of Information Act as this information is personal.

Section 37(1) provides as follows

(1) Subject to this section, a head shall refuse to grant an FOI request if in the opinion of the head access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information.

With regard to (1) above, and in accordance with Section 15(a) of the Freedom Information Act 2014, the Department holds no record of written reports (both internal/external), having been commissioned or published between September 2015 and 23rd February 2016.

With regard to (2) above, SUSI staff members are employees of City of Dublin Education and Training Board (CDETb). In accordance with Section 15(a) of the Freedom Information Act 2014, the Department has no records showing the names, titles and associated salary of the three highest earners in SUSI. However, I can confirm that the highest earner in SUSI would be the Head of SUSI who is on the Principal Officer, Standard Scale and the next two highest earners would be at Assistant Principal level, and are on the Assistant Principal, Standard Scale. Copies of these two salary scales are enclosed for your information.

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you can make an appeal in relation to this matter, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Education & Skills, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1 or by e-mail to foi@education.gov.ie. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) 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 057 9325344.

Yours sincerely



Suzanne Flood
Executive Officer