

From: Freedom of Information  
Sent: 27 July 2016 10:45  
To:  
Cc: Freedom of Information  
Subject: FOI: 2016/261

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your Freedom of Information request dated 13 July 2016 which was received by this office on 13 July 2016 for records held by the Department of Education and Skills.

Your request sought:

"Copies of all internal audit reports carried out by or for your department or which have been supplied to the Department by any agencies under your remit, since January 2016, and any related correspondence to/from the relevant line Minister regarding any audits if such exists, since then."

In respect of audit reports carried out by the Department or which has been supplied to the Department by any agencies since January 2016, we have conferred with the Department's liaison officers for the relevant bodies/agencies under the aegis of the Department. All officers have confirmed that no records are held by the Department. The agencies are as follows:

An Chomhairle um Oideachais Gaeltachta agus Gaelscolaíochta (COGG) Education Research Centre (ERC) National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) State Examinations Commission (SEC) National Centre for Guidance in Education (NCGE) Higher Education Authority (HEA) Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (CICA) Residential Institutions Redress Board (RIRB) Residential Institutions Review Committee (RIRC) Residential Institutions Statutory Fund Board Caranua Grangegorman Development Agency (GGDA) Irish Research Council Léargas - The Exchange Bureau National Council for Special Education (NCSE) Skillnets Ltd SOLAS An tSeirbhís Oideachais Leanúnaigh agus Scileanna The Teaching Council

In respect of internal audit reports carried out by the Department, the file, reference number FOI/2016/261 has been forwarded to Keith McMullen, Internal Audit Unit, who is the decision maker handling your request and he can be contacted at (01) 8892125. A final decision on your request would normally be sent to you within 4 weeks, where a week is defined as 5 working day excluding the weekend and public holidays. This means that you can expect a decision letter to issue not later than 11 August 2016.

There are some limited situations under the FOI Act which could mean that the period for a final decision may be longer than this 4 week period. If this occurs in the case of your request, you will be advised by the decision maker in writing setting out the reason and the new decision date.

Should our final decision not reach you on time, please feel free to contact the decision maker named above to discuss any problems that may have arisen. If you have not heard from us once the allotted time has expired, you are automatically entitled to appeal for a review of the matter. This review proceeds on the legal basis that the initial request is considered to be refused once the specified time for responding to it has expired. The review is a full and new examination of the matter carried out by a more senior member of staff.

In the event that you need to request such a review, you can do so by writing to [foi@education.gov.ie](mailto:foi@education.gov.ie)

Please note the Department of Education and Skills has a policy of posting a summary of non-personal requests and decisions on the Departments website for references purposes. All personal information will be redacted from any records published.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact this Office.

Regards

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