

Freedom of Information Schedule of Records - Summary of Decision Making

FOI Request Reference

FOI 2016_200

Rec. No.	No. of pages	Date of Record	Brief description of record	Decision	Basis for refusal - Exempt under FOI Act	Other
Part 1			My understanding is that the DES has an agreement with Bus Éireann for provision of school transport for children with Special Needs. I request a copy of that agreement that covers the 3 years up to today's date.			
			No such record exists		15(1)(a) Record does not exist OR cannot be found	
Part 2			If it is not included in agreement, I explicitly request a copy of the Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the parties for 3 years up to today's date.			
			No such record exists		15(1)(a) Record does not exist OR cannot be found	
Part 3			My understanding from correspondence with Bus Éireann is that annually, they forward details of "cost savings" that they have achieved in the prior year. I request the records that show these cost savings for the 3 years to today's date.			
3.1	1		Table showing details for 2013 - Transport Scheme - 2008 v 2013	Grant		
3.2	5	16/03/2015	Letter from manager of Bus Éireann to Principal Officer of school transport section - re 2014.	Part Grant	36(1)(b) Commercially sensitive information - financial, commercial, technical info etc	
3.3	5	23/03/2016	Letter from manager of Bus Éireann to Principal Officer of school transport section - re 2015.	Part Grant	36(1)(b) Commercially sensitive information - financial, commercial, technical info etc	
Part 4			I understand that the DES issue guidelines on maximum amount of time a student (either attending Primary or Secondary) should be on a bus. I request the record that details this and I request the equivalent record for children attending special schools who have special needs.			

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4.1	4	January 2012	Primary School Transport Scheme - Pg 2, Part 5 - Level of service.	Grant		
4.2	4	January 2012	Post Primary School Transport Scheme - Pg 2, Part 5 - Level of service. No equivalent document issuing guidelines on maximum amount of time children attending attending special schools who have special needs should be on a bus exists.	Grant	15(1)(a) Record does not exist OR cannot be found	
Part 5			I understand that Bus Éireann tenders out all of the work for the transport of children with Special Needs. I request the records that detail the guidelines issued by the DES on how the tendering process must be carried out.		15(1)(a) Record does not exist OR cannot be found	
			No such document exists.			
Part 6			I understand that a new "sanction letter" was given for a new service from Malahide commencing in April 2016 going to St Augustine's School. I request a copy of this sanction letter and all of the records that supported this sanction letter being issued.			
			No such document exists.		15(1)(a) Record does not exist OR cannot be found	
Part 7			In DES Circular of November 2011, it states: "Bus Éireann endeavours, within available resources, to ensure that each eligible child has a reasonable level of school transport service" - I want the records that detail how "reasonable level" is defined and assessed by the DES.			
			No such document exists.		15(1)(a) Record does not exist OR cannot be found	