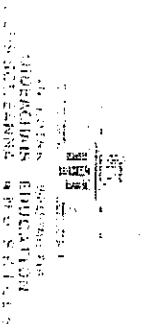


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10th October, 2016

Re: Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 Ref: 2016/325

Dear 

I refer to your application for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this body in relation to St Mochtas National School on foot of the school receiving “devastating news that the promise of a new rebuild of the existing school was on the list and ready to go to tender, were untrue and not happening.

This documents attached are being issued by the Department in relation to your request “*seeking information to know if the above was ever the case and would like all relevant documents regarding this matter*”.

I, Joan Murphy Executive Officer have now made a final decision to part grant your request on 10th October 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 schedule of enclosed with this letter, it shows the documents that this body considers relevant to your request. It describes each document and refers to the sections of the FOI Act which apply to prevent release. The schedule also refers you to sections of the detailed explanation given under heading 2 below, which are relevant to the documents in question. It also gives you a summary and overview of the decision as a whole.

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

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

Documents numbered: 1,6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 30, 34, 35, 38, 39, 41, 43, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 60, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69, and 71. from Major Projects. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 Section 36 Part 1, (b) & (c) (extracted below):

Commercially sensitive information

36.(1) Subject to subsection (2), a head shall refuse to grant an FOI request if the record concerned contains –

- (b) financial, commercial, scientific or technical or other information whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to result in a material financial loss or gain to the person to whom the information relates, or could prejudice the competitive position of that person in the conduct of his or her profession or business or otherwise in his or her occupation, or
- (c) information whose disclosure could prejudice the conduct or outcome of contractual or other negotiations of the person to whom the information relates.

Documents numbered 1 and 2 from Schools Capital Appraisal Section have been granted (as scheduled)

Documents numbered 1-12 from Schools Capital Appraisal Section have been part granted (as scheduled)

2. Rights of appeal

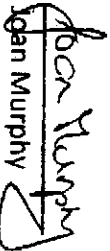
You may appeal this decision. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Education and Skills, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1. Your correspondence should be a fee of €30 for processing the appeal. Payments should be made by way of personal cheque or postal money order made payable to the accountant in the Department of Education and Skills. Please note the Department of Education and Skills no longer accept cheque payments from business users.

For further information regarding payment methods for business users, please email foi@education.gov.ie

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 057 9324453.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joan Murphy', written over a horizontal line.

Joan Murphy
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