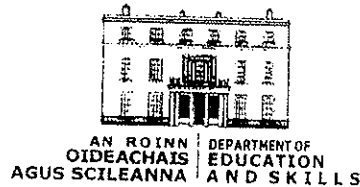


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4th October 2016.

Our Ref: FOI_2016_331

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your request for access to information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, as follows:

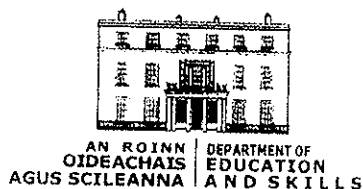
The cost of providing taxis for children in both primary and secondary school in each of the past five years.

I have made a decision to grant your request. Bus Éireann, which operates the School Transport Scheme on behalf of the Department has confirmed the following primary and secondary school taxi costs for the years in question.

2012	€15.076m
2013	€16.503m
2014	€18.097m
2015	€20.515m
2016	€22.684m (October 2016)

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 include a fee of €30 for processing the appeal. Payment should be made by way of personal cheque, bank draft or postal money order to the accountant the Department of Education and Skills. *(Please note that from 19 September, 2014, the Department of Education and Skills will no longer accept cheque payments from business users in accordance with the Department of Finance Circular 01/2013. For further information regarding payment methods for business users, please email foi@education.gov.ie).*

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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. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of staff of this Department.

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Yours sincerely,

Oliver Hughes,
School Transport Section.