

17th October 2016.

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Re: FOI request 2016 / 356

Dear [REDACTED]

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

copies of any reports, briefing notes, memoranda or similar prepared for the Minister regarding the performance of Ireland's third level institutions in international league tables. The request to cover the period since Minister Bruton's appointment.

I have now made a final decision to grant your request on 17th October 2016.

You have sought access to the records electronically and I consider this an appropriate form of access in this case. Accordingly, a copy of the records is now attached to this email including the schedule to these records.

Right 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 include a fee of €30 for processing the appeal. Payment 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.

Publication

All non-personal FOI requests will be recorded on an FOI disclosure log which will be published on the Department of Education and Skills website in due course.

Should you wish to discuss the above, please contact me by telephone at 8892147.

Yours sincerely,


Tim Cullinane,
Higher Education Officer