

Letter to requester granting request – Non-Personal

16th November 2016



Re: FOI request – 2016/363

Dear 

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

Can you please provide a list of the names of each Bulk Personal Dataset held or controlled by the Department, and, for each dataset:

a) the purposes for which the dataset is held

b) the size of the dataset (in terms of either gigabytes of disk space, or number of individuals, or both)

c) how many copies of the dataset are in existence in the department, and the source of that figure (ie whether that figure is as a result of copy control measures, a comprehensive audit, or is an estimate)

If any part of the above is not held for any particular dataset, it is sufficient to say that that part is unknown.

By "bulk personal dataset" I mean any collection containing personal data related to a significant number of individuals (one hundred or more) and "personal data" has the meaning as in section 1 of the Data Protection Acts.

I would prefer a response in an electronic form (e.g. spreadsheet file delivered by email).

I, Peter Collins, Assistant Principal Officer, have now made a final decision to grant your request on 16th Nov 2016.

You have sought access to the records by means of an email containing an excel spreadsheet and I consider this an appropriate form of access in this case. Accordingly, a copy of the records is now enclosed including a copy of 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 (€10 for medical card holders) 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 01-8896411.

Yours sincerely,

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