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An Roinn Oideachais agus Scileanna
Sráid Maoilbhríde
Baile Átha Cliath 1



North South Co-operation Section
Department of Education and Skills
Marlborough Street
Dublin 1

28 August 2017

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Re: FOI request 2017/358

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

"Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:

- copies of all correspondence between your Department and the NI Department for the Economy or Education with regard to cost of further education students from the Republic studying in Northern Ireland between 1 January 2015 and 4 August 2017".

I, Kieran Ormond, Executive Officer, have now made a final decision to part grant your request on 28 August 2017.

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 record(s) 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 is 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 document(s) 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 deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions.

Correspondence between this Department and the Department for the Economy Northern Ireland is being refused under Section 30. (1)(c) Functions and negotiations of FOI bodies and Section 33. (1)(c) Security, Defence and International Relations - matters relating to Northern Ireland.

For your information, the Department of Education Northern Ireland does not have responsibility for further education matters so there is no correspondence between our Departments.

3. 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.

Yours sincerely,



Kieran Ormond
Executive Officer