



Oifig an tAire um Ardoideachas
Office of the Minister for Higher Education

Tuesday, 26 September 2017



Re: FOI request 2017/384

Dear 

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

A record of correspondence, (emails, letters, memos, WhatsApp messages, and texts), between Minister Richard Burton and Minister of State Mary Mitchell O'Connor. This request includes correspondence and subsequent responses between (to and from or sent and received between the Ministers).

I, Helena Boyle, Executive Officer have now made a final decision to grant your request on Tuesday, September 26th, 2017.

You have sought access to the records by means of receipt of documentation via email, 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 D01 RC96 or email foi@education.gov.ie

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 01 889 2018.

Yours sincerely,



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