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15<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Our Ref: FOI\_2017\_014

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

Part 1

Seeking all correspondence including emails, memos and any written communications between the Department of Education and Bus Eireann between 01<sup>st</sup> January 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

In particular, seeking records relating to the Department's scheme with Bus Eireann relating to the C&AG report in the ongoing scheme.

Part 2

Also seeking any communications relating to discussions from Bus Eireann seeking extra profits from existing agreement.

Part 1

Enclosed are copies of emails, memos and any written communications between the Department of Education and Bus Eireann relating to the C&AG report in the ongoing scheme, between 01<sup>st</sup> January 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016

Part 2

I am satisfied that no such documents exist relating to discussions from Bus Eireann seeking extra profits from existing agreement. In this regard section 15(1)(a) of the act applies.

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)(delete as applicable) 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](mailto: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,

   
Brian Geraghty,  
School Transport Section.