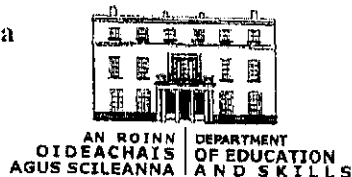


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03<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

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Re: FOI request 2017 / 95

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

*Copies of any briefing notes, memoranda, submissions, reports etc prepared for Minister Bruton with regard to funding crisis at GMT in period since his appointment. Copies of any representations received by the Dept relating to the above during the same time period.*

I, Olive O'Neill, Executive Officer, have now made a final decision to grant your request on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.

You have sought access to the records by electronic means and I consider this an appropriate form of access in this case. Accordingly, a copy of the record is now enclosed including a copy of the schedule to this record.

#### 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](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.

#### 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 057 9325406.

Yours sincerely,

Olive O'Neill  
Executive Officer.