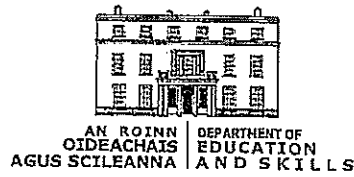


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Our Ref: FOI: 2017/224

13 June 2017

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Dear [REDACTED]

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

#### Details of request

Your request was for information, Circular Letters or other documents held by the Department explaining the term "Special Competition" held in 1999/2000 in the IoT Sector, as referred to in Paragraph 2.2(2) on Circular Letter 0024/2008.

#### Granting the request

I am granting you the request in full. After a thorough search of the records held on electronic databases and files in Pension Unit, the Department's External Human Resources and Higher Education Sections, the following document is the only record related to the request.

Please see Part 1.6 of that document which was the Programme for Competitiveness and Work (PCW) Agreement between employers and the TUI.

Accordingly, a copy of the document is now enclosed.

#### Right of Appeal

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you can make an appeal in relation to this matter, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Education and Skills, Marlborough St., Dublin 1.

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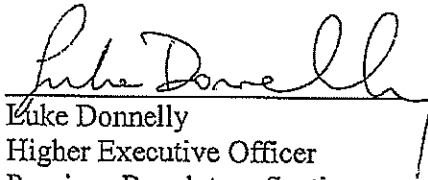


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You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Please note the Department of Education and Skills has a policy of posting a summary of non-personal requests and decisions on the Departments website for references purposes. All personal information will be redacted from any records published.

Yours sincerely,



Luke Donnelly  
Higher Executive Officer  
Pensions Regulatory Section  
Pension Unit