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From: Donoghue, Celine
Sent: 03 May 2018 12:17
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI/2018/100
Attachments: Scanned documents released.pdf; FOI Decision Schedule (DES).xlsx

3rd May 2018

Dear

Re: FOI request – FOI/2018/100

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

- All correspondence between the Department of Education, school officials and teacher's unions in relation to Storm Emma and related adverse conditions.
- All internal records relating to the issue of school closures due to Storm Emma and related adverse conditions - to include minister's briefing notes, internal memos and minutes of meetings.

I, Celine Donoghue, Executive Office, have now made a final decision to part grant your request on 3rd May 2018.

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 records 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 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.

I consider that the specified records in the attached schedule are exempt from release under the provisions of:

- Section 37(1) of the FOI Act 2014
- Section 36 (1)(a) Commercially sensitive information – trade secrets

- Section 42: - Record is excluded from the scope of FOI.

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 D01 RC96 or 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.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone on [Insert Number].

Yours sincerely,

Celine Donoghue
Executive Officer