Freedom of Information Unit,

Dear Sir/Madam,

In accordance with Freedom of Information Act, I wish to request access to the following information/records held by your department:

The amount of money spent on landscaping, gardening, flowers etc by the department since the current Government came to power in 2011 to the current date.

I would like to receive the requested information via emailed attachment to and also via post.

I would appreciate if formal correspondence could also be conducted via email.

I am happy to discuss any aspect of the above insofar as it would help to clarify anything or to make the process as efficient as possible.

If you need to clarify anything I am contactable at at the above email address.

Yours sincerely,
15/10/2015

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2015/120

I refer to your request dated 14/10/2015 which was received by this office on 15/10/2015 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this FOI body. Your request sought:

“The amount of money spent on landscaping, gardening, flowers etc. by the Department since the current Government came to power in 2011 to the current date.”

The decision maker handling your request is Mr Fergus Casey, Corporate Services Division, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan, H12 ABH7, Co Cavan and he can be contacted at 01 6783027. A final decision on your request would normally be sent to you within 4 weeks, where a week is defined as 5 working days excluding the weekend and public holidays. This means that you can expect a decision letter to issue not later than 13/11/2015.

There are some limited situations under the FOI Act which could mean that the period for a final decision may be longer than this 4 week period. If this occurs in the case of your request, you will be advised promptly in writing setting out the reason and the new decision date.

Should our final decision not reach you on time, please feel free to contact the decision maker named above to discuss any problems that may have arisen. If you have not heard from us once the allotted time has expired, you are automatically entitled to appeal for a review of the matter. This review proceeds on the legal basis that the initial request is considered to be refused once the specified time for responding to it has expired. The review is a full and new examination of the matter carried out by a more senior member of staff.

In the event that you need to request such a review, you can do so by writing to FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd, Cavan, H12 ABH7, Co Cavan or alternatively by sending an e-mail to FOI.UNIT@dcnr.gov.ie. You should state that you are seeking this review because an
initial decision was not sent to you within the time allowed for a response. In that event, you would normally have 4 weeks (after the initial decision should have been sent to you) in which to make the appeal. Consideration will be given to late applications in appropriate circumstances.

Please note this Department has a policy of posting a summary of all non-personal FOI Requests on the Departments website.

Yours sincerely,

Carmel Conaty
FOI Unit
29th October 2015

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2015/120

Dear

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, concerning the amount of money spent on landscaping, gardening, flowers etc. by the Department since the current Government came to power in 2011 to the current date.

I have made a final decision to Grant your request and I attach all relevant information with this letter.

I wish to advise you that, if for any reason you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request, you are entitled to seek a review by appealing the decision. To appeal, you need to write to the FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd, Cavan, Co Cavan. You must make your appeal within 4 weeks of the date of this letter, but the making of a late appeal may be permitted in certain circumstances. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Please note that an application fee for an appeal is currently €75.00 and a reduced fee of €25.00 applies if you are covered by a Medical Card.

If claiming a reduced application fee, the request must also be accompanied by
- The Medical Card registration number
- The name of the issuing Health Board
- Your consent to the verification of these details with that Health Board.

Fáilte ar roimh comhfhreagrais i nGaeilge
Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money postal order, or personal cheque made payable to "Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources".

On receipt of the fee, you will be advised of when you can expect a decision on your appeal, and the contact details of the person handling the appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Fergus N. Casey,
Corporate Services Division.
Table of expenditure on landscaping, gardening, flowers etc. by the Department since the current Government came to power in 2011 to the current date.

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