Dear FOI Officer,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. The documents can be emailed to me in a digital format to

I request the following;

1/ Minutes of all meetings in 2014 in which nuclear power was discussed between January 2014 and today.

2/ Any reports, proposals or briefs on nuclear power between January 2014 and today.

3/ All internal communications (emails, phone calls etc) in which nuclear power was discussed between January 2014 and today.

4/ All communications between the DCENR and the Department of Environment or the Department of Finance, on nuclear power, between January 2014 and today.

Regards,
07/01/2015

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2015/4

I refer to your request dated 03/01/2015 which was received by this office on 05/01/2015 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this FOI body. Your request sought: 1) Minutes of all meetings in 2014 in which nuclear power was discussed between January 2014 and today 2) Any reports, proposals or briefs on nuclear power between January 2014 and today 3) All internal communications (emails, phone calls etc.) in which nuclear power was discussed between January 2014 and today 4) All communications between the DCENR and the Department of Environment or the Department of Finance, on nuclear power, between January 2014 and today and 5) Any submissions, proposals, emails or letters to the department in 2013 or 2014 on the possibility of nuclear power in Ireland.

The decision maker handling your request is Mr John Twomey, Strategic Policy Coordination Division, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, 29-31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2 and he can be contacted at 01 6782151. A final decision on your request would normally be sent to you within 4 weeks, where a week is defined as 5 working day excluding the weekend and public holidays. This means that you can expect a decision letter to issue not later than 02/02/2015.

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, Co Cavan or alternatively by sending an e-mail to FOIUNIT@dcenr.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.

Should you wish to discuss the above, please contact me by telephone at 01 6782903.

Yours sincerely,

Carmel Conaty
FOI Unit

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29 January 2015

Re: FOI request 2015/4

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

1/ Minutes of all meetings in 2014 in which nuclear power was discussed between January 2014 and today.

2/ Any reports, proposals or briefs on nuclear power between January 2014 and today.

3/ All internal communications (emails, phone calls etc) in which nuclear power was discussed between January 2014 and today.

4/ All communications between the DCENR and the Department of Environment or the Department of Finance, on nuclear power, between January 2014 and today.

5/ Any submissions, proposals, emails or letters to the department in 2013 or 2014 on the possibility of nuclear power in Ireland.

I, John Twomey, Higher Executive Officer, have now made a final decision to refuse your request on 29 January 2015.

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**

There are no records within the scope of the request that can be granted. The Schedule beneath gives more detail on this. However, the Department's Green Paper on Energy, and the submissions received in relation to it would capture the substance of all relevant issues. This information is located at the following address:-

http://www.dcenr.gov.ie/Energy/Energy+Planning+and+Electricity+Corporate+Division/ and
The schedule set out beneath relates to the position, relative to your request,

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2. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

There are no records within the scope of the request that can be granted.

3. Rights of appeal

In the event that you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal this it. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan. or by e-mail to FOI.UNIT@dcenr.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 016782151.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

John Twomey
Higher Executive Officer
Strategic Energy Policy Division
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
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