From: 17 June 2015 12:39
Sent: FOI UNIT
To: Freedom of Information request
Subject: Freedom of Information Unit

Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
29-31 Adelaide Road
Dublin 2

Dear FOI officer,

This is a request pursuant to Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

I should like to request the following information:

Copies of all correspondence between the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and Independent News and Media since 1st February 2011 concerning media ownership concentration and the media ownership guidelines published by the Department.

Copies of all correspondence between the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and Communicorp since 1st February 2011 concerning media ownership concentration and the media ownership guidelines published by the Department.

I should prefer to receive these in electronic format at this email address, however, I am happy to receive them by post if that is more convenient.

It would be helpful if you were to provide any brief notes which might be necessary to understand the context of the information provided, although I recognise that you are not obliged to do this.

If for any reason you feel this request is unclear, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are not the appropriate authority for this request, or for part of it, please let me know as soon as is convenient.

If the information requested contains sections of confidential information, please blank out or remove these sections, and mark clearly that they have been removed.

Sincerely,
14 July 2015

Ref: FOI/2015/64

Dear

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, requesting copies of all correspondence between the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and Independent News and Media since 1st February 2011 concerning media ownership concentration and the media ownership guidelines published by the Department; and copies of all correspondence between the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources and Communicorp since 1st February 2011 concerning media ownership concentration and the media ownership guidelines published by the Department.

I have made a final decision to your request and am refusing under Section 15 (1) (a) of the Act as follows:

"the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken."

[Departmental information]
I am satisfied, following all reasonable steps having been taken to locate the record you have sought, that the Department does not hold any records which come within the scope of your request. If you have any queries regarding this correspondence please contact me at the number below.

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 20 working days 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 €30.00 and a reduced fee of €10.00 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.

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,

Justina Corcoran

Internet Policy Division

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