Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources,  
Freedom of Information Unit,  
Elm House,  
Earlsvale Road,  
Cavan,  
Co. Cavan

June 16th, 2015

To whom it may concern,

I wish to request the information listed below under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997, 2003 and 2014.

All electronic and written correspondence including letters, memos, background papers, preparatory advice, minutes of meetings, submissions, and documents within the Department between the Minister for Communications and his predecessor with Mr Denis O’ Brien on the issue of media mergers, guidelines and policy options pertaining to the subject from March 2011 to present.

Regards,
27 July 2015

Ref: FOI/2015/66

Dear [Name],

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, requesting copies of all electronic and written correspondence including letters, memos, background papers, preparatory advice, minutes of meetings, submissions and documents within the Department between the Minister for Communications, and his predecessor with Mr Denis O’Brien on the issue of media mergers, guidelines and policy options pertaining to the subject from March 2011 to present.

I have made a final decision to grant your request and I attach the relevant information with this letter. If you have any queries regarding this correspondence you can contact me by telephone at the number below, a schedule of the records covered by your request is also attached.

Páirtítear roimh comhfhreagra i nGaeilge
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,

[Signature]

Justina Corcoran

Internet Policy Division

Phone: 016782906
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Schedule of records: Summary of Decision Making

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Hi Daniel, it’s just Denis. If that changes I will get in touch but I don’t expect it to.

Nicky

Nicola

Are you in a position to confirm attendees for tomorrow’s meeting?

Thanks

Daniel Carton
Minister Rabbitte’s Office

Dear Daniel, Many thanks for coming back to me. Denis is free at 12.00 on Friday 27th and will go to Adelaide Road. I am unsure as yet who will join him but as soon as I know I will revert.

With kind regards and thanks,

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