Bridgette Smith

From: 24 September 2015 14:53
To: FOI UNIT
Subject: RE: FOI request re Web Summit

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Bridgette,

Thanks for your reply - if it helps you can rewrite the request to seek "copies of correspondence between the office of Minister Alex White and the organisers of the Web Summit, including Mr Paddy Cosgrave".

Please let me know if this is helpful for you or whether you'd like any further refinement at my end.

Thanks,
Dear

Re: FOI request {FOI/2015/102}

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Acts 2014, requesting copies of correspondence between the office of Minister Alex White and the organisers of the Web Summit, including Mr Paddy Cosgrave.

I have now made a final decision on your request and I may be contacted by telephone on 01-6782505 in order to answer any questions you may have, and to assist you generally in this matter.

The records you are seeking do not exist and I must, therefore, refuse your request. As is explained below, this decision is made under section 15(1)(a) of the Act.

Section 15(1)(a) of the Act states that an FOI request may be refused if:
the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken

I have carried out a complete search of records and have located no relevant records.

Decision
In accordance with the requirements of section 15(1)(a) I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify and locate the records requested. I am unable to locate the records concerned, as they don’t exist, and must therefore refuse your request on this basis.

Rights of Review
In the event that you are not happy with this decision you can make an appeal in relation to this matter, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan or by e-mail to FOI.UNIT@dcentr.gov.ie

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification, where a day if 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 review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of staff and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks.

Please note that the 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. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money postal order, or personal cheque made payable to the “Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources”.

Yours sincerely