23/06/2015

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2015/63

Dear,

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, concerning All records relating to the ending of Michelle Mc Shortall's term on the BAI, after having been reappointed in December 2014.

I have made a final decision to grant your request and I attach all 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.

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 €15.00 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,

Mary Mooney
Broadcasting Policy Division
Phone: 01 6783097

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Schedule of Records: Summary of Decision Making

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Mary Mooney

From: Maria Owens
Sent: 08 December 2014 16:35
To: Frances Donnelly
Subject: FW: BAI Membership

Maria Owens
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From: Eanna OConghaile
Sent: 08 December 2014 16:32
To: Maria Owens; Jenny O'Hora
Cc: Eamonn Molloy
Subject: FW: BAI Membership

From: Minister White
Sent: 08 December 2014 16:27
To: Seana McGeearty
Cc: Madeleine Mulrennan; Bernard Harbor; Eunan McKinney; Eanna OConghaile; Clodagh.O'Connor
Subject: FW: BAI Membership

For information. I have printed a copy for the Minister.

Regards

Grainne Geraghty

From: Michelle McShortall [mailto:rmcshortall@intuition.com]
Sent: 08 December 2014 16:13
To: Minister White
Subject: BAI Membership

Mr. Alex White TD,
Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.

Dear Minister,

I regret to inform you that I will not be in a position to take up Broadcasting Authority membership.
I apologize for the inconvenience, I was caught on the hop last week when you phoned and really didn't have an opportunity to think it through. On reflection between Committee membership and attendance and Authority work, I would not be in a position to give this important role the energy and time it needs and deserves.

Again I apologize for this inconvenience and were it to be of any logistical assistance to the Authority or Department, I would be happy to remain as a de facto Authority member until such time as you get a replacement.

Yours Sincerely
Michelle McShortall

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Dear Michelle

Now that a new authority has been appointed, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your work as a member of the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland and for making yourself available for this important national task.

I am aware of the demands made on you during your time as a member of the authority and would like to express my personal appreciation and that of the Government for your contribution and the dedication you have shown in this regard.

I wish you every success in the future.

Yours sincerely

Alex White T.D.
Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources