REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2014

To: FOI Officer, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan.

Please use BLOCK letters

Details of Applicant

First Name:

Surname:

Postal Address:

Email Address:

Telephone Number(s)

Home:

Business:

Mobile:

Details of Request

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I request access to records which are:

(please tick as appropriate)

Personal ☐ Non-personal ☑

In the space provided below, please describe the records as fully as you can. If you are requesting Personal Information, please state precisely, in whose name those records are held. It is not usual to be given access to personal information of another person unless you have obtained the written consent of that person.

I request the following records:

[Descriptive text]

[Official Use Only]

Date FOI Request Received:____________________

Identity Verified:____________________

Consent Confirmed:____________________
25/05/2015

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2015/47

Dear

I refer to your request which was received by this office on 21/05/2015 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this FOI body. Your request sought:

Copies of all data held by the Department in relation to the usage of public electric car charging points in 2014 and 2015.

The decision maker handling your request is Mr Des Byrne, Decarbonisation Policy and Coordination Division, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, 29-31 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2 and they can be contacted at 01 6783215. A final decision on your request would normally be sent to you within 4 weeks, where a week is defined as 5 working days excluding the weekend and public holidays. This means that you can expect a decision letter to issue not later than 19/06/2015.

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 FOI.UNIT@dcern.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.

Please note the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources has a policy of posting a summary of all non-personal requests and decisions on the Departments website.

Yours sincerely,

Carmel Connolly
FOI Unit
FOI Request Reference: FOI/2015/47

Dear

I refer to your request which was received by this office on 21 May 2015 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this Department in relation to the usage of public electric car charging points in 2014 and 2015.

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'.

After a search through our records, undertaken by myself and a number of colleagues, I am sorry to inform you that we cannot locate any relevant records and that I must therefore refuse your request under section 15(1)(a) of the Act. If you have any queries on this matter, please contact me at (01) 678 3215.

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you may seek a review of this decision by writing to the Department’s Freedom of Information Unit, Elm House, Earlsvale Road, Cavan seeking an internal review of the matter. Please note that a fee applies for such a review which has been set at €30. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque, and made payable to the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. Should you wish to pay by electronic means please contact the FOI Unit at (01) 678 2902. You should submit an application for review within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, though 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 the staff of this body and the decision will be communicated to you within 3 weeks.

Yours sincerely,

Des Byrne
Higher Executive Officer
**FOI Request Reference:** RequestID: 822  
**Schedule of Records: Summary of Decision Making**

Copies of all data held by the Department in relation to the usage of public electric car charging points in 2014 and 2015

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<th>No. of Pages</th>
<th>Relevant Facts</th>
<th>Findings/Conclusions (Public Interest Considerations, If Applicable)</th>
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