

4th July 2021

Re: Freedom of Information request 202115- Request Refused.

Dear,

I refer to your request, dated and received on 4th June 2021, which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by the Land Development Agency (LDA).

Your request sought:

My request relates to seeking any internal correspondence regarding the new international protection scheme for migrants which is a replacement of the current direct provision scheme and any correspondence relating to Land Development Agency involvement in same. Also, any costings or capacity studies that were undertaken by the Land Development Agency regarding the same programme.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 4th of July 2021.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access.

Details of your request were provided to relevant sections in the LDA to identify records held which were within the scope of your request.

The sections of the FOI Act which deny access to information are known as its exemptions.

In this regard, I am refusing your request in accordance with Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which states:

Refusal on administrative grounds to grant FOI requests

15(1) (a) The record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,

2. Right of Appeal

In the event that you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal this it. If you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Land Development Agency, 2nd Floor, Ashford House, Tara Street, Dublin 2 or by e-mail to foi@lda.ie.

Please note that a fee applies. This fee has been set at €30 (€10 for a Medical Card holder). Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque.



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and made payable to Head of Finance, Land Development Agency, 2nd Floor, Ashford House, Tara Street, Dublin 2.

Payment can be made by electronic means, using the following details:

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BIC: AIBKIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI 202115) is included in the payment details.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is 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 appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Please be advised that the Land Development Agency replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website at lda.ie.

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone on (01) 9103400.

Yours sincerely,



Monika Szyszko,
Compliance Manager