

27th September 2022

Re: Freedom of Information Request 202213 - Request Part Granted.

Dear

I refer to your request dated 29th August 2022 and received by this office on the 30th of August, which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by the Land Development Agency (LDA).

- *a database/spreadsheet/record of all costs associated with the LDA development of its beta version of state-owned property across Ireland.*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 27th September 2022.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

1. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions.

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

The records requested are attached to this decision letter for your information.

I wish to inform you that I am refusing one record in accordance with Section 37(1) of the FOI Act. This record is included in the Schedule of Records in **Appendix 1**.

Section 37-Personal Information

(1) Subject to this section, a head shall refuse to grant an FOI request if, in the opinion of the head, access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information (including personal information relating to a deceased individual).

Personal information is defined at Section 2 of the FOI Act and includes the following:

Section 2 -- Interpretation

2. (1) In this Act

"personal information" means information about an identifiable individual that, either

(a) would, in the ordinary course of events, be known only to the individual or members of the family, or friends, of the individual, or

(b) is held by an FOI body on the understanding that it would be treated by that body as confidential,



and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, includes

- (iii) information relating to the employment or employment history of the individual,
- (v) information relating to the individual in a record falling within section 11(6)(a).
- (vii) information relating to any criminal history of, or the commission or alleged commission of any offence by, the individual,

Public Interest Test

There is a Public Interest Test associated with section 37 the FOI Act whereby my decision must be made having fully considered the harm and public interest relevant to this request.

I have considered the public interest issues which arise in your request, and have taken account of the following factors in favour of release:

- Ensuring openness and transparency of organisational functions to the greatest possible extent.
- The public interest in members of the public exercising their rights under the FOI Act.
- That there is more than just a transitory interest by the public in this information being released.
- The right to privacy is outweighed by the needs of the public.

In considering the public interest factors which favour withholding the records as detailed in part one of your request, I have taken account of the following:

- Allowing a public body to hold personal information without undue access by members of the public.
- The public interest is not best served by releasing these records.
- That the organisation can conduct its business in confidential manner.
- That there is no overriding public interest that outweighs the individual's right to privacy.

Having balanced the public interest factors both for and against the release, I decided that the public interest in preserving the information and the reasonable expectation that information can be maintained in confidential manner by the LDA outweighs the public interest which would be served were the detail released to you.

2. Right of Appeal

In the event that you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal 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,

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:

Land Development Agency
2nd Floor, Ashford House
Tara Street, Dublin 2
D02 VX67



The Land Development Agency DAC
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You must ensure that your FOI reference number (**FOI 202213**) is included in the payment details.

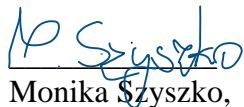
You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day excluding, the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of 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

Appendix 1: Schedule of Records

Requester name:		Request Re:202213			
Page number	Description of document	Deletions	Relevant section of FOI Act	Reasons for deletion	Decision Maker's decision
1	Extract from Board Minutes	Name of individual not employed by LDA	Section 37	Personal Information	Part grant
2-3	Extract from Board Paper State Asset	NA	NA	NA	Grant
4	Financial Summary	NA	NA	NA	Grant
		Total number of pages			4
		Total number of pages for full release			0
		Total number of pages for partial release			1
		Total number of pages being withheld			0



Land Development Agency

Board Meeting of 1st December 2020

Minutes of Meeting

Date	1 st December 2020
Venue	Video conference call – Covid 19 restrictions remaining in place
Time	10am
Chair	John Moran
Other Board Members	John Coleman (CEO), Michael Stone*, Tim Bouchier Hayes, Clare Costello, Michelle Norris, John O’Connor, Caroline Timmons, Conn Murray
Apologies	None
Attendees	Phelim O’Neill (Head of Property)*, Omar Bhamjee* (Head of Finance)
Minute Taker	██████████ (Arthur Cox)
*	For part of meeting

Section 37
Personal
Information

No	Item
6.4	<p>State lands database-expenditure approval</p> <p>The Board noted the paper provided in relation to this item and same was taken as read. The Head of Property advised that the proposed expenditure on this item will allow for area analysis and provide information for better use of State lands making them searchable for the first time. (Michael Stone left the meeting confirming he was happy with this proposal).</p> <p>The CEO noted that the State lands database is contained in the LDA legislation and is a separate funding stream. Michelle Norris proposed the approval of the proposal and Caroline Timmons seconded this proposal.</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED that the professional services fees in relation to services to be provided by ERSI, for the ongoing development of the State Asset Database, and to purchase an OSi licence for the PRIME 2 database to assist in the production of the State Asset Database, along with the AGOL and Geodirectory licences to support and update the State Asset Database, be and are hereby approved.</p> <p>The Head of Property left the meeting.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">DECISION</p> <p>Professional services fees in relation to services to be provided by ERSI, for the ongoing development of the State Asset Database, and to purchase an OSi licence for the PRIME 2 database to assist in the production of the State Asset Database, along with the AGOL and Geodirectory licences to support and update the State Asset Database, approved.</p>



LDA Board Paper – 01 December 2020

State Asset Database

1.0 Request for Approval:

The purpose of the paper is to seek LDA Board’s approval in relation to professional services from ESRI for ongoing development of the State Asset Database and to purchase an OSi licence of the PRIME 2 database to assist in the production of the State Asset Database for the next three years.

The funding requested is as follows:

Company	Fee (all values are ex. VAT)
ESRI – State Asset Database	€266,640.37 (132,000 ex VAT remaining)
ESRI – AGOL Licences	€7,500
OSi – PRIME 2	€146,000
Geodirectory	€17,500
Total	€437,640.37

- Professional services ESRI for State Asset Database is €132,000 (ex VAT)
- Annual fee for the OSi PRIME 2 licence is approx. €146,000 (ex VAT)

2.0 Background and Context

As part of the LDA mandate under Head 49 of the Land Development Agency Bill the Agency is tasked with delivering the State Lands Database which provides that:

- i. The LDA shall be empowered to compile and update a national database of relevant public lands which shall be publicly available.
- ii. The database shall contain all necessary information to enable the LDA to identify all relevant public lands and advise the Government, and the Minister as appropriate, on the management and use of relevant public lands.
- iii. The Property Registration Authority, Ordnance Survey Ireland and the Valuation Office will provide services to the LDA to assist in the compilation of the database.
- iv. The database shall be compiled within a defined period of the establishment of the LDA.
- v. Relevant public bodies shall provide all necessary information to the LDA within a defined period of it being requested.

3.0 Cost Information / Budget:

ESRI’s successful tender was in three elements:

- Project 1: €67,640 (ex VAT) – approved and completed
- Project 2: €67,000 (ex VAT) – approved and ongoing
- Project 3: €132,000 (ex VAT) – approval currently sought

The OSi PRIME 2 database provides the most detailed mapping of the county as well as use (form and function) and status (in use, derelict, under construction, etc) of any property in the country. This database is available under licence and costs €146,000 (ex VAT) per annum.

Geodirectory – An annual licence is also required for the Geodirectory database. This will allow us to get detailed information on each building within the country. They have made some improvements to their product which will increase their cost for 2021 which is estimated to be approximately €17,500.

Project 1		
Current Financial Status as of 15/01/2021		
Work Package	Total Days to Date	Total Value to Date
Work Package 1: Project p	5.3	€3,502.00
Work Package 2: Manual	14.2	€11,302.01
Work Package 3: Data ma	3.3	€2,605.33
Work Package 4: Data ma	1.4	€1,148.99
Work Package 5: Data ma	1.2	€971.34
Work Package 6: Manual	27.5	€21,979.01
Work Package 7: Data ma	15.6	€8,730.77
Work Package 8: Docume	7.0	€5,672.34
Work Package 9: Project	21.3	€11,681.09
Grand Total	96.8	€67,592.87

Contract Value	€ 67,640.37
Work In Progress (WIP) %	100%
Value used	€ 67,592.87
Value remaining	€ 47.50

Role	Sum of Hours to Date	Sum of Value to Date
SA	56.0	€ 6,421.52
PM	61.0	€ 6,994.87
Lead Consultant	107.5	€ 11,537.98
Consultant	402.3	€ 42,638.50
Grand Total	626.8	€ 67,592.87

Additional Resources	
ESRI – AGOL Licences	€7,500
OSJ – PRIME 2	€146,000
Geodirectory	€17,500
Total	€171,000

Project 2		
Current Financial Status as of 31/03/2021		
Work Package	Total Days to Date	Total Value to Date
WP1: Planning	3.2	€ 2,545.48
WP2: Data loading - Data Processing Engine	14.9	€ 11,900.80
WP3: Data enrichment - Data Processing Engine	33.0	€ 26,278.08
WP4: Data publishing - Data Processing Engine	3.3	€ 2,630.48
WP6: Full Workflow - Data Processing Engine	2.9	€ 2,323.31
WP9: Project Governance & Technical Oversight	14.2	€ 11,723.26
WP10: P1 tasks: Third party data & vector tiles	11.6	€ 9,284.65
WP7: Testing	0.3	€ 229.34
Grand Total	83.3	€ 66,915.39

Contract Value	€ 67,000.00
Financial Work In Progress (WIP) %	99.87
Value used	€ 66,915.39
Value remaining	€ 84.61

Role	Sum of Hours to Date	Sum of Value to Date
Consultant	431	€ 45,686.00
Lead Consultant	138.5	€ 14,865.21
Project Manager	28.25	€ 3,239.43
Solution Architect	27.25	€ 3,124.76
Grand Total	625	€ 66,915.39

Project 3		
Current Financial Status as of 31/12/2021		
Work Package	Total days to Date	Total Value to Date
WP1: Planning	3.4	€ 2,788.47
WP2: Detailed Design	0.4	€ 372.68
WP3: Web Maps and Services	4.7	€ 3,805.18
WP4: Web Applications and Dashboard	22.6	€ 18,035.70
WP5: Reporting and feedback surveys	2.0	€ 1,585.00
WP6: User Acceptance Testing	3.7	€ 2,965.00
WP7: Release to Production	1.5	€ 1,174.67
WP8: Knowledge Transfer	4.3	€ 3,453.33
WP10: Project Governance and Technical Oversight	55.8	€ 45,594.51
WP11: Project 2 Enrichment	19.5	€ 15,483.98
WP12: Project 2: UAT	11.4	€ 9,110.98
WP13: Project 2 Release	19.7	€ 15,712.61
WP14: RFC007 - Government Agency enrichment & filter	3.3	€ 2,627.84
WP15: Affordability Clause	4.3	€ 3,400.67
Grand Total	156.6	€ 126,110.59

Contract Value	€ 132,000.00
Financial Work In Progress (WIP) %	95.54
Value used	€ 126,110.59
Value remaining	€ 5,889.41

Row Labels	Sum of Hours to Date	Sum of Value to Date
Consultant	755.5	€ 80,083.00
Lead Consultant	279	€ 29,945.09
Project Manager	82.75	€ 9,488.95
Solution Architect	57.5	€ 6,593.55
Grand Total	1174.75	€ 126,110.59

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