

22/02/2023

**Re: Freedom of Information request 202309 - Request Refused.**

Dear ,

I refer to your request, dated and received on 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2023, which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by the Land Development Agency (LDA).

- *any communications from Mr Stone to the board of the LDA concerning Minister Donohoe and election donations, also since 1 December last, as well as any notes or minutes taken at the board of the meeting since 1 December last where the minister or election expenses were discussed*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 22 of February 2023.

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 the relevant section within the LDA to identify records held which were within the scope of your request.

In this regard, I am to advise you that no records have been identified as sought by you.

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 head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where*

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

There are no records within the scope of your request held in the LDA.

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ashford House, Tara Street, Dublin 2 or by e-mail to [foi@lda.ie](mailto: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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ashford House, Tara Street, Dublin 2.

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

**The Land Development Agency DAC**  
**IE61AIBK93101264101092**  
**BIC: AIBKIE2D**

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (FOI 202309) 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](http://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