

21/12/2023

Re: Freedom of Information request 202343 - Request Refused.

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received 28th of November 2023, which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (FOI Act) for records held by the Land Development Agency (LDA).

A)- a copy of the notes/minutes of any meetings held between the LDA and senior management in RTÉ with regard to the use/possible sale of land at Montrose.

B)- a copy of any further correspondence between the LDA and RTÉ since the date of my last such request for similar info.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on December 21st 2023.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision.

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

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

I divided your request into parts A and B to explain my decision. I will individually address each of the two parts of your request.

Part A refuse

Part A of your request sought *a copy of the notes/minutes of any meetings held between the LDA and senior management in RTÉ with regard to the use/possible sale of land at Montrose.* On receipt of your request it was forwarded to the relevant units of the LDA to identify any records that fell within the scope of the 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,

No records held by the LDA have been identified as being within the scope of your request.

Part B - refuse

Under Part B you requested *a copy of any further correspondence between the LDA and RTÉ since the date of my last such request for similar info*. On receiving your request it was forwarded to the relevant units of the LDA to identify any records within the scope of the request.

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2. Right of Appeal

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

The Land Development Agency DAC
IE61AIBK93101264101092
BIC: AIBKIE2D

You must ensure that your FOI reference number (**FOI 202343**) 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,



Chris Lowe
Compliance & Safety Officer