

26/03/2026

**Re: Freedom of Information Request 202607 – Request Refused**

Dear

I refer to your request dated and received on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this FOI body. Your request sought:

*“a copy of all correspondence between the LDA and DPER with regard to the extension of contract for John Coleman.”*

I wish to inform you that I have decided to refuse your request on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March.

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 sections within the LDA to identify records held which were within the scope of your request: *“a copy of all correspondence between the LDA and DPER with regard to the extension of contract for John Coleman”*.

I regret to inform you that no records were identified which were within the scope of your request.

Therefore, I must refuse your request as the record sought does not exist pursuant to Section 15(1)(a) of the Act. Section 15(1)(a) states that:

**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,*

## 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, 4<sup>th</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, 4<sup>th</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 202607**) is included in the payment details.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks of 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,



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Chris Lowe  
**Compliance Officer**