

02/02/2024

Re: Freedom of Information request 202402 – Request Part-Grant.

Dear

I refer to your request, dated and received 05/01/2024, 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:

any correspondence between the LDA and the Central Bank since February 1, 2023.

I wish to inform you that I have decided to part-grant your request on the 2nd of February.

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.

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

A number of redactions have also been applied to the attached records under Section 32(1)(b) of the Act. These redactions are detailed in the Schedule of Records in **Appendix 1**.

Section 32 states that:

Law enforcement and public safety

- 1) A head may refuse to grant an FOI request if access to the record concerned could, in the opinion of the head, reasonably be expected to—*
 - b) endanger the life or safety of any person*

In considering the release of information under the Freedom of Information Act, I am conscious of the fact that a release of information under the Act is done without any constraints on how that information is further utilized. A release of information under the Act is essentially a release to the world at large.

Certain records, as indicated on the schedule of records, are redacted to ensure the names and direct contact details of staff members of the Central Bank and staff of the LDA are not released to the world at large. I considered that release of these names and contacts details, could reasonably be expected to endanger the safety of these individuals in line with the security sensitive nature of their role relating to the Currency Centre. Accordingly, the redacted text is refused under Section 32(1)(b) above.

The public interest test in section 32(3) is limited to certain circumstances specified in paragraphs (a)(i) or (a)(ii) relating to unauthorised investigations or the performance of the functions of an FOI body. I am satisfied that these circumstances do not apply to the records mentioned above and access to records, or parts thereof, are refused in accordance with section 32(1)(b) of the Act.

The functions of the Central Bank are in the main, to maintain monetary and financial stability. It is not in the public interest to impair or prejudice CBI functions by releasing information into the public domain under the FOI Act which could reasonably be expected to reveal the extent of security measures put in place in respect of CBI. Furthermore, it would be contrary to the public interest to place into the public arena information detailing the capabilities of the Central Bank's security systems.

This information could reasonably be expected to allow nefarious actors take actions which could significantly impede the operational capacity of Central Bank to carry out its functions.

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 202402**) 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,
Senior Compliance Manager



Appendix 1: Schedule of Records

Requester name:		Request Re:202402			
Page number	Description of document	Deletions	Relevant section of FOI Act	Reasons for deletion	Decision Maker's decision
1-8	RE ExternalRE The Mint Site Sandyford Capacity Study for LDA	Names of 3 rd party employees, name of contractor with Central bank, Mobile Phone numbers and email addresses of Central Bank and LDA employees	32	Law enforcement and public safety	Part grant
11-12	RE ExternalRE ExternalRE Sandyford capacity study	Names of 3 rd party employees, name of contractor with Central bank, Mobile Phone numbers and email addresses of Central Bank and LDA employees	32	Law enforcement and public safety	Part grant
13	RE ExternalRE ExternalRE Sandyford capacity study-presentation 8/11/2023	Names and email addresses of Central Bank and LDA employees			
14-17	RE ExternalRE ExternalRE Meeting between CBI and LDA	Mobile Phone numbers and email addresses of Central Bank and LDA employees	37	Law enforcement and public safety	Part grant
19	Email dated 20.9.2023	Mobile Phone numbers and email addresses of LDA employees, email addresses of Central Bank employees	32	Law enforcement and public safety	Part grant
20-21	Email dated 6/3/2023 Central Bank of Ireland	Mobile Phone numbers and email addresses of LDA employees, email addresses of Central Bank employees	32	Law enforcement and public safety	Part grant
22	Email dated 4.4.2023 Central Bank of Ireland	Mobile Phone numbers and email addresses of LDA employees, email addresses of Central Bank employees	32	Law enforcement and public safety	Part grant
23-25	Your visit to Central Bank Ireland on 3.11.2023	email addresses of LDA employees, email addresses of	32	Law enforcement	Part grant



		Central Bank employees		and public safety	reach Forbartha Talún lopment Agency
26-28	Email dated 27.7.2023	numbers and email addresses of Central Bank and LDA employees,	32	Law enforcement and public safety	Part grant
29	RE WARNING MESSAGE ENCRYPTEDRE ExternalRE The Mint Site Sandyford Capacity Study for LDA	Mobile Phone number and email address of LDA employee	32	Law enforcement and public safety	Part grant
30-33	RE_ Central Bank - Cash Centre	Mobile Phone numbers and email addresses of Central Bank and LDA employees	32	Law enforcement and public safety	Part grant
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		Total number of pages for full release			4
		Total number of pages for partial release			30
		Total number of pages being withheld			0