

Mr. Paul Hyland
51 Bremore Pastures Park
Balbriggan
Co. Dublin

Tuesday 12th June 2012

Re: Freedom of Information Request – FOI 2012/0006

Dear Mr. Hyland,

I write to you in respect of your request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003. Please note the following:

- 1) *A breakdown of the request for the upgrading of licensed vehicles to be wheelchair accessible, along with the payments made, the county which the recipient services and the type of Public Service Vehicle(PSV) which will be upgraded. Personal details of individuals can be omitted as required, however where a company is operating please include the company name.*
- 2) *A breakdown of the requests of those wishing to enter the taxi profession with a wheelchair accessible taxi, along with the payments made, the county which the recipient services and the type of Public Service Vehicle(PSV) which will be purchased. Personal details of individuals can be omitted as required, however where a company is operating please include the company name.*

The Wheelchair Accessible Grant Scheme officially closed on Friday 8th of June 2012. As requested the breakdown of the scheme is as follows:

- 58 applicants applied for the grant
- 53 applications were for new vehicles
- 5 applications were for converted vehicles
- 15 applicants received funding from the 2012 scheme which was for new vehicles in every case.

The details you have requested are in the below table for ease of reference:

Type of Licence	Operating County	Vehicle Model	Type of Vehicle	Grant Payment (€)
Existing Licence	Louth	Ford Transit	Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	15,000
Existing Licence	Dublin	Volkswagen Transporter	Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	15,000
New Licence	Offaly	Ford Tourneo	Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	15,000
New Licence	Limerick	Volkswagen Caddy	Wheelchair Accessible Hackney	15,000
Existing Licence	Cork	Volkswagen Shuttle	Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	15,000
New Licence	Wexford	Fiat Scudo	Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	15,000
Existing Licence	Galway	Volkswagen Transporter	Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	15,000
New Licence	Dublin	Nissan Primastar	Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	14,187.50
New Licence	Galway	Ford Tourneo	Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	15,000
New Licence	Dublin	Fiat Scudo	Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	15,000
New Licence	Galway	Volkswagen Transporter	Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	15,000
Existing Licence	Galway	Ford Tourneo	Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	15,000
Existing Licence	Dublin	Nissan Primastar	Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	15,000
New Licence	Dublin	Ford Transit Tourneo	Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	15,000
New Licence	Cork(*)	Volkswagen Shuttle	Wheelchair Accessible Taxi	15,000

*Please note that only one application came from a company

* As per the grant scheme terms and conditions, payments are made on a matched funding basis up to the maximum of €15,000.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of this response, you have a right to an internal review. This review proceeds on the legal basis that the initial request is considered to be refused once the specified time for responding to it has expired. The review is a full and new examination of the matter carried out by a more senior member of staff of this body.

In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so in writing to:

FOI Unit
National Transport Authority
Dun Sceine
Iveagh Court
Harcourt Lane
Dublin 2

If you have any further queries, you can contact me @ 01 659 3821.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Gilna
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