

31 March 2014

FOI 2014-0003

Dear

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 for records held by this Department/Body:

"... a copy of the file relating to the granting of licence ref WIT03 to Ronan Brothers Coach Hire Ltd from the National Transport Authority"

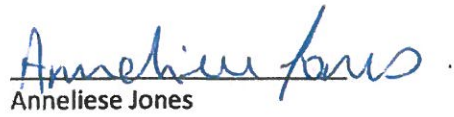
Having reviewed your request, I write to advise you that I am refusing your request under Section 7, reference to section 26(1)(a), 27(1)(b) & 28(1). Copies of each of these sections are attached to this letter.

A schedule is attached at the end of this letter. It shows the documents that the Authority considers relevant to your request. It describes each document and refers to the sections of the FOI Act which apply to prevent release.

You may appeal this decision. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, National Transport Authority, Dún Scéine, Iveagh Court, Harcourt Lane, Dublin 2. Your correspondence should include a fee of €75 for processing the appeal. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque, made payable to the National Transport Authority. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. *A week is defined in the Act to mean 5 consecutive weekdays, excluding Saturdays and public holidays (Sundays are also excluded, as they are not weekdays).* The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of the Authority.

If you have any queries regarding this correspondence you can contact me by telephone at 01-8798357.

Yours sincerely,


Anneliese Jones

26._(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a head shall refuse to grant a request under *section 7* if_

(a) the record concerned contains information given to a public body in confidence and on the understanding that it would be treated by it as confidential (including such information as aforesaid that a person was required by law, or could have been required by the body pursuant to law, to give to the body) and, in the opinion of the head, its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the giving to the body of further similar information from the same person or other persons and it is of importance to the body that such further similar information as aforesaid should continue to be given to the body,

27._(1) Subject to *subsection (2)*, a head shall refuse to grant a request under *section 7* if the record concerned contains_

(b) financial, commercial, scientific or technical or other information whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to result in a material financial loss or gain to the person to whom the information relates, or could prejudice the competitive position of that person in the conduct of his or her profession or business or otherwise in his or her occupation,

28._(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a head shall refuse to grant a request under *section 7* if, in the opinion of the head, access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information (including personal information relating to a deceased individual).

Ref. No	Brief description of document	Dated	Decision	Basis of refusal
A1	Application for a Public Bus Passenger Service	11/10/2013	Refused	<p>26._(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a head shall refuse to grant a request under section 7 if_</p> <p>(a) the record concerned contains information given to a public body in confidence and on the understanding that it would be treated by it as confidential (including such information as aforesaid that a person was required by law, or could have been required by the body pursuant to law, to give to the body) and, in the opinion of the head, its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the giving to the body of further similar information from the same person or other persons and it is of importance to the body that such further similar information as aforesaid should continue to be given to the body,</p> <p>27._(1) Subject to subsection (2), a head shall refuse to grant a request under section 7 if the record concerned contains_</p> <p>(b) financial, commercial, scientific or technical or other information whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to result in a material financial loss or gain to the person to whom the information relates, or could prejudice the competitive position of that person in the conduct of his or her profession or business or otherwise in his or her occupation,</p> <p>28._(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a head shall refuse to grant a request under section 7 if, in the opinion of the head, access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information (including personal information relating to a deceased individual).</p>

A2	NTA Application Research, Decision & Offer	05/11/2013	Refused	<p>26._(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a head shall refuse to grant a request under section 7 if_</p> <p>(a) the record concerned contains information given to a public body in confidence and on the understanding that it would be treated by it as confidential (including such information as aforesaid that a person was required by law, or could have been required by the body pursuant to law, to give to the body) and, in the opinion of the head, its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the giving to the body of further similar information from the same person or other persons and it is of importance to the body that such further similar information as aforesaid should continue to be given to the body,</p> <p>27._(1) Subject to subsection (2), a head shall refuse to grant a request under section 7 if the record concerned contains_</p> <p>(b) financial, commercial, scientific or technical or other information whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to result in a material financial loss or gain to the person to whom the information relates, or could prejudice the competitive position of that person in the conduct of his or her profession or business or otherwise in his or her occupation,</p> <p>28._(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a head shall refuse to grant a request under section 7 if, in the opinion of the head, access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information (including personal information relating to a deceased individual).</p>
A3	Applicant post-offer documentation		Refused	<p>28._(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a head shall refuse to grant a request under section 7 if, in the opinion of the head, access to the record concerned would involve the disclosure of personal information (including personal information relating to a deceased individual).</p>