

04 February 2015

Re: FOI request 2015-0003

Dear

I refer to your request dated January 13, 2015 which was received by this office by email on that date which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this FOI body. Your request sought:

“any correspondence via email between NTA and Larnrod Eireann and Dublin Bus regarding reducing their bus fares during certain off peak periods in order to attract additional passengers onto public transport ... correspondence for between January 1 2014 and January 12 2015 inclusive”

I have made a final decision to refuse your request today, 4 February 2015. If you have any queries regarding this correspondence you can contact me by telephone at 01-8798393.

I am sorry to inform you that we cannot locate any records relevant to your request and that I must therefore refuse your request. As is explained below, this decision is made under section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act.

Section 15(1)(a) of the Act states that an FOI request may be refused if:

‘the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,’

In accordance with the requirements of section 15(1)(a) I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to identify any records in relation to your request and they do not exist. I am unable to locate any relevant records and must therefore refuse your request on this basis.

You may appeal this decision. Please note that a fee applies for an appeal. The level of this has been set at €30 (€10 for medical card holders). In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, at the address below enclosing the appropriate fee. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to the National Transport Authority.
Freedom of Information Unit

National Transport Authority
Dún Scéine
Iveagh Court
Harcourt Lane
Dublin 2

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification; 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 the Authority.

Yours sincerely,



Charlie Brophy
Economist