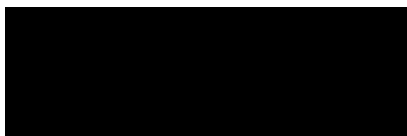


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Re: Acknowledgement of FOI request IE_FOI_163

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your request dated 21st May 2018 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received on that day for records held by Iarnród Éireann

Your request sought all relevant documentation relating to:

I would like a copy of all Irish Rail Working Timetables (WTTs) for the timetable period starting December 2017. This does not need to include, for instance, engineering works alterations; just the ordinary timetables.

I would be happy to receive these either in PDF form or in some computer-readable form (or both, if both are readily available), so long as they provide all the information that a working timetable is expected to provide (eg train IDs, non-passenger workings, passing times at junctions, etc.)

I, Lynette O'Toole have now made a final decision to refuse your request on 10th July 2018

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision. This explanation has the following parts:

Schedule of records

A schedule is enclosed with this letter, it shows the documents that Iarnród Éireann considers relevant to your request. It describes each document and refers to the sections of the FOI Act which apply to prevent release. The schedule also refers you to sections of the detailed explanation given under heading 2 below, which are relevant to the document in question. It also gives you a summary and overview of the decision as a whole

Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

The sections of the Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions.

We are refusing this request under section 30 of the FOI act:

30. (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—

(c) disclose positions taken, or to be taken, or plans, procedures, criteria or instructions used or followed, or to be used or followed, for the purpose of any negotiations carried on or being, or to be, carried on by or on behalf of the Government or an FOI body.

Iarnród Éireann cannot issue these documents, our working timetables are "For the information of the Company's Employees only". The detail held in the working timetable are not open to the general public as the information is paramount to the safe running of the railway and may lead to loss of life in the wrong hands.

Rights of appeal

In the event that you are not happy with this decision you can make an appeal in relation to this matter, you can do so by writing to the FOI Unit, Corporate Communications, Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail, Connolly Station, Amiens St, Dublin 1 or by e-mail to foi@irishrail.ie. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) 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.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact the FOI Officer on 01, 7034293.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynette O'Toole".

Ms. Lynette O'Toole

Freedom of Information / Data Protection Executive

Freedom of Information Request:
Schedule of Records for IE_FOI_163 : Summary for Decision Making

Record No.	Date of Record	Brief Description	No. of Pages	Decision: Grant/Part Grant/Refuse	Section of Act if applicable	Record Edited/Identify Deletions
1	10.07.18	Iarnrod Eireann Working Time Tables	1	Refusal	Section 30 (1) (C)	

Signed

IE Decision Maker