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26th October 2021

[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Re: FOI request IE_FOI_524

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request dated 22nd October 2021 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received on by my office on the 26th October, for records held by Iarnród Éireann.

Request:

- Information on the number of fines issued on Iarnród Éireann due to non-compliance with mask wearing from the following dates: Monday July 13th 2020 to Thursday 14th October 2021.

The decision maker handling your request is [REDACTED].

Response:

I, [REDACTED], Decision Maker have now made a final decision to refuse your request on 26th October 2021.

Please find response document and schedule of records attached.

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 [REDACTED] or by email at foi@irishrail.ie

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOI Decision Maker, Revenue Protection, Iarnród Éireann

Freedom of Information Request:
Schedule of Records for IE_FOI_524 : 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	26.10.2021	IE_FOI_524 Response Document	1	Refuse	S15(1)(A)	Record does not exist

Signed:



Freedom of Information / Data Protection Office

Response Document – IE FOI 524

Request:

- Information on the number of fines issued on Iarnród Éireann due to non-compliance with mask wearing from the following dates: Monday July 13th 2020 to Thursday 14th October 2021.

Response:

- This request is being refused under Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act wherein ‘a head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where (a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken’.
 - S.I. No. 244/2020 - Health Act 1947 (Section 31A – Temporary Restrictions) (Covid-19) (Face Coverings on Public Transport) Regulations 2020 is the legislation governing the wearing of masks on public transport. (<https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2020/si/244/made/en/print>)
 - Iarnród Éireann staff would not issue Fixed Payment Notices for this reason. And would instead advise the customer of the government guidelines / requirements.
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