

14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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**Re: Response IE\_FOI\_345**

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your refined request dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received by my office on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 date, for records held by Iarnród Éireann.

**Request:**

A copy of any and all data which records details, refers to or materially related to:

- The Plasser Dynamic Track Stabiliser Machine (Irish Rail Fleet Number 701), including all information recording or relating to the purchase of the machine, function of the machine, the work history of the machine, the maintenance of the machine and the storage of the machine
- The Plasser Tamper Machine (Irish Rail Fleet Number 741) including its incorporated Dynamic Track Stabiliser (DTS) Unit, including all information recording or relating to the purchase of the machine, function of the machine, the work history of the machine, the maintenance of the machine and the storage of the machine
- The CTM Plasser Tamper Machine (Irish Rail Fleet Number 727) including its incorporated Dynamic Track Stabiliser (DTS) Unit, including all information recording or relating to the purchase of the machine, function of the machine, the work history of the machine, the maintenance of the machine and the storage of the machine
- The VDM (Irish Rail ballast consolidator/track stabilising machine), including all information recording or relating to the purchase of the machine, function of the machine, the work history of the machine, the maintenance of the machine and the storage of the machine
- Any information, report, plans or other documentation relating to dynamic track stabilization (DTS)(or ballast consolidation) used, planned or contemplated by Irish Rail
- 2018.

**Response:**

- Plasser Dynamic Track stabiliser (Irish rail fleet number 701) – IE do not have a Track machine number 701.
- Plasser Tamping machine (Irish rail fleet number 741) – This vehicle was purchased in 1994 and we do not retain procurement records beyond 12 years. IE can provide details of the machines function however details of the work history of the machine, the maintenance of the machine are not limited in the query are we to presume this is over its life and as such will be very difficult and time consuming to collate ?
- CTM Plasser Tamping machine (Irish rail Fleet Number 727) – This vehicle was purchased in the late 1960's early 1970's and we do not retain procurement records beyond 12 years. This vehicle was withdrawn from service prior to 2000 and records relating to work history and maintenance are no longer be available.

- VDM Irish Rail ballast consolidator/track stabilising machine- IE are not familiar with this description and would require a fleet number to comment further.
- The statement “ any information, report , plans or other documentation relating to dynamic track stabilisation (DTS) (or ballast consolidation) used, planned or contemplated by Irish” is too broad and it is not possible to comply with such an open ended request

### **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](mailto: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,



**Hayley Durnin**

**Freedom of Information Office**