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21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

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**Re: FOI Notification of estimation of fees [IE\_FOI\_132]**

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your request dated 06<sup>th</sup> November 2017 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received on that date for records held by Iarnród Éireann your request sought:

All relevant documentation relating to:

The raw data pertaining to the arrival and departure times of all services for this calendar year

I just want a copy of the raw data so I can see what percentage of trains are actually late. I take it that this information is freely available? So all I'm looking for is the raw data with which these facts are based upon.

The Act allows for the charging of fees in certain circumstances and this is set out in section 27 of the Act, a copy of which is enclosed.

I am now writing to you to advise you of the costs of your request. The Act allows for the charging of search, retrieval and copying of records which are within the scope of your request, from within this body as set out in Section 27(2) and (3).

After careful consideration and consultations, I estimate that the services of staff member(s) for (4 weeks) 140 plus hours will be the minimum amount of time required to efficiently complete the 'search and retrieval and copying' work on your request. The prescribed amount chargeable for each such hour is €20.00 resulting in an overall fee of over €2,800

The estimated cost of your request is therefore over the appropriate minimum amount provided for in Section 27(3)(d) of the Act. There will therefore be charges in relation to your request.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information / Data Protection Officer,**

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