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23rd October 2020

Email: [REDACTED]

Re: FOI request IE_FOI_408

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request dated 02nd October 2020 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received on that date, for records held by Iarnród Éireann.

Request:

A copy of any and all data in your possession which records details, refers to or materially relates to The Plasser Dynamic Track Stabiliser Machine (Irish Rail Fleet Number 710) including all information recording or relating to:

- a) The purchase of the machine fleet number 710 (including the date of purchase and price of said machine)
- b) The function of the machine fleet number 710 (including the intended purpose for its purchase)
- c) The work history of machine fleet number 710 (including dates and locations of its use)
- d) The maintenance of machine fleet number 710 (including dates and locations of maintenance) and
- e) The storage of machine fleet number 710 (including dates periods and locations of storage)

Response:

I [REDACTED], Decision Maker have now made a final decision to grant your request on 23rd October 2020.

You have sought access to the records outlined above and I consider this an appropriate form of access in this case. Accordingly, a copy of the records is now enclosed including a copy of the schedule to these records.

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]

Decision Maker


Freedom of Information Request:
Schedule of Records for IE_FOI_408 : 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	23-Oct-20	Response IE_FOI_408	1	Part Grant	36	Commercially sensitive information

Signed: 

Freedom of Information / Data Protection Executive

Response IE_FOI_408

- a) The purchase of the machine fleet number 710 (including the date of purchase and price of said machine): On-Track-Machine (OTM) 710 was delivered in November 2007 at a cost 
- b) The function of the machine fleet number 710 (including the intended purpose for its purchase): Dynamic Track Stabilisers (DTS) are normally used to stabilise newly relayed track, following track renewal.
- c) The work history of machine fleet number 710 (including dates and locations of its use): OTM 710 has not operated on IE's network. This was due to a lack of demand for the machine as a result of a downturn in track renewal activity since 2008/2009, following the global economic crash. However, due to an increase in track relaying requirements, in particular the multi annual programme to renew the Dublin to Cork main line, the machine is currently undergoing an assessment at Portlaoise Rail Depot with a view to bringing the machine into service in the near future.
- d) The maintenance of machine fleet number 710 (including dates and locations of maintenance): OTM 710 has been in Care & Maintenance in IE's Depot in Cork Yard since March 2014, this involves a regime of routine inspection and testing (including starting the machine) to ensure that its condition does not deteriorate.
- e) The storage of machine fleet number 710 (including dates periods and locations of storage): OTM 710 has been stored under a Care & Maintenance regime in IE's Depot in Cork Yard since March 2014. Since April 2020 OTM 710 has been relocated to IE's Portlaoise Depot to undergo assessment to bring the machine into service.