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24th May 2016

Re: FOI request IE_FOI_046

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your request dated 8th March 2016 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this FOI body. Your request sought:

Request - All correspondence between Irish Rail CEO David Franks and Railway Safety Commission Chairman Gerald Beesley. This includes all emails, letters and any other written correspondence sent between the two said individuals and their offices. The timeframe for this request is **01/05/15-today's date**

and subsequent request **FOI request IE_FOI_017** of 1st November 2015

Request - All correspondence between Irish Rail CEO David Franks and Railway Safety Commission Chairman Gerald Beesley. This includes all emails, letters and any other written correspondence sent between the two said individuals and their offices. The timeframe for this request is **01/10/14-today's date**.

I, Heidi Reardon have now made a final decision to part grant your request on 24th May 2016 and refer to correspondence previously issued. You will note that no further category has been closed since your previous correspondence

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

1. A schedule of all of the records covered by your request;
2. An explanation of the relevant findings concerning the records to which access is denied, and
3. A statement of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so.

This letter addresses each of these three parts in turn.

1. Schedule of records

A schedule is enclosed with this letter, it shows the documents that this body 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.

2. 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. These exemptions are detailed in the schedule of records

3. Rights of appeal

In the event that you are unhappy with this decision, you may appeal it. In the event that you need to request such a review, you can do so by writing to FOI Unit, Corporate Communications, Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail, Connolly Station, Amiens St, Dublin 1 or alternatively by sending an e-mail to foi@irishrail.ie. You should state that you are seeking this review because an initial decision was not sent to you within the time allowed for a response. In that event, you would normally have 4 weeks (after the initial decision should have been sent to you) in which to make the appeal. Consideration will be given to late applications in appropriate circumstances.

Should you wish to discuss the above, please contact the FOI Officer by telephone at 01-7034293 or email foi@irishrail.ie

Yours sincerely,



Heidi Reardon

PA to Chief Executive, Iarnród Éireann

Freedom of Information Request:
Schedule of Records for IE_FOI_046 : Summary for Decision Making

Record No.	Date of Record	From /To	Brief Description	No. of Pages	Decision: Grant/Part Grant/Refuse	Section of Act if applicable	Record Edited/Identify Deletions
		INCOMING	SMS STRATEGIC AUDIT				
	07.01.15 - 15.10.15	Various To DF	Correspondence - SMS STRATEGIC AUDIT		Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	Complete record
	19.02.16	GB to DF	High Reliability Organisation		Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
		OUTGOING	SMS STRATEGIC AUDIT				
	22.12.14 - 18.09.15	DF to Various	Correspondence - SMS STRATEGIC AUDIT		Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	Complete record
	05.02.16	DF to GB	High Reliability Organisation		Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	

	INCOMING	PROCUREMENT REVIEW			
07.05.15 - 18.11.15	Various To DF	Correspondence - Procurement Review	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	Complete record
07.03.16	DF to GB	Safety Critical Items	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
08.03.16	DF to GB	Change to Procurement Process	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
11.04.16	DF to GB	Change to Procurement Process	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
	OUTGOING	PROCUREMENT REVIEW			
28.08.15 - 19.11.15	DF to Various	Correspondence - Procurement Review	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	Complete record
24.02.16	DF to GB	Correspondence - Procurement Review	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
26.02.16	DF to AB	Correspondence - Procurement Review	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
29.02.16	DF to GB	Safety Critical Items	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
02.03.16	GB to DF	Correspondence - Organisational Design	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
29.03.16	GB to DF	Correspondence - Organisational Design	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
08.03.16	DF to AB	Correspondence - Procurement Review	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
10.03.16	DF to GB	Correspondence - Procurement Review	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
15.03.16	DF to GB	Safety Critical Items	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
14.04.16	DF to GB	Correspondence - Procurement Review	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	

	INCOMING	POST INCIDENT INSPECTION FOLLOWING A PLANNED OUT OF NORMAL OPERATION ON THE MIDDLETON LINE			
19.08.15 - 10.12.15	Various to DF	Correspondence - Draft Report Middleton	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	Complete record
19.02.16	GB to DF	Complaints Procedure	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
10.03.16	AB to DF	Post Incident Inspection - Middleton	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
29.03.16	GB to DF	Post Incident Inspection - Middleton	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
29.04.16	GB to DF	Post Incident Inspection - Middleton	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
	OUTGOING	POST INCIDENT INSPECTION FOLLOWING A PLANNED OUT OF NORMAL OPERATION ON THE MIDDLETON LINE			
11.09.15	DF to Various	Correspondence - Draft Report Middleton	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	Complete record
27.01.16	DF to GB	Complaints Procedure	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
03.03.16	DF to GB	Post Incident Inspection - Middleton	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
30.03.16	DF to AB	Middleton - Track Access Agreement	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
11.04.16	DF to GB	Alleged Incident at Middleton	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
	INCOMING	ORGANISATIONAL DESIGN			
29.04.15 - 09.10.15	Various To DF	Correspondence - Organisational Design	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	Complete record
03.05.16	GB to DF	Correspondence - Organisational Design	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
	OUTGOING	ORGANISATIONAL DESIGN			
28.04.15 - 07.05.15	DF To Various	Email - Organisational Design	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	Complete record
22.04.16	DF to GB	Correspondence - Organisational Design	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	

	INCOMING	MANAGEMENT OF SPAD EVENTS			
22.06.15 - 03.11.15	GB To DF	Correspondence - Management of SPAD Events	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	Complete record
08.01.16	GB To DF	Correspondence - Management of SPAD Events	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
22.02.16	GB To DF	Correspondence - Management of SPAD Events	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
	OUTGOING	MANAGEMENT OF SPAD EVENTS			
31.07.15 - 04.11.15	DF to GB	Correspondence - Management of SPAD Events	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	Complete record
05.02.16	DF to GB	Correspondence - Management of SPAD Events	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
22.04.16	DF to GB	Correspondence - Management of SPAD Events	Refuse	S29 - Deliberation of Public Bodies : the record concerned contains matters relating to the deliberative process of IE in relation to ongoing matters relating to the RSC	
	INCOMING	OPERATIONAL INCIDENTS			
19.08.15	GB to DF	Correspondence - Operational Incidents	Fully Grant	N/A	N/A
	OUTGOING	OPERATIONAL INCIDENTS			
11.09.15	DF to GB	Correspondence - Operational Incidents	Fully Grant	N/A	N/A
	INCOMING	EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CLOSURE OF SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS			
24.07.15	GB To DF	Correspondence- Safety Recommendations	Fully Grant	N/A	N/A
	OUTGOING	EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CLOSURE OF SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS			
16.10.15	DF to GB	Correspondence - Safety Recommendations	Fully Grant	N/A	N/A

Signed

IE Decision Maker