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8th August 2016

Re: FOI request IE_FOI_057

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this body:

Request –

- 1) The number of FPN's Iarnród Éireann issued to persons for not having a ticket upon request in years 2013-2015
- 2) The number and % of FPNs that were issued in each of those years that have been paid and are deemed to be closed by IE
- 3) The number and % of cases where IE have taken legal action against persons who refused to pay the FPN in each of the years mentioned above
- 4) The number of FPNs that IE have issued to date in 2016 and the number still ongoing as of 13/07/16

Response -

- 1) No. of Fixed Payment Notices issued
 - a. 2013 – 8081 FPNs
 - b. 2014 – 9885 FPNs
 - c. 2015 – 9606 FPNs
 - d. 2016 – 6717 FPNs year to date
- 2) This information has been exempted under Section 36 – Commercially Sensitive Information, as this information could reasonably be expected to result in a further financial loss to Iarnród Éireann.
- 3) No. of legal actions taken against individuals who refused to pay the FPN
 - a. 2013 – Action taken against 1046 individuals (12.9%)
 - b. 2014 – Action taken against 1306 individuals (13.2%)
 - c. 2015 – Action taken against 1478 individuals (15.3%)
 - d. 2016 – Action taken against 835 individuals' year to date (12.4%)
- 4) This information has been exempted under Section 30 – Functions & Negotiations of FOI bodies, as the release of this information may reasonably be expected to impair the effectiveness of current investigations of those fare evading offences which are still ongoing.

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 01, 7034293.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Tobin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Roger Tobin

Decision Maker, Revenue Protection Unit