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7th October 2016

Re: FOI request IE_FOI_066

Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your request dated 11th September 2016 which was received by this office on 12th September, 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 Chief Executive David Franks and the Railway Safety Commission between 01.06.16-present day.

I, Heidi Reardon have now made a final decision to part grant your request on 6th October 2016

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 me by telephone at 01-7034293.

Yours sincerely,



Heidi Reardon

PA to Chief Executive, Iarnrod Eireann