

Mr Quigley, a chara,

I am writing in response to your request for an internal review of your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which was received on the 27th day of September 2017.

This request for access was decided upon on the 18th day of September 2017 by Mr Thomas Sheridan and an explanation of Mr Sheridan's decision provided.

Review of Request for Information Decision

I am a more senior member of staff than Mr Sheridan and, arising from your request for an internal review, I have conducted a completely separate review of your request in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

In arriving at my decision, I have had regard to the original request, the records which were located as part of that request and the appeal letter which you submitted in this regard.

Decision

Today, the 13th day of October 2017, I affirm Mr Sheridan's decision to refuse your request.

Although my decision on review arises from an entirely new and separate consideration of your request, my decision is based on grounds which are the same as, or similar to, those identified by Mr Sheridan in his decision, and my decision in relation to refusal of request is explained, as follows.

Section 127(1) of the Houses of the Oireachtas (Inquiries, Privileges and Procedures) Act 2013 provides as follows.

"127.—(1) Without prejudice to the exemption for official documents and private papers, the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 shall not apply to a record relating to a Part 2 inquiry or other committee business"

Section 2(1) of the same Act (2013) defines "other committee business" as follows.

" "other committee business" means any business, other than a Part 2 inquiry, conducted or to be conducted by a committee;"

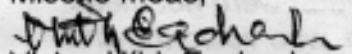
Appeal

You may appeal this decision by writing to the Information Commissioner at 18 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin 2. There is a fee of €50 for such appeals. A reduced fee of €15 applies if you hold a medical card. If you wish to appeal, you must usually do so not later than 6 months from the date of this notification. Should you write to the Information Commissioner making an appeal, please refer to this letter.

If an appeal is made by you and accepted, the Information Commissioner will fully investigate and consider the matter and issue a fresh decision.

Should you wish to discuss the above, you may contact Ms Jennifer McGrath at 01-6184712.

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Vivian Uibh Eachach,

Principal Officer – FOI Internal Reviewer.