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Date: 21/03/2012

Mr. Peter Andrew Nolan

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Re: Your Freedom of Information request

Dear Mr. Nolan,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 1997 for records held by this Department.

Acknowledgement

Your request dated 15/03/2012 was received by this Department on 21/03/2012. The officer handling your request is John Kelly. A final decision on your request would normally be sent to you within 20 working days of receipt of your request. This means that you can expect to receive your decision by 23/04/2012.

There are some limited situations under the FOI Act which could mean that the period for a final decision may be longer than the normal 20 working days. If this occurs in the case of your request, we will promptly advise you in writing.

Non reply by us deemed to be a refusal

If you have not heard from us once the allotted time has expired, you are automatically entitled to appeal to this Department for a review of the matter. This review proceeds on the legal basis that the initial request was refused once the specified time for responding to it has expired. The review is a full and new consideration of the matter carried out by a more senior member of staff of this Department.

Should you want to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to me at the address given above. You should state that you are appealing because an initial decision was not sent to you within the time permitted. In that event, you would normally have 20 working days (after the initial decision should have been sent to you) in which to make the appeal. This Department will, however, allow the appeal to be made late in appropriate circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

Aisling Brennan
Freedom of Information Officer
Department of Justice and Equality