



An Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála,
Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil
Department of Housing, Planning,
Community and Local Government



24 October 2016

Eoin Ó Broin T.D.
Houses of the Oireachtas
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: FOI request 2016 – 303: UWWTD, EU Commission Letter Sep 2016

Dear Deputy Ó Broin,

I refer to your request of 29/09/16 made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, for records held by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government.

Your request sought: *“A copy of the EU Commission reasoned opinion that is calling on Ireland to ensure that urban waste water is adequately treated in 38 agglomerations around the country.”*

As the request refers to a single document, there is only one relevant record, and so a schedule of records is not included with this decision.

Communications with the Commission with regard to this formal infringement proceeding take place in confidence, and are therefore subject to exemption under Section 33 (3)(c)(ii) of the FOI Act 2014:

“A head shall refuse to grant an FOI request if the record concerned.....

(c) contains information communicated in confidence –....

(ii) from, to, or within an international organisation of states or a subsidiary organ of such an organisation or an institution or body of the European Union or relates to negotiations between the State and such an organisation, organ, institution or body, or

is a record of such a body containing information the disclosure of which is prohibited by the organisation, organ, institution or body”

Given the above, I have made a decision not to release this record.

In the event that you are unhappy with this decision you may appeal it. Should you wish to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Newtown Road, Wexford or by e-mail to foi@housing.gov.ie.

Your correspondence should include a fee of €30 for processing the appeal. Payment can be made by way of personal cheque, made payable to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, quoting FOI 2016 – 303. Alternatively the fee may be paid by EFT. If you wish to avail of this, please contact foi@housing.gov.ie for the relevant details.

Yours sincerely,



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