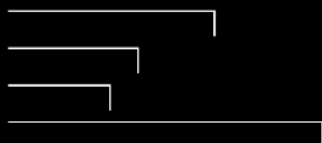


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Department of the Environment,  
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### **Summary of Decision**

I made a decision on your request on 25<sup>h</sup> April, 2023. Following examination of material held by Department of Environment, Climate & Communications, I have been unable to locate any records relevant to your request. I therefore must refuse your request.

*Please see below the search steps we have undertaken in responding to the AIE request.*

- A search of the electronic databases and records held both on mainframe computers and individual staff computers.
- Interviews with individual members of staff who may have dealt with such records.
- Circulation of e-mail to relevant staff, which gave the definition of the records sought and stressed the need for staff to carefully consider if they were aware of, or could find, any such records.

I have also been unable to determine whether any other public authority might possess the records that you have requested.

For details relating to charges and other points you have raised; may I refer you to documents that are in the public domain, at the following links.

- [Aarhus Convention National Implementation Reports, 2014, 2017,2021.](#)
- [Guidance for Public Authorities and others on implementation of the AIE Regulations.](#)
- [AIE Yearly Statistics are published on-line and are freely available to view.](#)
- Last iteration relating to charges Circular AIE/2/2017. Attached with this letter.

### **Right of review**

Under Article 11 of the AIE Regulations you have a right to request an internal review of this decision. An internal review involves a complete reconsideration of the matter by a member of the staff of this Department of Environment, Climate & Communications, unconnected with the original decision, of the same or higher rank than the original decision-maker, who may affirm, vary, or annul the original decision.

If you wish to request an internal review, you can do so by writing to CorporateSupport.Unit@decc.gov.ie, AIE Officer, referring to this decision, quoting the AIE reference number. This request must be made within one month of the date of receipt of this decision. The decision of an internal review will be communicated to you within one month of receipt of your request for an internal review.



Please contact me at [REDACTED] or brendan.keenan@[REDACTED] if I can assist you in any matter relating to your request.

Yours sincerely,

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