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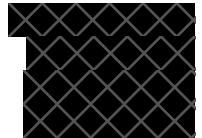
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c/o John Hamill



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Attn: Freedom of Information Officer
Professional Development Service for Teachers
14 Joyce Way,
Park West Business Park,
Nangor Road
Dublin 12

Re: Request for Records Under Freedom of Information Act, 2014

Dear Madam or Sir,

I would like to make a formal request for access to records under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014. In accordance with Section 12 of the Act, I am requesting access to the following non-personal information from your records:

1. All correspondence between the PDST and representatives of the Catholic Church (including emails and written correspondence) since January 2016. This is to include Diocesan Advisors working with schools on behalf of the Catholic Church.
2. All minutes from meetings, policy documents or other agreements with representatives of the Catholic Church that relate to in-service days for religion teachers. This is to include agreements relating to the content to be presented at such in-service days, arrangements for physical premises to be used, how costs should be covered and the management of any fees paid, how such in-service days should be advertised towards schools, and what commercial products would be promoted at such in-service days (for example, from suppliers such as Veritas).
3. Any minutes from meetings, policy documents or other agreements with representatives of the Catholic Church, which relate to how religion should be taught or how teachers should be instructed in the teaching of religion.
4. All written correspondence and all emails to and from the Department of Education and Skills relating to the teaching of religion since January 2016.
5. All written correspondence and all emails to and from the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment relating to the teaching of religion since January 2016.

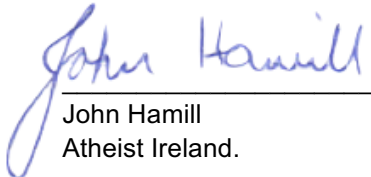


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6. A list of all in-service days for religion teachers since January 2016, which were attended both by representatives of the Catholic Church and representatives of the PDST, or arranged by both the Catholic Church and PDST.
7. Details of any payments made to the Catholic Church or Diocesan Advisors acting on behalf of the Catholic Church.

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I will look forward to your detailed response to these requests within four weeks of the date of this letter.

Yours Sincerely,


John Hamill
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