

DOF/2021-0236

Request

As part of an investigation data is required via a Freedom of Information request relating to the fuel storage tank replacement projects for DfI Roads O&M at the following depots:

1. Rathmore: 160 Loughanmore Road, Antrim
2. Moygashel: 1 Main Road, Moygashel, Dungannon.

In regards to the tender process in each

- Method of invite to tender i.e. open/selected list
- Issued by who, to whom, by what means and dates
- Information as issued i.e. requirements, specification, assessment criteria etc.
- Closing dates for tender submission
- List of returned tenders at ALL stages (dated)
- Tender evaluation process including; criteria evidence checks, clarifications, certification etc.
- Decision to award based on what criteria
- Re-issues of invites to tender i.e. Moygashel, and the reason behind such.
- Risk Assessments, including DSEAR
- Site visits made, meetings held and minutes taken
- Hand over documents including maintenance manuals
- Tank decommissioning details to include: Waste transfer notices, fill material type/quantity used in old tank and any other relevant data
- Disputed works
 - Correspondence between Properties Division and DfI Roads for both sites on Tanks compliance/standard
 - One allowed to remain in place, while the other removed, justification in keeping one.
 - Moygashel
 - Decision why contractor withdrew from award and removed their tank/pumps from site
 - Process to follow if others on the list that could have facilitated in fulfilling the contract due to withdrawal of others
 - Data, or addition clarification, sought from those on the list to determine if any were able to meet the requirements
 - Reason for not bringing the award to a conclusion of having the Tank/pump installed

Response

The Department can confirm that it holds information that would fall within the scope of the request. However, it is unable to provide the information you requested as it considers this to exceed the fees threshold. Under Section 12 of the FOIA. The Department has estimated that the cost of complying with your request is £1,875. This exceeds the appropriate limit of £600 as set out in the Fees Regulations.

The breakdown of costs has been supplied below:

Number of documents to extract and review	Estimate of time per document to review and include or discard	Number of hours (Documents x time to review)	Total estimated cost - hours x £25/hr.
300	15 minutes	75	£1,875

You may wish to refine or narrow your request for information to fall within the fees threshold e.g. reducing the date range or the number of questions asked. However, even if your request is narrowed, some of the requested information may still not be considered suitable for release to you e.g. if it is considered exempt under any provision of the Act.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.