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Ref: FOI 160/2009

Dear Mr. Sheridan,

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 for the following records held by this Department:

1. The diary of the Minister for Finance,
2. Briefing notes prepared for the Minister for Finance for an appearance before the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service, and
3. Briefing notes prepared for the Secretary General of the Department of Finance for his appearance before the PAC.

I have made a final decision to part grant your request. If you have any queries regarding this correspondence you can contact me by telephone at 01 676 7571. In summary,

- **Item one.** The diary appointments of the Minister for Finance for the relevant period are released.

- **Item two.** S. 46 (d) of the 1997 Act, as amended, excludes;

(r)ecord(s) given by a public body to a member of the Government or a Minister of State for use by him or her for the purposes of any proceedings in either House of the Oireachtas or any committee of either or both of such Houses or any subcommittee of such a committee (including such proceedings in relation to questions put by members of either such House to members of the Government or Ministers of State (whether answered orally or in writing)).

Accordingly, this part of the request is refused in its entirety.

- **Item three.** Is largely granted but a number of records or parts of records have been refused. Furthermore, records relating to the President do not fall within the scope of the Act and accordingly, that part of the briefing material concerned with Vote 1 (President's Establishment) has been excluded (S. 46 (d)).

A schedule is attached at the end of this letter. It shows the documents that this Department considers relevant to your request and within the scope of the Acts. It also gives you a summary and overview of the decision as a whole. The schedule describes each document, and indicates whether the document is released in full, released with deletions or not released. The schedule refers to the sections of the FOI Act which apply to prevent release.

You may appeal this decision. Please note that a fee applies for an appeal, with the exception of an appeal against the imposition of a fee. The level of this has been set at €75. In the event that you need to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit of the Department of Finance enclosing the appropriate fee or in the case where no fee is required you can send your appeal by e-mail to paul.fleming@finance.gov.ie. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to the Department of Finance. You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely,

John Leonard, Principal

Ref/Description	Date of Record	Decision - Grant/Part Refuse	Basis of Refusal	Reason for Decision	Public Interest Considerations	identify deletions where record is part refused
PAC Brief Finance Account	30/04/Part 2009Grant		Various including S 28 Commercial Sensitivity and Personal Information	Commercial Sensitivity and Personal Information	No over-riding public interest releasing the material	Deletions in identified in the documentation
PAC Brief Vote 6 (Office of the Minister for Finance)	30/04/Part 2009Grant		Various including S 28 Commercial Sensitivity and Personal Information	Commercial Sensitivity and Personal Information	No over-riding public interest releasing the material	Deletions in identified in the documentation
PAC Brief Vote 7 (Superannuation and Retired Allowances)	Part Grant		S. 28 Commercial Sensitivity - various		No over-riding public interest releasing the material	Deletions in identified in the documentation

				SS 23 and 24 Security and State Security	No over-riding public interest in releasing the material	
PAC Brief Vote 12 (Secret Service)	30/04/ 2009Refused	S 24 (1) (a) State Security				
8002 Table of Contents.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8006 Membership of the Committee.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8007 C&AG's annual Report 2.1 and 3.1.pdf	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8010 An Bord Snip.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8020 CAG report Postal Charges TW.doc	30/04/Part 2009Grant	S 28	Legal Advice	No public interest in releasing the material	Deletions identified in the documentation	
8030 Consultancies of the Department of Finance 2007.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8040 Estimates reform.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8050 Decentralisation Brief.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
				Public interest Section 21 (1) (a) - Material relevant to ongoing work in the Internal Audit Unit	in ensuring the effectiveness of the audit process is greater than public interest in accessing the information	Deletions identified in the documentation
8060 Internal Audit.doc	30/04/Part 2009Grant	Section 21 (1) Internal Audit Unit	Material relevant to ongoing work in the Internal Audit Unit			
8070 List of Internal Audit Reports 2007 2008.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8080 Fiduciary Taxes.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8090 Payments to the EU Budget.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8100 Risk Management.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8110 Skills within the Department of Finance.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8120 Taxation of International Performing Artistes and Sportspersons.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8121 appendices artistes.pdf	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

8130 Capacity Review Executive Summary .doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8140 Pensions Accrued Liabilities.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8150 C&AG Review of Tribunals.pdf	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8160 Self administered pension schemes SSAS.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8160 Self administered pension schemes SSAS.pdf	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8170 Review of Shared Services .doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8185 Fiscal Aggregate Tables.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8200 National Pensions Policy Recent Developments.doc	30/04/Part 2009Grant	S 28	Commercial releasing the Sensitivity	No public interest in material	Various
8210 Minister's Minutes.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8230 Contingency Fund.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
FOI Info to be released.xls	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ISER PAC brief 09.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Minister's pensions PAC brief 09.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PQ 2667.09 - No. of economists since 1997.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
PQ 8212 09 - Letter to Roisin Shortall with info not given.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Qualifications of staff.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tax and Tax Forecasting Issues.doc	30/04/Full 2009Grant	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A