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Re: Freedom of Information request- persons seeking protection & Budget 2021

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To: Declan Kerr <declan.kerr@welfare.ie>

10 November 2021 at 09:34

Thanks Declan,

I withdraw this particular FOI request.

Best wishes,
Liam

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On Tue, 9 Nov 2021 at 15:57, Declan Kerr <declan.kerr@welfare.ie> wrote:

Liam,

Following the publication of the White Paper on Direct Provision, DCEDIY are the lead department for all matters relating to direct provision. While the Daily Expenses Allowance continues to be administered and funded by the Department of Social Protection, the policy pertaining to supports for International Protection applicants rests with DCEDIY.

I hope this clarifies.

Regards,

Declan.

From: Liam Thornton <liam.thornton@ucd.ie>

Sent: Tuesday 9 November 2021 14:20

To: Declan Kerr <declan.kerr@welfare.ie>

Subject: Re: Freedom of Information request- persons seeking protection & Budget 2021

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Hi Declan,

I really appreciate you getting back to me so quickly.

Before I formally withdraw my FOI request, may I just have some clarification.

You mention that policy on Daily Expenses Allowance (DEA) s now with Children- which is a significant departure from how things worked in last few years, when DEA was within the remit of Social Protection, see e.g. Budget 2019 increase which was led by Social Protection and Justice were simply informed of the increase, BLOCKEDexploringdirectprovision[.]ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/0507to2709-2018-SW[.]pdfBLOCKED .

Is DEA now within the Department of Children's budget line i.e. do Children transfer money to Social Protection in order to cover the cost of DEA?

Thanks for any clarity you can provide,

best wishes,

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On Mon, 8 Nov 2021 at 11:09, Declan Kerr <declan.kerr@welfare.ie> wrote:

Hi Liam,

I refer to your FOI request below (Ref FOI-2021-18113)

I have checked with the relevant areas in Department of Social Protection on this and there are no records relating to this request. Policy in relation to Daily Expenses Allowance payment rates is now a matter for Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

You may wish to submit an FOI request to that Department if you have not done so already.

Please let me know how you want to proceed on this FOI. You may wish to withdraw it? Or if you wish we can proceed but it is likely that the request will be formally refused on the basis that no records exist.

Regards,
Declan.

Declan Kerr
Supplementary Welfare Allowance Policy Unit

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From: Liam Thornton <liam.thornton@ucd.ie>
Sent: Friday 5 November 2021 16:49
To: MBX-FOI <FOI@welfare.ie>
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information request- persons seeking protection & Budget 2021

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Hello,

I request the following under the FOI Act.

Any discussions/documentation/policies within the Department of Social Protection (including with other Government departments) as regards proposals for raising direct provision allowance/ daily expenses allowance for international protection applicants (asylum seekers) for Budget 2022.

The time limitation on this request is 01 January 2021 to 05 November 2021.

I wish to receive the files electronically and in their original formatting.

Best wishes,

Liam

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