

Date: 13 February 2018  
Our ref: FOI10543/IR/Response  
Your ref:



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Dear Mr Jackson,

**Re: Request for Formal Review of Freedom of Information Request – 10453**

I am contacting you further to your appeal regarding your Freedom of Information Request with regard to obtaining a copy of an online database containing all burials and cremations.

Your request was received and acknowledged on 12 March 2017 and a response was provided to you on 4 April 2017; the request was responded to within the statutory time frame citing the Section 21 exemption and right of appeal information.

On the 10 April 2017 you requested an internal review of the content of the response –

*“The Births and Deaths Registration Act 1953 mentioned is about requesting copies of a death certificate which can be obtained from the GRO for a fee. Such certificates do not include the date and place of burial or cremation. The B/C database is searchable, I am requesting a copy of the database it uses.”*

The purpose of the Section 21 exemption is to ensure that there is no right of access to information via Freedom of Information Act if it is available by another route. Following a review of the request and the response provided, the Council has concluded that the application of Section 21 exemption was correctly applied as the information is already available.

If you disagree with the handling of this review, you may appeal to:

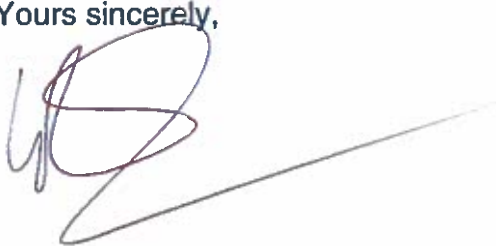
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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized 'C' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

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