

7 November 2014

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Dear Mr Hayes,

**Freedom of Information request: Research Project ES/K00039X/1A Ref: PSU 77**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request submitted on the 16 October 2014 in which you requested the following:

**Your Request:**

*"I would like detailed information on the research project "A Theoretical and Empirical Assessment of the Membership, Strategies and Tactics of Dissident Irish Republicans". Specifically, I would appreciate an itemised account of exactly how the money awarded by the ESRC was to be spent. I would also like confirmation of the specific dates on which this proposal was lodged and accepted, and the names of those people on the ESRC who sanctioned the award of funds."*

**Our response:**

You have asked us to release the following:

1. *"an itemised account of exactly how the money awarded by the ESRC was to be spent"*

I can confirm that ESRC holds the requested information. We have attached a pdf document "summary of resources required for Project". This summary has been redacted to remove personal information. Section 40 (2) & (3) of the FOI Act provides an absolute exemption in disclosing personal data. Although there is a requirement for ESRC to be open and transparent about how it conducts its business, the individuals involved in this case would not have expected their details to be made publicly available.

2. *"confirmation of the specific dates on which this proposal was lodged and accepted"*

I can confirm that ESRC holds the requested information. The proposal was sent to Je-S on the 20 January 2012 and a decision was taken on the 19 July 2012.



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3. *"the names of those people on the ESRC who sanctioned the award of funds."*

I can confirm that ESRC holds the requested information. This proposal was sent to the Grant Assessment Panel B (GAP Panel B) on the 19 July 2012 for decision. The members of Panel B at the time were as follows:

**GAP Panel B**

Professor John Abraham (Chair)

Professor Alistair Cole (Vice Chair)

Professor Theo Farrell

Professor Sara Arber

Professor Anne Barlow

Dr James Brown

Professor Paul Croll

Mrs Barbara Doig

Professor Simon Hackett

Dr Laura Hammond

Professor Robert Miller

Professor Mark Phythian

Professor Sara Randall

Professor Christina Victor

Professor David Wall

Please note that panel members cannot be contacted with any queries regarding funding decisions, any queries will be referred back to ESRC.

Also, more information about this Grant can be found on ESRC's Research Grant Catalogue at <http://www.esrc.ac.uk/my-esrc/grants/ES.K00039X.1/read> or Gateway to Research website at <http://gtr.rcuk.ac.uk/project/C5389696-EA36-448D-B8F0-D095490B753A>.

Finally, for more information about our Grant process please refer to the [Research Grant FAQ](#)



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I hope this answers your questions.

If you have any queries about this response please contact me, or if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, please write to:

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Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by ESRC. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely

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