

Department of Education and Children

Rheynn Ynsee as Paitchyn

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Re: Freedom of Information Request – Reference Number IM93752I

Your Request:-

Has any study been made by the DEC on homeschooling on the IOM? If so please can I see the reports/findings. If these are subject to any kind of restrictions then can I have any information on any causes of concern that were raised?

Department Response:-

In response to your Freedom of Information request, I can advise that no such study has been carried out by the Department of Education and Children and therefore under Section 11(3)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act we are refusing your request on the grounds that a practical refusal reason exists, namely that the Department does not hold the information that you have requested.

This information will also be published on the Government website in due course should you wish to revisit the information.

If you are unhappy with this response to your Freedom of Information request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review of the response, by completing a Review/Complaint form and submitting it electronically or by delivery/post to: Mr Andrew Shipley, Legal and Administration Manager, Hamilton House, Peel Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 5EZ.

An electronic version of our Review/Complaint form can be found by going to <https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/freedom-of-information/>

Your Review/Complaint request should explain why you are dissatisfied with this response, and should be made as soon as practicable. We will respond as soon as the review has been conducted.

Appeal Process

If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner for a decision on;

- 1 Whether we have responded to your request for information in accordance with Part 2 of the Freedom of Information Act; or
- 2 Whether we are justified in refusing to give you the information requested.

In response to an application for review, the Information Commissioner may, at any time, attempt to resolve a matter by negotiation, conciliation, mediation or another form of alternative dispute resolution and will have regard to any outcome of this in making any subsequent decision.

More detailed information on your rights to review is on the Information Commissioner's website at <https://www.inforights.im/contact-us/>

Should you have any queries concerning this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Further information about Freedom of Information requests can be found at www.gov.im/foi