

21 March 2017

Our Ref: FOI/Req/2017/043

David Moore
(No address supplied)

Dear Mr Moore,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

'Records of all meetings attended by the Permanent Representative to the EU or the Deputy Permanent Representative between 1 September 2016 and 31 December 2016 with external, non-diplomatic bodies (i.e. companies, trade associations, lobbyists, etc.). It would not include internal meetings with Irish governmental colleagues, with other diplomats or individuals from other European Union institutions including MEPs. In the first instance, the request would be satisfied with excerpts from the individual's diaries, provided such diaries were used to record all such activity.'

I am the Deciding Officer in this case. I have identified 13 records that fall within the scope of your request. I have made a decision to grant all of the records. The records are listed in the schedule attached.

Right of Appeal

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or by email to foi@dfat.ie. A fee applies for an appeal for access to non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at foi@dfat.ie, or 01-4082857.

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



Eddie Brannigan
First Secretary
Head of Press and Information
Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU