



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2017/018

Conor McGuinness

3 February 2017

Dear Mr. McGuinness,

I refer to your recently submitted request for information, made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, in which you requested the following:

All correspondence sent to the European Commission by the Department of Foreign Affairs in response to the Letter of Formal Notice (relating to Case C494/01) sent to Ireland by the Commission on 27 June 2007 (correspondence was issued bearing the dates 19 November 2007, 13 March 2008, 16 May 2008, 13 June 2008, 19 June 2008, 31 July 2008, 19 October 2009, 9 February 2010, 16 February 2010).

All notes and minutes of meetings, memos and other documents relating to the drafting of this correspondence.

All correspondence from the Department of Foreign Affairs to the European Commission relating to the Irish ISPAT site in Cork Harbour.

All Correspondence received by the Department of Foreign Affairs from the Department of Environment, Heritage and local Government / Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government relating to hazardous waste present on Haulbowline Island between January 1st 2008 and December 31st 2009.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on the 26th January.

I have identified three records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to release one record and refuse access to two records for the reasons set out 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

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