

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2017/183  
Conor McMorrow  
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Dublin 4

Dear Mr. McMorrow,  
I refer to the request of 13 September which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

**‘Can you please send me on copies of 10-15 letters, emails, representations or other correspondence, dating from January 26th 2017 to September 13th, 2017 that has come to your department including embassies and consulates offices, that illustrate, highlight, or detail the concerns of Irish people over US President Donald Trump's executive orders pertaining to immigration reform?’**

**In addition, can you provide estimates as to the level of correspondence received at Departmental Headquarters around President Donald Trump’s Executive Orders on immigration.’**

I refer also to the acknowledgment of your request which was sent to you on 20 October 2017.

I have attached 10 records that have been identified which fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. It has been decided to grant partial access to 10 of the records.

Partial access has been granted under exemption 37.(1) to protect the identities of the authors of the correspondence.

Further, I can tell you that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade’s headquarters received over 121 letters from the public regarding President Trump’s executive order on immigration (Executive Order 13769) on 27 January 2017. The vast majority of this correspondence fell within the first week of the executive order being released.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Jack McCormack,  
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