



Our Ref: FoI/Req/19/242

29th August 2019

Dear Mr. Hughes,

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:

- *RE: Seafest: Letter to H.E. Adbulla Shahid Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives [date 7/5/2019]*
- *Invitation to H.E. Allen M. Chastanet Prime Minister of Saint Lucia for SeaFest [date 7/5/2019]*
- *Invitation to FM of Malta to attend SeaFest/Our Ocean Wealth summit [date 7/5/2019]*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 30th July 2019.

I have identified 3 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant full release of the 3 records.

SeaFest and the Our Ocean Wealth Summit took place in Cork in June 2019. The Our Ocean Wealth Summit is Ireland's premier annual maritime event. The overall theme of this year's summit was 'Our Ocean Wealth – Shared Voices from Small Island Nations'. His Excellency Carmelo Abela, Foreign Minister of Malta accepted an invitation from the Tánaiste to attend the event and provided a valuable contribution to the overall success of the Our Ocean Wealth Summit. The Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, His Excellency Allen Chastanet, appointed the High Commissioner of Saint Lucia to the UK, His Excellency Guy Mayers to attend on his behalf. The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Maldives, His Excellency Adbulla Shahid was represented by his Foreign Secretary from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Abdul Ghafoor Mohammed.

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@dfa.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@dfa.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,

Dara Coyne



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