



Our Ref: FOI/Req/20/221

Date: 11 December 2020

Dear Mr. Farrell,

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:

'I would like to request copies of all records relating to the return of John Concannon in January 2021 to take up the position of Director General of Global Ireland on a full-time basis. I am only interested in records created since September 1st, 2019.'

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request, which was sent to you on 24 November 2020.

Having conducted a search of the records held by this Department, I can confirm that I have identified 24 records that fall into the scope of your request. I have made a decision to grant 10 of those records, with the remaining records containing personal information pertaining to the individual, which are so specific that I do not deem them fit for general release under section 37(1) Personal Information.

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, 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 01 408 2857.

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 staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Mooney

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