

Ref: FOI/Req/21/202

- *Internal memos, emails and communications among staff at the Abu Dhabi embassy (Afghanistan section) with regard to the evacuation of, and assistance for, Irish citizens, residents and dependants from Afghanistan within the last three months* (The requester later reduced the scope to 1 August – 2 September 2021).

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1.	Email Thread	9 August 21	Situation in Afghanistan: emails between Embassy Abu Dhabi and HQ concerning the situation in Afghanistan and changing travel advice	Part - Granted	Section 33 (1) (d)	
2.	Email Thread	9 August 21	Update to Travel Advice for Afghanistan: internal emails concerning the issuing of updated travel advice	Granted		Embassy Staff direct phone numbers redacted
3.	Email Thread	10 August 21	Afghan Join Family applications - Irish citizen sponsor: internal emails concerning the possible fast tracking of Join Family visa applications	Granted		Embassy Staff direct phone numbers redacted
4.	Email Thread	15 August 21	- stuck in Afghanistan: : internal email concerning request for assistance	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	Embassy Staff direct phone numbers redacted
5.	Email Thread	15 August 21	Irish national family in Afghanistan: internal emails concerning validation of Irish Passports and Irish Visas	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
6.	Email Thread	16 August 21	Afghanistan - request for assistance - family with Irish born daughter: internal email concerning request for assistance	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
7.	1	16 August 21	Draft to citizens: draft note to Irish citizens and families concerning evacuation flights from Kabul.	Granted		Embassy Staff direct phone numbers redacted

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8.	Email Thread	16 August 21	Embassy of Ireland UAE Website All Other Queries: Redirected Press Query	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
9.	Email Thread	16 August 21	Embassy of Ireland UAE Website All Other Queries: Internal email concerning registering a citizen with the Embassy	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
10.	Email Thread	16 August 21	FW: internal email concerning the evacuation of Irish citizen and their families from Afghanistan	Refused	Section 33 (1) (d)	
11.	Email Thread	16 August 21	Afghan Join Family applications - Irish citizen sponsor: internal email concerning the expediting of Afghan Join Family applications	Granted		Embassy Staff direct phone numbers redacted
12.	Email Thread	16 August 21	Afghanistan LTTs Minister media 210816: internal email concerning briefing for the Minister with attachment	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1) Section 33 (1) (d)	
13.	Email Thread	16 August 21	Assistance to leave Afghanistan: internal email concerning validation of visas	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
14.	Email Thread	16 August 21	Family in Afghanistan: internal email concerning validation of visas	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
15.	Spreadsheet	16 August 21	Spreadsheet: Irish Citizens in Afghanistan	Refused	Section 37 (1)	
16.	1	17 August 21	Calls from Afghanistan: internal emails concerning calls from Irish citizens in Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
17.	Email Thread	17 August 21	Duty phone -AFG - internal emails concerning calls for assistance on the duty phone	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
18.	Email Thread	17 August 21	Family in Afghanistan: internal emails concerning requests for assistance for visa holders	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
19.						Removed from schedule and no records issued as

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20.	Email Thread	17 August 21	Test email: internal emails concerning request for assistance from Irish citizen and his family	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
21.	Email Thread	17 August 21	Stuck in Afghanistan: internal emails regard request for assistance from an Irish citizen	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
22.	Email Thread	17 August 21	Emergency help Need it: internal emails concerning assistance for Irish residents in Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
23.	Email Thread	17 August 21	... in Ireland looking for the contact number of ... in AFG: internal emails re. Press query	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
24.	Email Thread	17 August 21	Flight out of Kabul 7.15 am tomorrow morning (Kabul Time): internal emails re. Note on access to Kabul Airport to avail of flight option for EU citizens	Refused	Section 33 (1) (d)	
25.	Email Thread	17 August 21	Urgent please: Internal emails concerning assistance for Irish residents in Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
26.	Email Thread	17 August 21	Family in Afganistan: Assistance to leave Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
27.	Email Thread	17 August 21	Update on Irish Citizens & Human Rights Defenders: Update on situation in Kabul	Refused	Section 33 (1) (d) Section 32 (1) (b)	
28.	Email Thread	18 August 21	Duty phone -18/08/2021: Calls on duty phone	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
29.	Email Thread	18 August 21	Embassy of Ireland UAE Website All Other Queries: Request for assistance to leave Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	

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30.	Email Thread	18 August 21	Embassy of Ireland UAE Website All Other Queries: Request for assistance to leave Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
31.	Email Thread	18 August 21	Embassy of Ireland UAE Website All Other Queries: Request for assistance to leave Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
32.	Email Thread	18 August 21	Embassy of Ireland UAE Website All Other Queries: Request for assistance to leave Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
33.	1	18 August 21	LTT for AFG: LTTs drafted by Deputy Head of Mission	Granted		
34.	Email Thread	18 August 21	Embassy of Ireland UAE Website All Other Queries: Request for :assistance to leave Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
35.	Email Thread	18 August 21	Minister Brophy Website Enquiry: Request for assistance for Afghan nationals trying to leave Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
36.	Email Thread	18 August 21	Possible EU military flights today - Instructions for those seeking evacuation	Refused	Section 33 (1) (d)	
37.	Email Thread	18 August 21	Test email: : Requests for assistance to leave Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
38.	Email Thread	19 August 21	Call with NL DHOM re Repatriation: Call between NL DHOM and DHOM Irish Embassy	Refused	Section 33 (1) (d)	
39.	Email Thread	19 August 21	Possible EU military flights today: Response to instructions for those seeking evacuation	Refused	Section 33 (1) (d)	
40.	Email Thread	19 August 21	Dutch-Norwegian evacuation flight for Irish citizens at 07:15 on 18 August - no access to airport before 8am: Access to Airport	Refused	Section 33 (1) (d) Section (37 (1)	

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41.	Email Thread	19 August 21	Embassy of Ireland UAE Website All Other Queries: Requests for assistance to leave Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
42 & 42a	1 + Attachment	19 August 21	Replies: Afghanistan Crisis – Responses to Queries – Family Reunification – <i>For HQ Use Only</i>	Granted		Embassy Staff direct phone numbers redacted
43.	Email Thread	20 August 21	Lives at threat: Requests for assistance to leave Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
44.	Email Thread	21 August 21	Confidential: VC with DoD	Refused	Section 33 (2) (a)	
45.	Email Thread	21 August 21	Evacuation	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1) Section 33 (1) (d)	
46.	1	22 August 21	At least seven Afghans have been killed near Kabul's international airport: Al Jazeera Report	Granted		
47.	Email Thread	22 August 21	Duty Phone - unanswered calls: List of names and phone numbers	Refused	Section 37 (1)	
48.	Email Thread	22 August 21	Evaluation	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
49.	Email Thread	22 August 21	Stuck in AFG: : Requests for assistance to leave Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
50.	Email Thread	22 August 21	UK call	Refused	Section 33 (1) (d)	
51.	Email Thread	22 August 21	Website Messages re AFG: Internal emails organising response to Website messages	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
52.	Email Thread	22 August 21	Replies to web queries: Internal emails	Granted		Embassy Staff direct phone numbers redacted

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53.	Email Thread	22 August 21	Update on Irish citizens in Afghanistan - 2 more evacuations and 4 new registrations	Refused	Section 37 (1) Section 33 (1) (d)	
54.	Email Thread	22 August 21	Urgent Note	Refused	Section 37 (1) Section 33 (2)(b)(i)	
55.	Email Thread	22 August 21	AFG: Internal email concerning evacuee	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	Embassy Staff direct phone numbers redacted
56.	Email Thread	23 August 21	Duty message re Visa - AFG	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
57.	Email Thread	23 August 21	Question re Pakistan and evacuation of citizens from Afghanistan: Internal emails re. Note from HQ concerning evacuation through Pakistan	Refused	Section 33 (1) (d)	
58.	Email Thread	23 August 21	AFG Query: Internal email concerning a rep received	Part- Granted	Section 37 (1)	
59.	Email Thread	23 August 21	Instructions to go to.....	Refused	Section 33 (1) (d) Section 37 (1)	
60.	Email Thread	23 August 21	Message from Facebook to US Ambassador to India	Refused	Section 33 (1) (d)	
61.	Email Thread	23 August 21	Mothers visa application	Part- Granted	Section 37 (1)	
62.	Email Thread	23 August 21	Update on Irish citizens in Afghanistan - 2 more evacuations and 4 new registrations	Refused	Section 33 (2) (a)	
63.	Email Thread	24 August 21	Visa and GNIB query	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
64.	Email Thread	24 August 21	Note Verbale Embassy Qatar (Afghanistan Evacuation)	Refused	Section 33 (2) (b)	
65.	Email Thread	24 August 21	Assistance to Irish citizen in Afghanistan: Requests for assistance on duty phone	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	

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66.	Email Thread	24 August 21	Evacuation	Refused	Section 37 (1)	
67.	Email Thread	24 August 21	Need help from Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
68.	Email Thread	25 August 21	Evacuation from Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
69.	Email Thread	25 August 21	Family stuck in afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
70.	Email Thread	25 August 21family update	Refused	Section 37 (1)	
71.	Email Thread	25 August 21	Assistance for 3 Irish citizens in Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
72.	Email Thread	25 August 21	Embassy of Ireland UAE Website All Other Queries	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
73.	Email Thread	25 August 21	I need to get out from Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
74.	Email Thread	25 August 21	LOOKING FOR EMERGENCY FLIGHT ASSISTANCE	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
75.	Email Thread	25 August 21	Stuck in Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
76.	Email Thread	25 August 21	Reps re Afghanistan	Refused	Section 37 (1)	
77.	Email Thread	26 August 21	ECAT statement	Granted		Embassy Staff direct phone numbers redacted
78.	Email Thread	26 August 21	EXEC REF 264 - UAE to Baldonnell 27-28 August 2021	Refused	Section 33 (2) (a) Section 33 (2) (b)	
79.	Email Thread	26 August 21	Advice for all queries today from any source	Granted		

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80.	Email Thread	26 August 21	Our Irish Citizen Client - Stuck in Kabul	Refused	Section 37 (1)	
81.	Email Thread	26 August 21	LTTs for phone calls today from Afghans with Irish residence cards/visas	Granted		
82.	Email Thread	26 August 21	Confidential - snapshot of Afghanistan evacuations and citizens remaining for LTTs as of 210826 - 07.16	Refused	Section 33 (2) (a)	
83.	Email Thread	26 August 21	Updated list - 2 additional families (7 in total)	Refused	Section 37 (1)	
84.	Email Thread	26 August 21	Family stuck in Afghanistan	Refused	Section 37 (1)	
85.	Email Thread	27 August 21	SHELTER IN PLACE - please do not go to or remain at the airport	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
86.	Email Thread	29 August 21	Need help to be evacuated	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
87.	Email Thread	29 August 21	Embassy of Ireland UAE Website All Other Queries	Refused	Section 37 (1)	
88.	Email Thread	29 August 21	Need help from Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
89.	Email Thread	29 August 21	Update to Travel Advice for Afghanistan	Refused	Section 37 (1)	
90.	Email Thread	29 August 21	Updated advice - shelter in place and await further advice	Refused	Section 37 (1)	
91.	1	29 August 21	Thank You	Granted		
92.	Email Thread	30 August 21	Afghanistan LTTs revised	Granted		
93.	Email Thread	30 August 21	Concern/Afghanistan	Refused	Section 33 (1) (d) Section 33 (2) (b)	

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94.	1	30 August 21	Independent Article	Refused	Section 37 (1)	
95.	Email Thread	30 August 21	Qatar	Refused	Section 33 (1) (d) Section 33 (2) (b)	
96.	Email Thread	1 Sept 21	Draft email for circulation regarding Afghan email queries	Granted		
97.	Email Thread	1 Sept 21	No responses yet from embassy	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	Embassy Staff direct phone numbers redacted
98.	Email Thread	1 Sept 21	Urgent request for help with family in Kabul	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
99.	Email Thread	1 Sept 21	No responses yet from embassy	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	Embassy Staff direct phone numbers redacted
100.	Email Thread	1 Sept 21	No responses yet from embassy	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	Embassy Staff direct phone numbers redacted
101.	Email Thread	2 Sept 21	Draft email for circulation regarding Afghan email queries	Granted		Embassy Staff direct phone numbers redacted
102.	Email Thread	2 Sept 21	Note for Minister	Granted		Embassy Staff direct phone numbers redacted
103.	Email Thread	2 Sept 21	Embassy of Ireland UAE Website All Other Queries	Refused	Section 37 (1)	
104.	Email Thread	2 Sept 21	Assistant in Afghanistan	Part-Granted	Section 37 (1)	
105.	3	19-30 August 21	Diplomat Group whatsapp 19-30 August 21	Part-Granted	Section 33 (1) (d) Section 37 (1)	

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106.	5	13-31 August 21	Louise Wilson Ambassador Cronin WhatsApp 13-31 August 21	Part-Granted	Section 33 (1) (d) Section 37 (1)	
107.	1	21-22 August 21	Louise Wilson, Anita Kelly, Amb Cronin WhatsApp exchange 21-22 August 21	Part-Granted	Section 33 (1) (d) Section 37 (1)	
108.	1	21-22 August 21	Anita Kelly, Louise Wilson and Amb Cronin WhatsApp exchange	Part-Granted	Section 33 (1) (d) Section 37 (1)	