

Our Ref: FOI/Req/18/012

Jack Horgan Jones
Sunday Business Post,
Hambleton House,
16-26 Pembroke Street Lower,
Dublin.

Dear Mr Horgan Jones,

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:

1. *All records, including correspondence internal and external, briefing notes, minutes, etc, relating to this record in the lobbying database:*

<https://www.lobbying.ie/return/22759/private-college-network-ltd>

Specific Details

I have petitioned the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in relation to the Department of Foreign Affairs seemingly promoting one group of private language schools over another

Intended results

Open and fair promotion of all of Irelands Education sector by the Dept of Foreign Affairs

Name of person primarily responsible for lobbying on this activity

David Russell

I therefore wish to cover the timeframe 20/12/2017 to 08/01/2018.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 22 January.

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

Please note that regarding Record No. 8 on the schedule, group email addresses which are not public and do not fall within the scope of the request have been removed.

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,

Niamh Kelly

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Americas Unit

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade