



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Our Ref: Fol/Req/2018/145

19 June 2018

Dear Requester,

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:

Access to any minutes, briefings, memos relating to the meetings between Google and Joe Hackett in the lobbying return...www.lobbying.ie/return/29377/Google-Ireland-Limited.'

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 30 May 2018.

I have identified one record within the Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU that fall within the scope of your request. The record is shown on the schedule below. I have made a decision to grant the record.

SCHEDULE		
Record Description		Granted/Part-Granted/Refused
1	25 Jan 2018 Note on meeting Deputy Permanent Representative Joe Hackett and Google representatives	Granted

A vast range of factors are taken into consideration in EU decision-making processes and lobbying is often as part of process; it enables citizens and organisations to make their views on public policy and public services known to politicians and public servants and lobbying registers are helping to make this process more transparent.

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

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