Our Ref: FOI/Req/2018/170

12 July 2018

Dear Ms Lavin,

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:

Appointments diaries for the Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development for the year of 2017 in full.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 28 June 2018.

I have identified 2 records that falls within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule below. I have made a decision to part-grant the records.

Record Description		Granted/Part-Granted/Refused
1.	Diary of Minister of State Joe McHugh for	Part granted
	January to June 2017	
2.	Diary of Minister of State Ciarán Cannon	Part granted
	for June to December 2017	

The diaries have been edited to remove personal details of individuals under section 37(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. Constituency matters and events personal to the Minister of State are not included as either the legislation does not apply, or the information is outside the scope of the request.

From time to time there may have been supplementary activity which arose on an ad hoc basis and which is not listed in the diary.

## 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 <u>foi@dfa.ie</u>. 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

Aisling Kearns

Office of the Minister of State