

An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Dublin 2

Mr Vincent Ryan
Irish Examiner
Blackpool
Cork

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Ref: FOI/REQ/14/045

Dear Mr Ryan

I refer to your recent application under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 for access to records as follows:

"The 12 representations that the Minister for Foreign Affairs Eamon Gilmore made on behalf of others to the Revenue Commissioners, as noted in the Revenue Commissioners annual report 2013, including e-mails both internal and external, briefing documents, minutes of meetings or any other records in relation to this."

I am the deciding officer in this case. I have identified 12 records that fall under the scope of your request. I have decided to grant access to 1 record and part-grant access to 11 records. Where information has been reducted, this has been done under Section 28(1) of the FOI Act – 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 and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2. A fee applies for an appeal, with the exception of an appeal against the imposition of a fee; the level of this fee has been set at €75. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to the Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs.

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

Julie O'Brien

FOI Officer