

16 December 2015

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2015/114

Ms. Sarah Talty

E-mail: ;

Dear Ms. Talty,

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:

Digital copies of all documents, letters, memos and handwritten notes to and from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade relating to any potential visits to Ireland by HRH Queen Elizabeth in 2016 for the 1916 Commemorations.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 16 November 2015.

I have identified 11 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to refuse 3 of the records and part-grant 3 of the records.

Where access has been refused, the records are exempt from release under section S29 (1)(a) Deliberative Process, S33(1)(d) International Relations, S35(1)(a) Information obtained in confidence and S37(1) Personal Information.

The record listed at point Number 5 in the schedule of documents (Email from DFAT to DAHG) refers to “attached records” in the body of the email. These are included as separate records, which are listed at points 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 in the schedule.

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

Eleanor Farrell