



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Baile Átha Cliath 2

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Dublin 2

18th August 2016.

Mr Colin Coyle,  
The Irish Times,  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor,  
Bishop's Square,  
Redmond's Hill,  
Dublin 2.

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2016/098

Dear Mr Coyle,

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:

**A copy of any audits carried out on charities operating in Africa during 2015 and 2016.**

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

I have identified 12 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant 9 of these records and refuse 3. The access has been refused for record numbers 8, 11 and 12 as they are exempt from release under Section 30 (1) (a), Section 30 (1) (b), Section 35 (1) (a) and Section 35 (1) (b) of the act.

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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,

*Tomás Chambers*

Tomás Chambers (Evaluation & Audit Unit)