



**An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála**  
**Baile Átha Cliath 2**

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**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**  
**Dublin 2**

31 August 2017.

Mr Ken Foxe

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2017/148

Dear Mr Foxe,

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:

**Seeking the following internal audits: - Mission Audit Pretoria (2015), Assessment of Management Systems Embassy Pretoria (2015), Mission Audit San Francisco (2015), Internal audit of Embassy Ottawa (2016), Internal audit of Embassy Copenhagen (2016), Audit of the management of Honorary Consuls & their services (2016), Audit of the payments system (HQ admin & grants, excluding payroll & T&S) (2016)**

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

I have identified 7 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the attached schedule. I have made a decision to Grant 5 of the records and part-grant 2 as requested. I have also included with the relevant internal audit report more recent progress updates on implementing recommendations.

Where access has been refused, the records are exempt from release under section 37 (1) as it contains personal information and section 33 (1) (a) security of the state.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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



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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)