

10 May 2019

Our Ref: Fol/Req/19/09/154

Valerie Flynn
UK Sunday Times (Ireland edition)

Dear Ms Flynn

I refer to your request made under the Freedom of Information Act (2014) of 4 March for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

'.....correspondence referred to below, or in the case of meetings, I am seeking minutes, presentations/slides and correspondence related to the meeting.'

<https://www.lobbying.ie/return/37181/google-ireland-limited>

<https://www.lobbying.ie/return/33688/ibec>

<https://www.lobbying.ie/return/28784/facebook-ireland-limited>

<https://www.lobbying.ie/return/26293/ibec>

<https://www.lobbying.ie/return/29964/ibec>

Any record of this phone call (if available)....

<https://www.lobbying.ie/return/35113/facebook-ireland-limited> '

I am the Deciding Officer in this case.

For the Ibec Lobbying Returns, I have identified five records within the scope of your request. These are listed on the accompanying schedule. For the Facebook Lobby Returns, which are notifications of phone calls made, I have found no records. For the Google Lobbying Return, I have found 11 records. These are also listed on 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 20 working days) of 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


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Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU