



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Our Ref: Fol/Req/19/200

10th July 2019

Dear Ms Ní Aodha,

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:

- *All correspondence sent to the Department from groups and individuals wishing to welcome US President Donald Trump and his family at Shannon Airport during his visit to Ireland in June, or to meet, or provide entertainment for Trump and his family at Doonbeg or other parts of Ireland.*

I also refer to the acknowledgment request that was sent to you on 27th June 2019.

I have identified 1 record that falls within the scope of your request. The record is listed in the schedule attached and I have decided to grant partial release of this record.

Where access has been only partially granted the case relates to section 37(1) Personal Information of the FOI act.

Section 37 – Personal information

While Section 37(1) Personal Information is a mandatory exemption I am still obliged to consider whether the public interest would be best served by releasing the records in full. I have taken into account the benefit to the public to be given access to correspondence in a manner which demonstrates transparency and accountability of the Department. In the main, the information redacted relates to personal identifiable information and does not affect the substance of the record. I have particularly considered whether releasing the personal information would provide any additional benefit in this regard. I have weighed this against the right of individuals to have their personal information remain private and have found that there is a clear prerogative for this information to remain private.

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. 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, 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,
James Rowan

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