



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

Our Ref: FOI/Req/19/239

Date: 06/09/2019

Dear Mr. Hughes,

I refer to the request which you have made by email on 31 July 2019 under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (the Act) for access to the below record held by this Department, as follows:

“ I am seeking the following submissions sent through the e-submissions system: UNRWA Core Funding 2019 [date 16/5/2019]”

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 08th August 2019.

Enclosed is the e-Submission requested. For the reasons outlined below, I have decided to include some minimal redactions in the e-Submission.

Basis for the Redactions

Section 33(3)(c)(ii) of the Act provides that a head shall refuse to grant an FOI request in circumstances where the record contains information communicated in confidence from, to, within, or in relation to an international organisation of states or a subsidiary organ of such an organisation or an institution or body of the European Union, or relates to negotiations between the State and such an organisation, organ, institution. In light of UNRWA's status as a subsidiary organ of the United Nations, and on determination of the redacted material as pertaining both to information communicated in confidence and to negotiations which may or may not occur, the partial redactions are necessary for compliance with the statutory obligations imposed by s. 33(3).

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

Hugh McGowan

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