



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

Our Ref: FOI/Req/21/059

Date 26 March 2021

Dear Mr. Patterson,

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:

1) The number of staff by grade in each Irish Embassy and Consulate General Office as of 24 February 2021 in tabular form. Please indicate the number of those staff in each Embassy or Consulate that are employed by Department of Foreign Affairs and the number of that are agency staff in tabular form. As of 24 February 2021 the number of vacancies in each Embassy and Consulate General office and which are normally filled by Dublin based Department of Foreign Affairs staff; please indicate when each vacant post in each Embassy or Consulate General office will be filled eg 2nd Secretary Post is currently vacant in the Irish Embassy in Tokyo and will be filled as soon as Foreign Travel restrictions are lifted etc.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request, which was sent to you on 4 March 2021.

I have identified two records that fall within the scope of your request. I have decided to grant both of them. Please see attached records detailing the number of staff by grade in each embassy and consular office abroad including DFA and agency staff.

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

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