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Ms. Christina Finn.
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Ref: FOI/REQ/18/099.

Dear Ms. Finn,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, in which you requested the following:

- 1. The total number of representations for passports Oireachtas TDs have made since 1 January 2017.**
- 2. The total number of representations for passports Oireachtas Senators have made since 1 January 2017.**
- 3. The number of passport representations each TD made since 1 January 2017.**
- 4. The number of passport representations each Senator made since 1 January 2017.**

[Please list numbers 3 and 4 with the name of the TD/Senator and how many representations they have made to date]

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 23 April, 2018.

I am the Deciding Officer in this case. I have identified 1 record that falls within the scope of your request. The record is a list of the number of representations made by individual Senators and TDs received by the Passport Office regarding passport applications in 2017 and in 2018 (to 27 April, 2018). The record is attached. I have made a decision to grant the record.

In summary, the total number of representations received by the Passport Office regarding passport applications from Senators since 1 January 2017 (to 27 April, 2018) was 537 and the number of representations received from TDs in the same period was 3,953.

The representations made by Senators/T.D.s received by the Passport Office are typically an enquiry on the progress of a passport application. It should also be noted that the Passport Service can only


expedite an application for reasons of immediate family bereavement or medical emergency. Every effort is made to issue passports as swiftly as possible and in a way that is fair and equitable to all citizens.

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,



Donal O'Driscoll
Passport Service