



An Roinn Gnóthai Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Dublin 2

Mr. Rowan Gallagher

31 January 2014

Our Ref: Fol/Req/14/001

Dear Mr. Gallagher,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 dated 2 January 2014, for records held by this Department, in which you requested:

- *Documents detailing the cost of restocking the Department of Foreign Affairs wine cellar in 2013*
- *Documents detailing the wine list held, including names, year, origin, quantity, unit price and value*
- *Total expenditure on the restocking of the wine cellar for individual years since 2005, single figure monetary amount only*
- *Documents detailing any sale of wine in as much detail as possible for 2013*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 13 January, 2014.

Your request for *Documents detailing the cost of restocking the Department of Foreign Affairs wine cellar in 2013* falls to be refused under Section 10(1)(a) as no such records exist. Expenditure by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to add to its wine stock for use in relation to State and Official Hospitality in 2013 was nil.

I have identified 3 records that fall within the scope of your request. My decisions in relation to the records are detailed in the schedule below.

SCHEDULE – FOI Request 14/001			
	Record Description	Granted/Part-Granted/Refused	Section exempted under:
I.	Documents detailing the wine list held, including names, year, origin, quantity, unit price and value	Part-Granted	Section 27

2.	Total expenditure on the restocking of the wine cellar for individual years since 2005, single figure monetary amount only	Granted	
3.	Documents detailing any sale of wine in as much detail as possible for 2013	Granted	

**Records 1 - 3**

1. A copy of the wine list held by the Department, including names, year, origin, quantity and value is attached. Details of unit price have been refused under Section 27.

2. The total expenditure on the restocking of the wine cellar in the years specified is as follows;

<b>Year</b>	<b>Cost</b>
2005	€29,541.99
2006	€26,855.19
2007	€29,881.90
2008	€28,341.64
2009	€20,613.25
2010	€12,511.87
2011	€51,952.32
2012	€7,834.66
2013	Nil

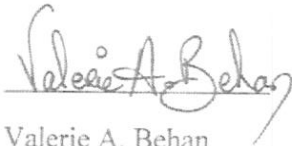
3. A copy of a document detailing the sale of wine in as much detail as possible for 2013 is attached.

### 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. A fee applies for an appeal, with the exception of an appeal against the imposition of a fee, the level of this fee has been set at €25. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to the Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie A. Behan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Valerie A. Behan

Protocol Officer