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Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dublin 2

Mr Kieran Dineen

Newsroom

The Irish Sun

Bishop's Square

Redmond's Hill

Ref: FOI/REQ/14/049

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Dear Mr Dineen

I refer to your recent application (amended by email on 9 June) under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 for access to records as follows:

Details of the stocks of wines, spirits and other alcoholic drinks kept in each Irish embassy to include the value, cost, name, year and make of each bottle of wine, spirit and other alcoholic drinks.

I am the deciding officer for your request. I have decided to grant your request in full and enclose stock lists (nine in total) held by Missions abroad.

The stock is used in relation to hospitality provided by our Missions at events promoting Ireland. Keeping stock allows some missions (e.g. Consulate General New York) to avail of significant discounts from the cost of purchasing beverages from caterers at the time they are required. For other missions, local cultural or market conditions necessitate bulk purchases.

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 €75. 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.

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 "Julie O'Brien". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Julie O'Brien

FOI Officer