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Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dublin 2

Ms Pamela Duncan

The Irish Times

Tara Street

Dublin 2

Our Ref: FOI/REQ/14057

8 August 2014

Dear Pamela

I refer to your recent application under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 for access to "a copy of the briefing documents prepared for the newly appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade on assuming the role in July 2014". I also refer to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 21 July 2014.

I am the deciding officer for your request. I have identified one record that falls within the scope of your request and I have made a decision to part-grant access to it. Where information has been redacted, this has been done under the following sections of the FOI Act: Section 19 – *a record prepared for Government*; Section 20 – *deliberative process of a public body*; Section 23 (1) – *investigation of offences*; Section 24(1) – *international relations and matter relating to Northern Ireland*; Section 28 – *personal information*; Section 46 – *a matter relating to the President*.

I have indicated on the contents page the exemptions applied to the sections of the record that have been redacted.

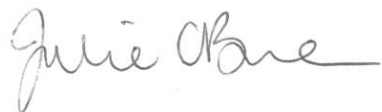
Right of Appeal

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 black ink that reads "Julie O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Julie O'Brien

FOI Officer