



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

Our Ref: FoI/Req/16/009

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17th February 2016

Dear Ruadhán,

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:

A copy of any reports or internal analyses completed by the department/Irish Aid since September 1st 2015 into the Irish Red Cross.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 1 February 2016.

I have identified two records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached, and consist of (1) the final report from the Organisational Capacity Assessment and (2) the management response received from the Irish Red Cross.

I have made a decision to part grant the final report from the Organisational Capacity Assessment. The sole element which has been redacted is the risk assessment. Access to this section of the report is being withheld under Section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, relating to commercially sensitive information. Release of this information could reasonably be expected to prejudice the competitive position of the Irish Red Cross or the conduct/outcome of contractual negotiations.

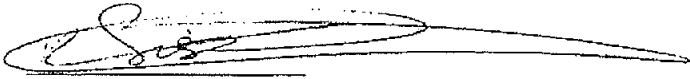
I have made a decision to grant the record relating to the management response letter provided by the Irish Red Cross to the letter.

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@dfat.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@dfat.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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Sissling', written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Sissling
Deputy Director
Humanitarian Unit