



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dublin 2

Our Ref: FOI/Req/2015/024

Mr. Gordon Deegan

18th March 2015

Dear Mr. Deegan,

I refer to the request which you have made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 in which you requested details relating to:

- *An update on efforts by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on selling its wine collection*
- *Internal Reports on the progress of wine sales from 1st September 2014*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 25 February 2015.

The Department holds a stock of wine for use in relation to State and Official hospitality. The stock facilitates provision of wines suitable for official events at a significant discount from the cost of purchasing them from caterers at the time they are required. In general, wine served at official functions costs less than €20. In line with expenditure practices overall in the Department, the purchase of new stock is assessed carefully and kept under continuing review to ensure value for money.

Your request for *An update on efforts by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on selling its wine collection* falls to be refused under Section 15 (1) (a). No relevant records exist.

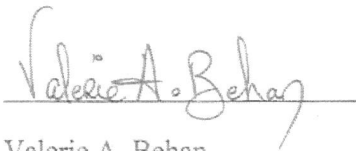
Your request for *Internal Reports on the progress of wine sales from 1st September 2014* falls to be refused under Section 15 (1) (a). No relevant records exist as no bottles of wine were traded or sold by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade since 1st September 2014.

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) of 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 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 a horizontal line.

Valerie A. Behan