



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dublin 2

12th January 2017.

Mr John Burke,
RTE News and Current Affairs,
TV Centre,
RTÉ,
Donnybrook,
Dublin 4.

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2016/211

Dear Mr Burke,

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:

Copies of all internal audit reports carried out by the Department between 1st June to date.

Copies of all internal audits carried out by agencies or bodies under the aegis of the Department, of which a copy has been forwarded to the Department/Minister for consideration, in the same period.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 29th December 2016.

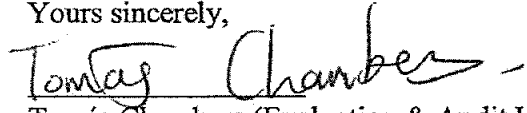
I have identified 6 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant 1 of these records and refuse 5. The access has been refused for record numbers 4 and 6 as these are exempt from release under Section 33 (1) (a) of the act. The access has been refused for record numbers 2, 3 and 5 these are in draft and exempt from release under Sections 29 (1) (a) (b).

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,

Handwritten signature of Tomás Chambers in cursive script.

Tomás Chambers (Evaluation & Audit Unit)