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23-27 Sráid Anraí
Luimneach

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23-27 Henry Street
Limerick

4 December, 2017

Our Ref: FOI/Req/2017/224

Dear Requester,

I refer to your recently submitted request for information, made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, in which you requested the following:

Terms and Conditions for holders of fellowships under the Irish Aid Programme Strand 1, and in relation to the Irish Aid Programme with Vietnam. Who is accountable for ensuring that holders abide by these Terms and Conditions and what penalties exist for those who breach these terms.

I also refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 9 November, 2017.

A copy of the Terms and Conditions for those awarded scholarships under the IDEAS programme, which is part of the Irish Aid programme in Vietnam, is attached. Fellowships are subject to compliance with these Terms and Conditions.

Irish Aid, the Embassy of Ireland to Vietnam and implementing partners in Ireland and Vietnam are responsible for ensuring holders of fellowships abide by Terms and Conditions. The Irish Council for International Students (ICOS) administers the fellowships on behalf of Irish Aid. Conditions for the termination of scholarships are set out in Section 9.

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, D02 DX45 or by email to foi@dfa.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@dfa.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



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