

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2017/229

Brian O'Donovan
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Dear Mr. O'Donovan,

I refer to the request of 8 November which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

All communications sent and received both within the Department and with outside agencies relating to delays in the appointment of a US Ambassador to Ireland. I wish to cover the timeframe: 01/01/17 to present day.

No records have been identified that fall within the scope of your request. The appointment of Ambassadors by the United States is an internal process of that country. While the Government looks forward to receiving a new Ambassador when one is appointed, it would be inappropriate to comment on the appointment process in another country.

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

Jack McCormack,
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