

Our Ref: FOI/Req/19/021

Date: 12/02/2019

Dear Requester,

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:

"Information regarding a decision by the Minister to provide an additional €2m in funding to the UN Palestinian refugee agency UNRWA, the release of any correspondence from members of the public to the Minister and Department in support of or opposition to this decision, and the release of any minutes of meetings or internal correspondence within the department regarding the decision to provide this funding."

Trefer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 28 January 2019.

I have identified three records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant all of the records.

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 <u>foi@dfa.ie</u>. 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 <u>foi@dfa.ie</u>, 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

Tim Reilly

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