11 March 2019

Dear Mr Carswell

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

1. The number of submissions from members of the public sent to Tánaiste Simon Coveney since November 13th, 2018 raising complaints/paying compliments/making comments or suggestions on Brexit and the Government’s handling of the negotiations and response to the UK’s planned departure from the European Union, and 6 samples from each category, representative of the whole, including correspondence from the UK.

I have identified 192 submissions that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. As per the request, I have included representative samples of each category in the attached folder.

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@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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