



An Roinn Gnóthaí  
Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Department of  
Foreign Affairs and Trade

Our Ref: FOI/Req/19/156

13 May 2019

Dear Ms. Malekmian,

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:

- All documents regarding banking limitations/sanctions for citizens from Iran and/or Syria/ Sudan/Cuba issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs from 1 January 2017 to present
- All correspondence and attached documents between the Central Bank and the Department of Foreign Affairs regarding any banking limitations (including restriction for opening an account) set for immigrants from the above countries from 1 January 2017- Present
- The minute/agenda and or any associated documents (to include draft versions) of meetings in relation to a restriction on accessing banking services for legal immigrants from the above countries from 1 January 2017 to present

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 2 May 2019.

I have identified one record that falls within the scope of your request. The record is listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant this record. We understand that this record has already been released to you by the Central Bank under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

#### Right of Appeal

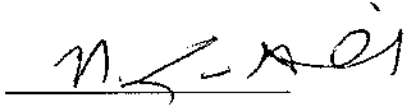
Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or by email to [foi@dfa.ie](mailto:foi@dfa.ie). A fee applies for an appeal for access to non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at [foi@dfa.ie](mailto: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,

Nancy Tuohy-Hamill  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Tuohy-Hamill", is written over a horizontal line.