



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

Our Ref: Fol/Req/18/059

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9 May 2018

Dear Ms. Weld,

I refer to the request of 8 March 2018 which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

An overview of Deputy Deasy's travel to the United States in his role as Special envoy, in tabular form, as well as a list of meetings, timings of those meeting, and agendas of meetings with representatives of the United States Government or United States Congress.

I also wish to request any correspondence between the Department of the Taoiseach and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in relation to the Government's Special Envoy to the United States Congress from 30th June 2017 to date.

I also wish to request any communication including emails, memos and minutes of meetings, between the Government of the United States and the Irish Government's Special Envoy to the United States Congress or his offices in relation to the undocumented Irish from 30th June 2017 to date.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 16 March 2018.

An overview of Deputy Deasy's meetings during his visits is attached.

I have identified no records in relation to the second and third portions of your request. Deputy Deasy works under the overall direction of the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Simon Coveney, TD, and that of the Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development, Ciarán Cannon, TD. Deputy Deasy does not maintain any offices within the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as the assistance given to him by the Department is drawn from existing resources. Ireland's diplomatic network in the US also provides logistical and policy support to Deputy Deasy in the area of immigration reform.

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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