



**An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála**  
Baile Átha Cliath 2

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**  
Dublin 2

Our Ref: Fol/Req/2018/093

Stephen McDermott  
Irish Daily Mirror

*M* May 2018

Dear Mr. McDermott,

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:

*"I am seeking information regarding the number of complaints received by the Department over the decision to expel a diplomat from the Russian embassy last month, as well as the release of any transcripts of any such complaints."*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 24 April 2018.

I have identified **31** records that fall within the scope of your request.

I have made the decision to grant all 31 records. The records have only been edited to remove personal details of the individuals concerned under Section 37 (1) of the Act, Personal Information.

#### **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

Caitríona de Búrca