

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

Aoife Barry The Journal

Our Ref: FOI/Req/2018/206

13 August 2018

Dear Ms. Barry,

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 correspondence, both digital and hard copy, between staff members from the Department of Foreign Affairs of assistant principal grade and higher, with any employee of the Irish Red Cross between 1 January and 17 July 2018 regarding State funding.

All correspondence, both digital and hard copy, involving staff members from the Department of Foreign Affairs of assistant principal grade and higher, which refers to the Chairperson and/or Secretary General of the Irish Red Cross between 1 January and 17 July 2018.

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

I have identified 14 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 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

Seán Ó hAodha

Humanitarian Unit

Development Cooperation Division

Da Thodha

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade