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Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dublin 2

Mr Colin Coyle
The Sunday Times
Bishop's Square
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Our Ref: FOI/REQ/14/008

28 February 2014

Dear Colin

I refer to your recent application under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 for access to the following records:

- "1. A copy of the recent review of the honorary consul network.*
- 2. A copy of any correspondence between the Tánaiste and interested parties in relation to the closure and re-opening of the Vatican Embassy since the start of 2012.*
- 3. Any correspondence with Bono and/or U2 and/or his/their representatives in relation to the Global Irish Economic Forum.*
- 4. Any correspondence with Bono and/or U2 and/or their representatives in relation to the Minister for Social Protection's comments at a conference of the Chartered Accountants Ireland in Dublin in May 2013."*

I have made a decision to part-grant your request as follows:

1. As the review of the honorary consul network is not yet complete, this record does not exist. Therefore I am obliged to refuse this element of your request under Section 10(1)(a) of the FOI Act.
2. I have identified 5 records which fall within the scope of this element of your request. I have made a decision to refuse 1 record, grant 1 record and part-grant 3 records. Where information has been redacted or the record has been refused, this has been done under Sections 26 (confidential information) and 28 (personal information) of the FOI Act. As agreed, I have provided only a sample of the postcards received by the Department on the closure of the Embassy to the Holy See. In 2012, we received 387 such postcards, and 18 were received in 2013. I have also provided sample correspondence from Ireland Stand Up.
3. I have identified 22 records which fall within the scope of this element of your request. I have made a decision to grant 3 records and part-grant 19 records. Where information has been redacted, this has been done under Sections 26 (information received in confidence) and 28 (personal information) of the FOI Act.
4. I have identified no records which fall within the scope of your request. Therefore I am obliged to refuse this element of your request under Section 10(1)(a) of the FOI Act.

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. A fee applies for an appeal, with the exception of an appeal against the imposition of a fee; the level of this fee has been set at €75. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to the Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs.

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



Julie O'Brien

FOI Officer