

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

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

27/03/2014

Mr John Cunningham, Current Affairs Department, Stage 7, TV building, RTE, Donnybrook Dublin 4.

Our ref: FoI/Req/2014/017.

Dear John,

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

- 1. All records of correspondence received, created, sent and/or circulated <u>held by Programme Countries Unit, Evaluation and Audit Unit and Embassy Kampala</u> during the preparation of The Report by the Evaluations and Audit Unit Technical Team to the Secretary General on Misappropriation of Funds in The Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda.
- 2. All records of correspondence or communication on this misappropriation of funds held by Programme Countries Unit, Evaluation and Audit Unit and Embassy Kampala between representatives of the Irish State and counterparts in Uganda, including political representatives in both States.
- 3. All records produced by, or circulated within DFA <u>held by Programme Countries Unit, Evaluation</u> and Audit Unit and Embassy Kampala following communication with non-DFA individuals in relation to the above mentioned report.
- 4. A breakdown of all monies provided to the Ugandan State by the Department since 1st January 2006.

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

- In relation to the first part of your request I have identified 11 records which fall within the scope of the request. I have made a decision to grant 1 record and refuse 10 records. I am refusing these records under Sections 21 (Functions and Negotiations of Public bodies) and 24 (Security, Defence and International Relations) of the FOI Act.
- In relation to the second part of your request, I have identified 31 records which fall within the scope of the request. I have made a decision to grant 2 records and to refuse 29 records.

I am refusing these records under Section 24 of the FOI Act (Security, Defence and International Relations).

- In relation to the third part of the request I have identified 12 records which fall within the scope of the request. I have made a decision to release 4 of these records and to partial release 8 records. Where information has been redacted this has been done under Section 28 (Personal Information).
- In relation to the fourth part of your request, a spreadsheet will be released showing a breakdown of all monies provided to the Ugandan State by the Department since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2006.

The records to which access has been granted or part-granted will be released to you on receipt of the balance of the Search and Retrieval fee. The balance is €217.88, payment of which can be made by way of Bank Draft, Money Order, Postal Order or Personal Cheque made payable to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

## 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 and Trade.

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,

Áine Doody, Assistant Principal.