



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

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

Our Ref: FOI/Req/2014/102

Ms. Fiona Dillon  
The Herald  
Independent House  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Independent House,  
27/32 Talbot Street,  
Dublin 1

9<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Dear Ms. Dillon,

I refer to the request which you have made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for records held by this Department in which you requested details relating to:

- *How many bottles of wine were "traded" or sold during 2014 and how much was made by the sale of the wines*
- *How many wines remain in the cellars*
- *A breakdown of what they are and how much they cost*
- *What the total stock is worth now*
- *Details of what wines were bought during 2014 and how much they cost*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 19 November 2014.

The Department holds a stock of wine for use in relation to State and Official hospitality. The stock facilitates provision of wines suitable for official events at a significant discount from the cost of purchasing them from caterers at the time they are required. In general, wine served at official functions costs less than €20. In line with expenditure practices overall in the Department, the purchase of new stock is assessed carefully and kept under continuing review to ensure value for money.

Your request for *details of how many bottles of wine were "traded" or sold during 2014 and how much was made by the sale of the wines* falls to be refused under Section 15 (1) (a). No relevant records exist as no bottles of wine were traded or sold by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade during 2014.

I have identified 2 records that fall within the scope of your request. My decisions in relation to the records are detailed in the schedule below.

SCHEDULE – FOI Request 14/102			
	Record Description	Granted/Part-Granted/Refused	Section exempted under:
1.	Document detailing stock of wines – name, wine producer, year, country of origin, quantity and cost	Part-Granted	Section 36 (1) (b)
2.	Document detailing wines purchased during 2014 and how much they cost	Part-Granted	Section 36 (1) (b)

**Records 1 - 2**

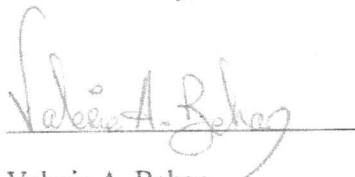
1. A copy of the list of wine stock held by the Department detailing name, producer, year of production, country of origin and quantity of bottles held is attached. Details of unit cost have been refused under Section 36 (1) (b).
2. A copy of the list of wines purchased by the Department in 2014 including, name, country of origin and number of bottles is attached. Details of unit cost have been refused under Section 36 (1) (b).

**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@dfat.ie](mailto:foi@dfat.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@dfat.ie](mailto:foi@dfat.ie) or 01-4082857.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) of 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 this Department.

Yours sincerely,



Valerie A. Behan