

An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and TradeDublin 2

22nd October 2015

Our Ref: Fol/Reg/2015/087

I refer to your recently submitted request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, in which you have requested the following information:

'All records in the control of the Department concerning the Irish selection of STO/LTO nominations to the EU and outcomes of same concerning the 2015 election observation missions to Myanmar, Guinea and Tanzania. This should include copies of all applications and representations received supporting any particular applicant. Also any complaints appeals, or reviews arising from this process.'

As this request relates to three separate elections and three separate processes, I have broken down the FOI request by election and I have addressed it accordingly below.

Myanmar

I have identified 9 records which fall within the scope of your request as listed on the attached schedule. I have decided to grant access to 3 records, part grant access to 5 records and refuse access to 1 record.

Guinea

I have identified 6 records which fall within the scope of your request as listed on the attached schedule. I have decided to grant access to 2 records, part grant access to 3 records and refuse access to 1 record.

Tanzania

I have identified 9 records which fall within the scope of your request as listed on the attached schedule. I have decided to grant access to 3 records, part grant access to 5 records and refuse access to 1 record.

I wish to confirm as previously advised, that the Irish Aid website www.irishaid.ie has a section on the Election Observation Roster and a listing of the elections to which members of the Irish Election Observation Roster have been sent since 2013. This is updated on a frequent basis.

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 <u>foi@dfa.ie</u> A fee applies for non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30. For methods of payment please contact FOI unit <u>foi@dfa.ie</u> or 01 4082857.

You should make the appeal within four weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. This appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of this Department.

Yours sincerely

John Crowe

Civil Society and Development Education Unit