



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Dublin 2

2nd December 2015

Mr Colin Coyle  
The Sunday Times  
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Bishop's Square  
Redmond's Hill  
Dublin 2

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2015/112

Dear Mr Coyle,

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:

**A copy of the report of the audit of the internal control systems for diplomatic mail.**

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

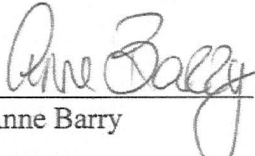
I have identified 1 record that falls within the scope of your request. The record is listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to refuse the record under section 32 (1) (a) (i) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014. Information detailed therein is the subject of an investigation which is ongoing, and, release of this report may prejudice that investigation.

#### **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) 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,

  
Anne Barry