



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dublin 2

Our Ref: FOI/Req/2015/113

Ms. Catherine Halloran
Irish Daily Star
Independent House
27/32 Talbot Street,
Dublin 1

4th December 2015

Dear Ms. Halloran,

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:

- *A full inventory of the wine kept on-site in Iveagh House*
- *A full breakdown of the wines*
- *The values of each of the bottles in the wine collection*
- *A list of occasions when the wine was used*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 16 November 2015.

I also note that you have withdrawn the last part of your request relating to the list of occasions on which the wine was used.

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 per bottle. 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.

I have identified 1 record that falls within the scope of your request. My decision in relation to the record is detailed in the schedule below.

SCHEDULE – FOI Request 15/113

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)

Record 1

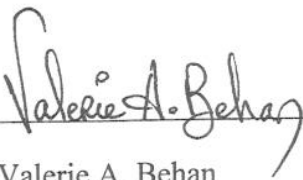
1. A copy of the list of wine stock held by the Department detailing name, producer, year of production, country of origin and quantity of bottles held is attached. Details of unit cost have been refused under Section 36 (1) (b).

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. 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 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,


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