

21 December 2015

Mr Andreas Pavlou  
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Dear Mr Pavlou

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, viz:

*Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I would like to request the following information, for the period 1 December 2014 to 30 November 2015:*

- *A list of meetings Assistant Secretaries of the Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU had with representatives of companies, NGOs, organisations and other 'third parties' (I am essentially looking for meetings that were held with any other 'third party' that is not the Irish government),*
- *Out of this same list I would like to know who was present at these meetings, including names of the organisations, their representatives (lobbyists), and the names of the public officials present*
- *dates of meetings*
- *subjects of meetings*

The nearest approximation to a record such as you are requesting is a work diary. Therefore I enclose the entire annual diaries, from 1 December 2014 to 30 November 2015, of both the Permanent Representative and Deputy Permanent Representative. These officers are the only officials of Assistant Secretary rank in the Permanent Representation.

A small amount of personal information has been redacted under Section 37 (1) of the Act, which provides for exemption of personal information from release.

A schedule is enclosed with this letter, showing the documents which I have considered relevant to your request.

### **Appeal**

If you wish, you may appeal this decision by writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 78-80 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, Ireland. You should make your appeal within four weeks of the date of this notification, where a day is defined as a working day, excluding the weekend and public holidays. However, the making of a late appeal will be considered in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration by a more senior member of the staff of this body.

Yours sincerely

Eddie Brannigan  
Head of Press and Information