



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála

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7th March, 2016.

Re: FOI request FOI/REQ/16/008

Dear Mr. O'Rourke,

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 in which you requested:

All communication between Mary O'Brien (of the Football Association of Ireland) and Kevin Walzer, Passport Officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade between 1 August 2015 and 31st January 2016.

I have now made a final decision to part grant your request.

The purpose of this letter is to explain that decision. This explanation has the following parts:

1. a schedule of all of the records covered by your request;
2. an explanation of the relevant findings concerning the records to which access is denied, and
3. a statement of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so.

This letter addresses each of these three parts in turn.

1. Schedule of records

A schedule is enclosed with this letter; it shows the document(s) that this body considers relevant to your request. It describes each document and refers to the sections of the FOI Act which apply to prevent release. The schedule also refers you to sections of the detailed explanation given under heading 2 below, which are relevant to the document in question.

2. Findings, particulars and reasons for decisions to deny access

The sections of the Act which can apply to deny access to documents are known as its exemption provisions. The exemption which are considered appropriate in this request are as follows:

Records listed under Section 37(1) may be exempt if it involves the disclosure of personal information. In my decision to refuse the name of the passport holder I have decided that this record comes within the scope of this section of the Act which makes provision for the refusal of records that involves the disclosure of personal information in respect of the individuals concerned. This information is held on the understanding that it is treated as confidential. In making this decision I have taken into account that there is no public interest served in disclosing this information.

3. Rights 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) 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,



Teresa McHugh
Passport Service