

An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Dublin 2

Our Ref: FoI/Req/16/086 Mark O'Regan Irish Independent, Independent House, 27-32 Talbot Street, Dublin 1

5 August 2016

Dear Mr. O'Regan,

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:

'All correspondence in the past 4 months (27 February – 27 June 2016) between the Department of Foreign Affairs and members of the UK Parliament, including Prime Minister Cameron, concerning Britain's referendum on whether to leave the EU'.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 15 July.

I have identified 28 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to refuse all 28 of the records.

Where access has been refused, the records are exempt from release under section S.33 (1) (d) of the Act.

## 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@dfat.ie</u>. 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 <u>foi@dfat.ie</u>, 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