



**An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála**  
**Baile Átha Cliath 2**

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**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**  
**Dublin 2**

10<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

Mr John Burke,  
RTE News and Current Affairs,  
TV Centre,  
RTÉ,  
Donnybrook,  
Dublin 4.

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2016/104

Dear Mr Burke,

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:

**Copies of all internal audit reports carried out by or for your department or which have been supplied to the Department by any agencies under your remit, since January 2016, and any related correspondence to/from the relevant line Minister regarding any audits if such exists, since then.**

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

I have identified 6 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant 4 of these records and refuse 2. The access has been refused for record number 5 as it is exempt from release under Section 33 (1)a of the act. The access has been refused for record number 6 as it is exempt from release under Sections 30 (1) b and 30(1) c 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 [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,

*Tomás Chambers.*

Tomás Chambers (Evaluation & Audit Unit)