



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

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

10 March 2015

Our Ref: FoI/Req/15/019

Michael Brennan  
Political Correspondent  
Sunday Business Post

Dear Mr Brennan,

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:

'- A copy of all reports made to the Department's Fraud register in 2014.'

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

I have identified the Fraud Register itself as the only record that falls within the scope of your request, on the basis that it contains details of each case reported to it and subsequent follow up actions taken. I have determined that one of these cases can be disclosed on the basis that it is not subject to confidentiality and the police investigation has been completed. I have made a decision to redact the remainder of the record which is exempt from release under Sections 30 (1) and 35(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

**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

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Laura Leonard  
Evaluation and Audit Unit