

**From:** Connery Mary HQ-IRISH ABROAD

**Sent:** 01 September 2016 13:19

Ms Claire McGettrick

Our ref: Fol/Req/2016/117

Dear Ms McGettrick,

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

**All records held by the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade in relation to the compilation of the Report of the Inter-Departmental Group on Mother and Baby Homes. This request covers the period from 1st June 2014 to 31st July 2014.**

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**The requests are for records that include but are not limited to: Internal correspondence (including with other government departments), External correspondence, Minutes of meetings, Notes or memos in relation to discussions or telephone calls, Draft documents, Draft correspondence and Draft speeches**

I have identified 29 records that fall within the scope of your request. I have made a decision to grant full access to 1 record and refuse 28 records. The records are listed in the schedule attached.

The main section of the 2014 Freedom of Information Action under which the records are refused is section 31(2). This provision relates to records that relate to proceedings which are currently the subject of tribunals or other review mechanisms chaired by a judicial authority. In addition a number of other records are refused under section 28 of the Act.

The one record which I have granted full access to is the Report of the Inter-Departmental Group on Mother and Baby Homes which is available on the website of the Department of Children & Youth Affairs at

<http://dcya.gov.ie/documents/publications/20140716InterdepartReportMothBabyHomes.pdf>

### **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.

Yours sincerely

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