

An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and TradeDublin 2

25th October 2016

Re: FOI /ReQ/16/150 Election Observation Roster

I refer to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 dated the 29th September for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

'Further to my FOI request 15/070 dated 5th August 2015, I would like to request all new or amended records concerning this matter. '

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 7th October 2016.

As responding officer, I have identified 5 records which fall within the scope of your request as per the attached schedule. I have decided to part grant access to 4 records and refuse access to 1 record.

I have also attached my response to you dated the 1st September 2015 and accompanying schedule in connection with FOI/ReQ/15/070 which summarises the background to the roster and the establishment of the Reserve panel.

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@dfa.ie</u> A fee applies for non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30. For methods of payment please contact <u>foi@dfa.ie</u> or 01 4082857.

You should make the appeal within four weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. This appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior officer of this Department.

Yours sincerely

John Crowe

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