

19 December 2017

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2017/243

Mr. Simon Carswell
Irish Times

Dear Mr Carswell,

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 correspondence received by your Department from three companies - Apple, Google and Facebook - since 1 January, 2017 and memos or ministerial notes concerning any meetings with these three companies since 1 January, 2017.

I have identified two records within the Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant these records.

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. 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, 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

*Eddie Brannigan
Press and Information Section
Permanent Representation of Ireland*