

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2017/068

Jack Power,

Dear Mr. Power,

I refer to your request of 10 April which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

**All records relating to the election of Donald Trump including:**

- 1. Correspondence (letters and emails) and representations received from either the United States of America Embassy in Ireland, or the US Department or Foreign Affairs in relation to the case, status, and release to the US Navy of an individual who is part of the US Navy, who was arrested by the Gardaí on March 22nd 2017 in connection with an alleged sexual assault in Dublin.**
- 2. All correspondence (letters and emails) sent by the Department, including the Minister, in relation to the case specified, that was sent either within the Department, to other Irish authorities or government Departments, or to US authorities or embassies.**
- 3. Any Departmental memos of understanding of briefings prepared on the incident outlined.**

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 13 April 2017.

No records have been found within the scope your request, and as such no document schedule is attached.

However, parliamentary questions on this matter have been asked of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade. These questions, and their answers, are a matter of public record and can be viewed at <http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie>

For ease of reference, I have attached the answer to a parliamentary question on the subject from 6 April.

### **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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