



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dublin 2

Ms. Catherine Reilly,
Medical Independent,
Greencross Publishing Ltd.,
Dublin 4

Our Ref: FOI/REQ/2014/038

09 May 2014

Dear Ms. Reilly

I refer to your recent application under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 for information, as follows:

All correspondence sent between 1st January 2011 to 7th April 2014 by officials/public representatives attached to the Department of Foreign Affairs, to the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) in Dublin and RCSI Bahrain on the subject of unrest and related occurrences in Bahrain and potential implications for the reputations of RCSI and of Ireland. I also request all correspondence received by the department from RCSI in Dublin and RCSI Bahrain on same during the referenced time period.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which issued to you on 15 April 2014.

I have identified 16 records which fall within the scope of this request. I have made a decision to grant access to 8 records, part grant 3 records and refuse access to 5 records.

Where information has been redacted this has been done in accordance with Section 24 (International Relations), Section 26 (Information given in confidence) and Section 26 (Personal Information) of the FOI Act. The records are listed in the attached schedule.

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. A fee applies for an appeal, with the exception of an appeal against the imposition of a fee; the level of this fee has been

set at €75. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to the Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Mary O'Connor', written in black ink.

Mary O'Connor

Responding Officer