



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha
Department of Foreign Affairs

Our Ref: FoI/Req/20/222

Date 17 December 2020

Dear Mr. O'Reilly,

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:

“Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following in relation to funds given for humanitarian assistance in Syria by the Dept in cooperation with Dept of Trade

a) A full breakdown of accounts for the 'Syria Crisis' aid going back to its inception listing those who received funds and what those funds were used for.

b) Any groups which were refused funding and the reasoning given

C) Whether the humanitarian group Syria Civil Defence aka The White Helmets received any funding from the Dept.

Scheme in question.

https://merrionstreet.ie/en/News-Room/Releases/Ireland_pledges_%E2%82%AC25m_to_the_Syria_Crisis_in_2019.html

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 27 November 2020.

I have identified 2 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant both of 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@dfa.ie. A fee applies for an appeal for access to non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30, (€10 for medical card holders). A copy of the medical card should be provided to avail of the reduced fee. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at foi@dfa.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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