



**An Roinn Gnóthaí
Eachtracha agus Trádála
Department of
Foreign Affairs and Trade**

Our Ref: Fol/Req/20/215

12 December 2020

Dear Mr Hilliard,

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:

Copy of all correspondence between the Minister, his advisors and the following organisations regarding ongoing Brexit negotiations. The request should cover all correspondence this year.

- *Federation of Irish Fishermen*
- *Irish Fish Producers Organisation*
- *Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation*
- *Irish South and West Fish Producers Organisation*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 16 November 2020.

May I also apologise for not responding to your request in a more timely manner.

I have identified 14 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant the records.

In line with your request, the records will be transmitted electronically.

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 01-4082618.

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

James Sherry
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