



Our Ref: FOI/Req/2020/182

lp October 2020

Dear Mr. Foxe,

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:

'A list of all submissions made to the Minister or Ministers of State at your Department using the e-submissions system (or whatever relevant/similar system is in place at your Department) in the period 1 July 2020 to the date of receipt of this request. This request is to include the date of the submission and its title. I am not seeking copies of the submissions themselves.'

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 23 September 2020.

I have identified one record that falls within the scope of your request. The record is listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to part-grant the record.

Where access has been refused, the records are exempt from release under sections 28 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

I am refusing elements of this record under Section 28 (1) (a) as these are listings of Government Memoranda, which have been or are proposed to be submitted to the Government for consideration by the Cabinet and were created for that purpose.

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. 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,

Julita Gallagher
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade