

Our Ref: FOI/Req/20/080

12 May 2020

Dear Mr Silke,

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:

Any correspondence between any member of the board of directors or management team at Dublin airport and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade dated between February 28th 2020 and March 28th 2020 which referenced flights from northern Italy.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 20 April 2020.

Having conducted a search of the Department's records, I have not located any records that fall within the scope of your request. Therefore your request falls for refusal on administrative grounds under Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act, as the "the record concerned does not exist".

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

Lorcan Ryan EU Division Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade