



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

Our Ref: FOI/Req/20/105

Date: 24 June 2020

Dear Mr Wall,

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:

“1. Correspondence between the US embassy in Dublin and DFA during the period of January 2020 to present regarding the issue of Israeli settlements and a proposed ban on sale of goods from Israeli settlements in Ireland/Senator Frances Black’s Occupied Territories Bill.

2. Any correspondence that the DFA has received from the Israeli Embassy in Dublin, during the period January 2020 to present regarding the same.”

Having conducted a search of the Department’s records, I have not located any documents that fall within the scope of your request. Therefore your request falls for refusal on administrative grounds under Section 15(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act, as “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,

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