



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha
Department of Foreign Affairs

Our Ref: FoI/Req/21/209

Date: 04/10/2021

Dear Mr. Quigley

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:

'I would like to request all emails to or from the Minister For Foreign Affairs and An Garda Síochána from 2020-01-01 to date. I am specifically interested in all emails relating to the words "mobile" "phone" or "hack" and where any words are a sub-string of other words.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 15/09/2021.

I have not identified any records that fall within the scope of your request. Accordingly, I have decided to refuse your request on administrative grounds as per section 15 (1) (a) of the FOI Act;

“A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—

(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,”

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

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