

Our Ref: Fol/Reg/21/214

Date: 24/09/21

Dear:

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:

Kindly provide me with me with records of communications with the CPSA concerning the appointment of special envoy(ies).

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 23/09/21.

I have not identified any records that fall within the scope of your request. Accordingly, I am obliged to refuse your request on administrative grounds under Section 15 (1) (a) of the FOI Act, which states that;

"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 FO! 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,

Kenneth Mooney HR Manager