



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

Our Ref: FoI/Req/17044

Ms. Tess O'Connor

8 March 2017

Dear Ms. O'Connor

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:

All correspondence between the Department of Finance and the Department of Foreign Affairs on the position of David Drumm in United States prison.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 7 March 2017.

I am the deciding officer in this case. I am refusing to grant your request on administrative grounds. Where access has been refused, the records are exempt from release under the following sections of the Act *Sections 15 (1)(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@dfat.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@dfat.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

Margaret Carton
Consular Division