24/11/2017

Our Ref: FOI/Req/2017 /206

Dear Sir,

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. Any correspondence between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of Finance in respect of Budget 2018.
- 2. Any Correspondence between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in respect of Budget 2018.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 9th November 2017.

While there was no correspondence between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with the Department of Finance regarding the Budget, please find enclosed all correspondence between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in respect of Budget 2018.

## 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

William Townsend