



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

Our Ref: FOI/Req/19/227

Date: 27 August 2019

Dear Mr. Power,

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:

### **Non-Personal**

1. Correspondence between Director General Irish Aid and Minister Simon Coveney, between 1st January and 29th July 2019.
2. Correspondence between Director General Irish Aid and Minister of State Ciaran Cannon, between 1st January and 29th July 2019.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on August 8th, 2019.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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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