

An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and TradeDublin 2

20 September 2018.

Ms. Larkin Political Correspondent The Irish Independent

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2018/234

Dear Ms. Larkin,

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:

A schedule of all internal audits commissioned by the department in 2018 to date to include the date of completion/expected date of completion

Copies of related audit reports where they have been completed

Correspondence to/from the minister's office in relation to any internal audit included on the schedule in record one

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on August 29th, 2018.

I have made a decision to grant the information requested and I have listed relevant records in the schedule attached. The commissioned internal audits have not been completed and there was no relevant correspondence with the Minister's office, therefore these records do 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 <u>foi@dfa.ie</u>. 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 <u>foi@dfa.ie</u>, 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,

Tomás Chambers (Evaluation & Audit Unit)