



**An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Baile Átha Cliath 2**

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Dublin 2**

12th December 2016

Maeve Sheehan  
Sunday Independent,  
Independent House,  
27- 32 Talbot Street,  
Dublin 1.

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2016/194

Dear Ms Sheehan,

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 copy of any audits completed by the Department on Charities operating in Africa from 1 August to date and in the following countries to date in 2016:**

**Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.**

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 18th November 2016.

I am the responding officer for your request. Having conducted a search of our records, I have not found any records that fall within its scope.

Therefore your request falls for refusal under Section 15 (1)(a) of the FOI Act, that is, because "the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain it's 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](mailto: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](mailto: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,

Tomás Chambers

Tomás Chambers (Evaluation & Audit Unit)