



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

Our Ref: FOI/Req/19/018

Date: 08/02/2019

Dear Mr Murray,

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 received by the department from Queen's University Belfast in relation to Brexit since 1 July 2018.

All correspondence between the DFA and the Department of An Taoiseach related to higher education in the North of Ireland after Brexit since 1 July 2018.

The minutes of a meeting between Kevin Conmy and delegates on behalf of Queen's University Belfast on 8 November 2018.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 21 January 2019.

Having conducted a search of the Department's electronic and paper records, I have not located any records that fall within the scope of your request. Therefore your request falls for refusal on administrative grounds under Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act, as "the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken."

In relation to the third part of your request, Kevin Conmy met with Ryan Feeney, Head of Public Engagement of Queen's University Belfast on 8 November 2018. It was an informal meeting and the meeting was not minuted.

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. 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 the FOI Unit at 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,

Eoin Egan
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