



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

Our Ref: Fol/Req/19/091

8 March 2019

Dear Ms. Conneely,

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:

*I wish to request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 any records, minutes of meetings, documentation and e-mails between the Department and Arklow Shipping and the Department and Seabourne Freight regarding Brexit between November 1st 2018 and February 13th 2019 via e-mail.*

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

I have identified 0 records that fall within the scope of your request. On that basis I am refusing your request on administrative grounds under Section 15(1)(a) – *the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its 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@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

Chloë Horne