



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

Our Ref: Fol/Req/18/241

24<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Mr Ryan,

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:

- *'Any records held by the department in relation to Conservative MP Johnny Mercer including but not limited to press clippings, diary appointments, emails and official letters.*
- *All correspondence in relation to Conservative MP Johnny Mercer including internal notes on discussing meetings, phone calls and emails'*

I wish to inform you that your request has been refused under Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, as the records concerned do not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain their 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,

Alison Meagher  
Ireland, United Kingdom and Americas Section