



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

Our Ref: Fol/Req/18/315

15 January 2019

Dear Requester,

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 documents prepared by the Department for the briefings carried out by the secretary general and/or other officials as part of the recent review of the Fine Gael-Fianna Fáil confidence and supply agreement.

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

No documents have been prepared by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade regarding the recent review of the Fine Gael-Fianna Fáil confidence and supply agreement. 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."*

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 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

Siobhán Egan
Freedom of Information Officer