

Our Ref: Fol/Req/2019/194

Date 12/07/2019

Dear Mr. Hutton,

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 list of all reports, studies or consultations commissioned by the department from external consultants or other professionals from the start of 2018 until the present
- Title and description of each report, name of consultant/consultancy, dates they
  were started and completed and whether they were published/made public or not.
- Costs of each.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 25th June, 2019.

I am the deciding officer in this case. I have identified 1 record that fall within the scope of your request, and I have made the decision to grant release of 1 record. The record released is attached.

## 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 <a href="mailto:foi@dfa.ie">foi@dfa.ie</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:foi@dfa.ie">foi@dfa.ie</a>, 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

Peter Downer

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade