

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2020/141

31 July 2020

Dear Mr. Foxe,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for copies of invoices relating to air travel by the Tánaiste to Northern Ireland in the period 1 January 2019 to 5 July 2020, the date of receipt of your request.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 15 July 2020.

Having conducted a search of the Department's records, I have not located any documents that fall within the scope of your request. Therefore your request falls for refusal on administrative grounds under Section 15(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act, as "the record concerned does not exist".

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 <u>foi@dfa.ie</u>. 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 <u>foi@dfa.ie</u>, 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

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