



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

Our Ref: Fol/Req/18/160

4 July 2018

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:

Copies of all correspondence sent/received by the Minister(s) in relation to smartphones or internet access for minors since 2016. This should include all correspondence including letters, emails etc. And it should include correspondence from members of the public as well as official representations.

I refer also to our conversation in this regard and my subsequent email message of 6 June.

I have identified no records that fall within the scope of your request. In that light I am refusing it on administrative grounds under Section 15(1)(a) of the Act 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 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

Frances Kiernan