

Ms. Nicola Byrne

Our Ref: Fol/Req/16/155

3rd November, 2016

Dear Ms. Byrne,

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:

"Has the Department ever bought any work by the artist Ed Miliano? If so how much for, and when, and is it currently retained or how was it disposed of?"

I also refer to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on the 14th October.

I am the responding officer for your request. Having conducted a search of our assets register, database on art pieces and account payments, I have not found any records that fall within the scope of your request.

Therefore your request falls for refusal under Section 15 (1)(a) of the FOI Act, that is, because "the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain it's 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 <u>foi@dfat.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 foi@dfat.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

Claire Frizzell

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