



Mr David Buchanan

3 April 2019

Ref: FOI/REQ/19/116.

Dear Mr Buchanan

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, in which you requested the following:

*"I would like to source records held by the department that relate to **Foreign Births Registration**. Specifically, I am interested in statistics relevant to incomplete applications within the span of time 14th August 2018 to Jan 10th 2019. I would like to know how many incomplete applications were received, how many were directly returned to their senders and the percentage of incomplete applications received that were directly returned to their senders. If only larger time-frames are available, I will accept whatever information you have."*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 21 March 2019.

I am the Deciding Officer in this case.

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."

However, it may be of interest to you to know that in 2018, 25,283 applications for Foreign Births Registration were made to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. In the same time frame, 17,414 entries were made in the Foreign Births Register.

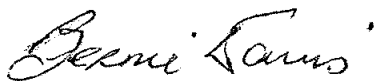
Right of Appeal

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernie Davis".

Bernie Davis

Foreign Births Registration