



Our ref: FOI/Req/19/287

1 November 2019

Dear Ms. Burne

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 (the “Act”) to this Department, as follows:

The number of Northern Ireland citizens who have contacted the Department of Foreign Affairs regarding Brexit between January 1 2019 and September 30 2019.

I would like these figures for each month of the year

A summary of the most popular queries received between the same dates and how many people sent the queries.

As discussed, records have been identified on the basis of correspondence received from people who are resident in Northern Ireland or identify as being from Northern Ireland, and not with any assessment on citizenship.

There is no record for the information you have sought in relation to which queries are the most popular. To assist you I have tabulated and summarized all queries from the time frame you have outlined.

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 St., Dublin 2 or by email to foi@dfa.ie. A fee applies for an appeal to access 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,


Aoife Nannery