



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

Our Ref: Fol/Req/19/332

Charlotte Simpson
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Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

17 December 2019

Dear Ms. Simpson,

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:

- *All invoices in relation to spending on make-up, cosmetics and hair styling (to include both products and services) by the Department in 2019.*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 2 December.

Having requested a search of the Department's electronic and financial records, no records exist in relation to the above request. Therefore your request falls for refusal under Section 15(1)(a) of the FOI Act, that is, "*the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its 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 foi@dfat.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@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

Peter Downes

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