



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha
Department of Foreign Affairs

Our Ref: Fol/Req/21/199

Date: 28 September 2021

Dear Mr Silke,

I refer to the request which you made on 31 August 2021 under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department. I also refer to the amendment of the scope of this request as mutually agreed by email on 14 September to the following:

Any correspondence between individual members or the chair of the joint Oireachtas committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence and Minister Coveney, or his office, regarding the appearance of the Minister before the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence, which is dated between August 1st 2021 and September 1st 2021.

I refer further to the acknowledgement of this request, which was sent to you by the Department of Foreign Affairs on 10 September.

One record falls within the scope of this revised request. As noted in the schedule, I have granted access to this record, which is an invitation sent by the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence to the Minister on 20 August inviting him to appear before the Committee on 31 August.

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, (€10 for medical card holders). A copy of the medical card should be provided to avail of the reduced fee. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at foi@dfa.ie, or 01-4082618.

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,
Ciarán Doyle

Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs
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