

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

Our Ref: Fol/Req/18/313

Date 21 January 2019

Dear Requester,

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:

- "1. Any correspondence that the DFA has received from American Congressman Peter King, from January 2018 to present, in relation to the Occupied Territories Bill proposed by Senator Frances Black.*
- 2. Any correspondence the DFA has received from British pro-Israel lobby groups, such as Conservative Friends of Israel, Labour Friends of Israel, in relation to the same bill during the same time period.*
- 3. Any correspondence the DFA has received from the American embassy in relation to the same bill during the same time period."*

I refer also to the acknowledgements of your request which were sent to you on 14 December 2018, and subsequently on 3 January 2019 when you expanded the scope of your request to include point 3 above.

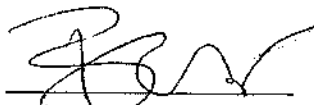
Having conducted a search of the Department's records, I have not located any documents that fall within the scope of your request. Therefore your request falls for refusal on administrative grounds under Section 15(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act, as "the record concerned does not exist".

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 black ink, appearing to be 'LBW', written over a horizontal line.

Lydia Bowers

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