



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

Our Ref: FOI/Req/20/059

Date 2 June 2020

Mr Brian Buckley

Dear Mr Buckley,

I refer to the request that you have made, under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

“Under FOI Act 2014 I request all records including e-mail pertaining to the May 2nd 2002 landing of aircraft Registration N63MU at Shannon airport.”

I refer also to subsequent correspondence on this request on 31 March 2020.

I wish to sincerely thank you for your patience. The current health crisis has necessitated a reprioritisation of tasks and development of new ways of working that unfortunately have delayed our response to you.

Having conducted a search of the Department’s electronic and paper records, I have not located any records that fall within the scope of your request. Therefore, your request falls for refusal on administrative grounds under Section 15(1) (a) of the FOI 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



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