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Reference Number	Date Received	Requester	Request Details	Decision Date	Decision
FOI/2019/007	09/01/2019	Journalist	In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to the following records/details: - All correspondence (received and sent) between from Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and VGL Support Services Ireland Limited (trading as Viagogo) during 2018 and 2019. - Any notes prepared for the Minister to brief them on ticket touting- Legal advice received by the Department in relation to "The Prohibition of Above-Cost Ticket Touting Bill 2017" Based on a filing on Lobbying.ie I am aware that Viagogo has written a letter to the Department.	06/02/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 28(1), 29(1), 35(1)(a), 36(1)(b) and 37(1)
FOI/2019/012	17/01/2019	Journalist	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to a copy of the correspondence between Mason Hayes & Curran, on behalf of the Irish Educational Publishers Association, and Minister Humphreys during 2018. Please also include any minutes / notes relating to the meeting between Mason Hayes & Curran and Minister Humphreys during 2018. Details of the correspondence / meeting are outlined here: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/35288/mason-hayes--curran">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/35288/mason-hayes--curran</a>	14/02/2019	Access Granted
FOI/2019/013	18/01/2019	Journalist	I am writing to request access to records held by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014. Based on a filing on Lobbying.ie I am aware that Mason Hayes & Curran has written a letter and met with the Department. In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to the following records/details: - All correspondence (received and sent) between Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and Mason Hayes & Curran - Any notes prepared for the Minister to brief her ahead of meeting with Mason Hayes & Curran- Minutes from meeting with Mason Hayes & Curran	15/02/2019	Access Part-Granted Section: 36(1)

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FOI/2019/015	22/01/2019	Journalist	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am seeking the release of the following: Notes/briefing documents/minutes of a meeting between Minister Humphreys and/or officials with Airbnb, the detail of which were published on the lobbying register (link below). <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/36896/airbnb-ireland-uc">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/36896/airbnb-ireland-uc</a>	18/02/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1) and 36(1).
FOI/2019/019	23/01/2019	Journalist	I request the following records: All records in all formats relating to meetings between the Minister or her senior officials with AirBnB between September to December 2018 inclusive.	19/02/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1) and 36(1).
FOI/2019/021	23/01/2019	Journalist	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to any briefings / memos / minutes / correspondence relating to the meetings between the Irish Educational Publishers Association and a named Department Official in September and December 2018. Details of the meetings are outlined here: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/36728/irish-educational-publishers-association">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/36728/irish-educational-publishers-association</a>	20/02/2019	Access Part-Granted Section: 36(1)
FOI/2019/026	25/01/2019	Journalist	Please find below a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for: 1. All records associated with this entry in the lobbying database: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/36896/airbnb-ireland-uc">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/36896/airbnb-ireland-uc</a>	22/02/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1) and 36(1).
FOI/2019/028	25/01/2019	Journalist	I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to correspondence between Hume Brophy, on behalf of Viagogo, and the Department, including Minister's Office, between September 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. Please include any replies to Hume Brophy.	18/02/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 35(1)(a), 36(1)(b) and 37(1).
FOI/2019/029	25/01/2019	Member of the Public	Request the following records: All records related to research of the New Zealand insurance model that informed the Personal Injuries Commission Second Report	20/02/2019	Access Granted
FOI/2019/032	28/01/2019	Journalist	Please find below a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for: 1. All records associated with this entry in the lobbying database: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/35058/american-chamber-of-commerce-ireland">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/35058/american-chamber-of-commerce-ireland</a>	15/02/2019	Access Granted

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FOI/2019/033	28/01/2019	Journalist	<p>Please find below a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All records associated with this entry in the lobbying database:  <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/35048/american-chamber-of-commerce-Ireland">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/35048/american-chamber-of-commerce-Ireland</a></li> </ol>	13/02/2019	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)
FOI/2019/034	29/01/2019	Journalist	<p>I would like to submit the below request instead of the previous one I sent a few minutes ago. Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any records or minutes of a meeting of Minister Simon Coveney and Minister Pat Breen with MKC communications, or Chanelle Pharmaceuticals, during the official opening of Chanelle Manufacturing Facility in Loughrea, at which processing of work permits and visa applications for employees from outside the EU was discussed.</li> <li>• Any correspondence relating to the above, or containing comments or mention of the above.</li> </ul>	22/02/2019	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)
FOI/2019/035	29/01/2019	Journalist	<p>Under Freedom of Information I wish to request access to the following records held by your department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All electronic correspondence including email, texts, WhatsApp messages and any other form of electronic communications between Ministers in the department and the secretary general of the Department between the period 01 December 2018 and the present day.</li> </ul>	25/02/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 28(1)(c), 29(1)(a) and (b), 33(2)(b)(ii) and 37(1).
FOI/2019/036	01/02/2019	Journalist	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I am seeking the release of correspondence sent to Minister Heather Humphreys from VGL Support Services between September and December last year outlining legal opinion regarding the constitutionality and impact on EU competition law that The Prohibition of Above-Cost Ticket Touting Bill 2017 will have.</p> <p>I am specifically looking for information about correspondence outlined on the lobbying register here:  <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/34414/vgl-support-services-ireland-limited">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/34414/vgl-support-services-ireland-limited</a></p>	27/02/2019	Access Part-Granted Section: 37(1)

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FOI/2019/016	22/01/2019	Business/Interest Group	<p>I refer to FOI request: FOI/2016/122 and wish to update this request from August 2017 to date under the Freedom of Information Act 2014. In order to be eligible to apply for an employment permit from within the State, a non EEA national must have the relevant immigration permission, i.e. they must hold a valid immigration permission registration card and be holders of Stamps 1, 1A, 2, 2A and 3 immigration permission.</p> <p>I am looking for any internal or external correspondence or documentation discussing this policy. I am particularly interested in any documentation discussing it in view of the High Court's decision in Ling and Yip Ltd v MBEI [2018] IEHC 546 which was delivered on 4th October 2018, however I presume there would be discussion of it prior to that decision being handed down (just as there was at the time I made my first FOI request on the subject).</p>	14/03/2019	Access Granted
FOI/2019/020	23/01/2019	Member of the Public	<p>I am requesting all non personal records of communication and both electronic and documentation which relate to the Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) Safety ,Health and Weifare at work (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 all records between officials within this department and the Health and Safety Authority and the Minister of State of your department and SOLAS regarding the above Amendment and anything regarding the Solas Safe pass card which is part of the Amendment between 2017 to date.</p>	20/03/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(a), 31(1)(a), 35(1), 36(b) and 37(1).
FOI/2019/038	07/02/2019	Member of the Public	<p>Request the following records:</p> <p>All records of meetings including minutes, briefings etc. between the Minister or Department officials with the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, and correspondence between the Minister or Department officials and the CCPC where the issue of motor insurance is mentioned, since 1st July 2017.</p>	07/03/2019	Access Part-Granted  No exemptions apply as the information redacted is outside the scope of the FOI request.

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FOI/2019/039	07/02/2019	Journalist	<p>In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to the following:</p> <p>Copies of non routine correspondence between the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement since September 1st, 2018. Copies of any external correspondence received by the department from third parties relating to the department's publication of the "Account of shortcomings identified by Judge Aylmer concerning an investigation by ODCE" both before the publication of this account on December 4th, 2018 and after publication. Documents such as Parliamentary Questions and press queries that are in the public domain are not required under this request. Copies of any internal memos since September 1st, 2018 at the department relating to concerns about the inclusion/exclusion of material from the above titled "Account."</p>	07/03/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 31(1)(a), 15(1)(a), 15(1)(d), 29(1), 35(1)(a) and 41(1)(a)
FOI/2019/040	05/02/2019	Journalist	<p>In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to the following records:</p> <p>All briefing notes, memos, minutes and correspondence that relates to Minister Heather Humphreys' meeting/s with European Commissioner for Competition Margrethe Vestager in January.</p>	27/02/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections 28,29(1)(a), 35(1)(a), 36(1)(b)(c) and 40 (1)(a)(c)
FOI/2019/042	12/02/2019	Member of the Public	<p>Under the FOI Act 2014 I am seeking the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All correspondence received by the Minister from Viagogo or Hume Brophy regarding their concerns regarding the prohibition of above-cost ticket touting bill as per the following Lobbying return: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/36684/hume-brophy">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/36684/hume-brophy</a></li> <li>• Any memos that were received by the Minister or her officials in regards to this issue from viagogo</li> <li>• Any amendments that Via Gogo suggested to the Minister on this Bill.</li> <li>• Any correspondence from the Minister, her special advisers, or civil servants in response to this lobbying from Viagogo.</li> </ul> <p>The timeframe for this lobbying shall be from August 2017 to present.</p>	11/03/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 35(1)(a), 36(1)(b) and 37(1)

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FOI/2019/043	18/02/2019	Journalist	<p>Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:  A database/spreadsheet/list containing the following data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of employees of the department sacked in 2016, 2017, 2018.</li> <li>• The reason for the dismissal of each of the above employees.</li> <li>• The number of employees of the department suspended in 2016, 2017, 2018.</li> <li>• The reason for the suspension of each of the above employees.</li> <li>• The number of complaints of bullying received by the department in 2016, 2017, 2018.</li> <li>• The number of complaints of sexual harassment received by the department in 2016, 2017, 2018.</li> </ul>	15/03/2019	Access Part-Granted Section: 37(1)
FOI/2019/045	18/02/2019	Journalist	<p>Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:  - copies of any records held relating to the special assignee relief programme and proposals to reintroduce a cap on it. This request to cover the period 1 January 2018 to date of receipt of this request.</p>	19/03/2019	Access Granted
FOI/2019/046	19/02/2019	Business/Interest Groups	<p>Request the following records:  Details of all correspondence associated with a meeting that was held (Details supplied) at which a named Special Advisor (Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation) was in attendance;  any follow up emails or correspondence that were sent in relation to this meeting;  agenda and meeting minutes associated with the meeting  Details: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/18187/ibec">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/18187/ibec</a> Meeting with IBEC on Proposed Sugar-Sweetened Drink Tax</p>	15/03/2019	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)
FOI/2019/048	21/02/2019	Journalist	<p>Could I please submit a freedom of information request according to the FOI Act, 2014.  Could I please access all correspondence between Sean Fitzpatrick, the former chairman and chief executive of Anglo Irish Bank and the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, between May 2015 and February 2019.</p>	22/03/2019	Access Refused Section: 35

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FOI/2019/050	25/02/2019	Member of the Public	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I would like to request the following document;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a copy of the agreement between IDA and Udaras na Gaeltachta concerning how the two organisations should interact with each others client companies.</li> <li>- all correspondence between the IDA, Udaras na Gaeltachta, Department of Enterprise and Roinn na Gaeltachta relating to interactions between IDA and Udaras client companies.</li> </ul>	26/03/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1)(a)(b), 35(1)(a), 36(1), 37(1) and 42(J)
FOI/2019/051	26/02/2019	Journalist	<p>I am seeking access to records held by the Department of Business Enterprise and Innovation under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.</p> <p>I wish to request access to the following records: Any representations made to the Dept. on behalf of the listed companies in relation to the impact of Brexit from 25th October 2018 until 25th February 2019. Any representations made to the Dept. on behalf of the listed companies in relation to the Irish backstop from 25th October 2018 until 25th February 2019.</p>	15/04/2019	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)
FOI/2019/052	01/03/2019	Journalist	<p>In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to the following records held by the department,</p> <p>All correspondence, both written and electronic, to the department or ministerial office from non-government sources regarding EU and US trade negotiations received during the past six months. This would include correspondence from business groups, individual companies, NGOs or private citizens but exclude correspondence from other government departments or bodies such as the European Commission. For reference, this request relates to the following entry on the Lobbying Register and any similar responses to the department: <a href="https://www.lobbying.ie/return/37356/irish-exporters-association">https://www.lobbying.ie/return/37356/irish-exporters-association</a></p>	28/03/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 36(1) and 37(1)

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FOI/2019/053	04/03/2019	Business/Interest Group	Request the following records: all documents or records mentioning the proposed Cork Event Centre	27/03/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1)(a) and 36(1)(b)
FOI/2019/054	04/03/2019	Member of the Public	I wish to make a request for records held by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation under the Freedom of Information Act. The records are: A copy of any email correspondence between the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and the National Standards Authority of Ireland regarding the NSAI's certification under the EU Medical Device Regulation. In particular, the search for records should centre on documents held in respect of the new Medical Device Regulations (Regulation 2017/745 on Medical Devices and Regulation 2017/746 on In-Vitro Diagnostic Devices between November 1 2018 and March 4 2019 inclusive.	27/03/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 37 and 42(j)
FOI/2019/055	05/03/2019	Journalist	In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to the following records held by the department: Internal audit reports relating to the Health & Safety Authority, Personal Injuries Assessment Board, Companies Registration Office and Workplace Relations Commission prepared for the department by ASM Chartered Accountants. For reference, the reports I am seeking access to are mentioned in a response to a PQ here: <a href="http://debatesarchive.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/debateswebpack.nsf/takes/dail2019021200068#WRO03400">http://debatesarchive.oireachtas.ie/debates%20authoring/debateswebpack.nsf/takes/dail2019021200068#WRO03400</a>	26/03/2019	Access Part-Granted Section: 30(1)(a)
FOI/2019/056	05/03/2019	Journalist	I am writing to request access to records held by Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (DBEI) under the Freedom of Information Act, 2014. In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, I wish to request access to the following records/details relating to ticket resale: - Letter and email correspondence (both received and sent) between DBEI and StubHub between 01 July 2018 to present date. - Minutes from meetings between DBEI and StubHub between 01 July 2018 to present date.	10/04/2019	Access Part-Granted Section: 37(1)



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FOI/2019/057	07/03/2019	Journalist	Request the following records: "I am requesting under the Freedom of Information Act 2014, records from 1st January 2019 to date regarding Brexit planning for the supply of food imports (eg: to prevent food shortages) from the UK, either scanned electronically or in photocopied form."	05/04/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 27(1)(c), 28, 29, 35, 36 and 37
FOI/2019/058	08/03/2019	Member of the Oireachtas/Public Representative	I would like to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act;  "The minutes of the following meetings that took place between; the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and the American Chamber of Commerce & Microsoft on February 27th 2019; the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation officials and Apple on November 7th 2018; Minister Breen and Apple on March 7th 2018; Minister Humphreys and Apple on February 1st 2018; Minister Mitchell O'Connor and Apple on September 15th 2016; Minister Mitchell O'Connor and Microsoft on June 1st 2016."	08/04/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b), 35(1), 36(1), 37(1), 40(1) and (2) and 15(1)(a)
FOI/2019/063	20/03/2019	Journalist	Under the freedom of information act I am requesting all correspondence with Google/Youtube and its representatives with officers in your Department at Assistant Secretary level in the Department's Inward Investment and North South Unit since January 1 2019.	17/04/2019	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)
FOI/2019/064	20/03/2019	Journalist	Under the freedom of information act I am requesting all correspondence with Facebook and its representatives with officers in your Department at Assistant Secretary level in the Department's Inward Investment and North South Unit since January 1 2019.	17/04/2019	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)
FOI/2019/065	20/03/2019	Journalist	Under the freedom of information act I am requesting all correspondence with Stripe and its representatives with officers in your Department at Assistant Secretary level in the Department's Inward Investment and North South Unit since January 1 2019.	17/04/2019	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)

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FOI/2019/066	20/03/2019	Journalist	Under the freedom of information act I am requesting all correspondence with Microsoft and its representatives with officers in your Department at Assistant Secretary level in the Department's Inward Investment and North South Unit since January 1 2019.	17/04/2019	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)
FOI/2019/067	20/03/2019	Journalist	Under the freedom of information act I am requesting all correspondence with Apple and its representatives with officers in your Department at Assistant Secretary level in the Department's Inward Investment and North South Unit since January 1 2019.	17/04/2019	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)
FOI/2019/068	20/03/2019	Journalist	Under the freedom of information act I am requesting all correspondence with Airbnb and its representatives with officers in your Department at Assistant Secretary level in the Department's Inward Investment and North South Unit since January 1 2019.	17/04/2019	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)
FOI/2019/069	13/03/2019	Journalist	<p>To whom it may concern, I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information act.</p> <p>In order to assist you with this request I am outlining my query as specifically as possible.</p> <p>I would like to have:</p> <p>All information and correspondence (including emails and minutes of meetings) held by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation regarding the planning application for two additional floors on the Salesforce Tower development in Dublin's docklands from January 1st 2019 to date. This may include all information and correspondence with IDA CEO and IDA Head of Property, Taoiseach Leo Vradkar, Housing Minister Eoghan Murphy, Dublin City Council (DCC) CEO and any other relevant member of staff at Dublin City Council and also any correspondence with Ronan Group Real Estate regarding this development.</p> <p>I am requesting all information held by your organisation regarding my request.</p>	11/04/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 35(1), 36(1), 37(1) and 40(1) and (2)

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FOI/2019/073	19/03/2019	Member of the Public	I wish to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for all records:- Correspondence (postal correspondence, emails, etc.) between the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation/Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Ministers of State within the Department or Department staff and Ruhama or its representatives from 2010 to present. - Minutes from any meetings between the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation/Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Ministers of State within the Department or Department staff and Ruhama or its representatives from 2010 to present. - Any briefing notes or other relevant documentation in relation to engagements between the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation/Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Ministers of State within the Department or Department staff and Ruhama or its representatives from 2010 to present.	10/04/2019	Access Part-Granted Section: 37(1)
FOI/2019/074	19/03/2019	Business/Interest Group	Under the Freedom of Information Act I am seeking any:  internal guidelines which detail the operation of the new Agricultural Work Permit scheme from the Department's perspective; and  Any internal communications, policy papers, notes, or other documentation which would establish what the Department's position was in respect of access to social welfare under the scheme, and measures to counter the potential for exploitation.	15/04/2019	Access Part-Granted Section: 29(1)
FOI/2019/075	20/03/2019	Business/Interest Group	Under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 I wish to request copies of any  (1) internal correspondence or documentation and  (2) any correspondence with the Department of Justice and Equality arising from the now concluded High Court proceedings in Gursangat Singh v MBEI & MJE [2018] IEHC 810.	11/04/2019	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)

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FOI/2019/078	27/03/2019	Journalist	<p>I request the following under Freedom of Information:</p> <p>Minutes of a meeting between Údarás na Gaeltachta, IDA, and their parent departments, Department of Culture Heritage and Gaeltacht and Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, which was held in June 2018.</p>	24/04/2019	Access Part-Granted Sections: 29(1)(a) and (b), 36(1)(b) and (c) and 40(1)(a), (b) and (c)
FOI/2019/079	27/03/2019	Member of the Public	<p>I hereby submit Freedom of Information Request under the 2014 FOI Act for records in the Department, or any other relevant department concerning consideration of, discussion of or inquiries into 'Bogus Self Employment' during the period when then Deputy, and now a Senator, Ged Nash was Minister of State for Business and Employment in the Department of Business Enterprise and Innovation. Clarication: Senator Ged Nash is currently in the process of putting a Bill through Seanad Eireann dealing with what Senator Nash and his Labour Party are referring to as ' Bogus Self Employment' and, presumably, during the period when hew as a Minister for State with responsibility for employment matters, Minister Nash carried out extensive research into this employment issue and it is records in relation to the work Minister Nash and his department did in relation to Bogus Self Employment' that I am seeking. I am showing the text of a Tweet posted by Senator Nash today which may be of assistance in helping identify the type of records I am seeking.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ged NashVerified account @geraldnash 53m53 minutes ago</li> <li>2. More 3 Just did an interview with @ingridmileyRTE on the @labour Bill on bogus self-employment Bill to be taken tonight. Real legislative reform is needed to outlaw this scam and not mere administrative tweaks. This legislation is fully endorsed by the FOI Requester.</li> </ol>	23/04/2019	Access Refused Section: 15(1)(a)