## **DIRECTORATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**DEA**: International Futures



Richie Reid request-596611-5fac04af@whatdotheyknow.com

Our Reference: 202100227221

Your Reference: request-596611-5fac04af

3 August 2021

Dear Richie Reid,

## **FOISA Acknowledgment of request**

Thank you for your request dated 30/07/2021 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA). In relation to a previous request made (202100203619), you have requested "any reference to how you have concluded that the Public Interest test or indeed the section 29(1)(a) exemption should be applied. Could you firstly therefore please forward me any documentation you have which details this" and you have requested "any analysis that the Scottish Government have carried out, since 2016, which assesses the timeframe which would be required for an Independent Scotland to re-join the EU."

We received your request on 30/07/2021 and will respond in accordance with FOISA as soon as possible, and not later than 30/08/2021.

If you have any queries, please contact me quoting case number 202100227221.

Yours sincerely

**Bronach Hughes** 

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