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Dear Mr Kelly,

Our Reference: 16/134

Thank you for your email dated 01 November following receipt of response to your request FOI/16/118, in which you made a refined request for information from the Northern Ireland Office (NIO):

In response to your expected response, please accept the following as a refined request:

Please provide access to email based information (only) where the phrase 'status of Irish citizens' appears in emails sent by any NIO staff at Higher Executive Officer (HEO) (only) internally within the NIO since 23rd June 2016, as long as this does not exceed the limit set by the Freedom of Information Act. If this falls outside the cost limits, please limit this request to the period from 1st August 2016 to present.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We have checked our records and confirm that the NIO does not hold any information within the scope of your request.

If you believe this reply is not in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you may ask for an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request a review you should do so in writing stating the reasons.



If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask him to investigate whether the NIO has complied with the terms of the FOIA. You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

The Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner and the handling of appeals can be found at: www.ico.org.uk

If you wish to discuss this please contact the Freedom of Information Team using the contact details provided at the top of the first page. Please remember to quote your reference in any correspondence.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager

