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Dear Mr Aidan Quinn,

Thank you for your email of 17 September where you requested the following information as a follow-up to your previous request (FOI2018/07213):

Dear FOI Requests,

Hey , nobody likes to mention this, it takes courage of rare order (such as Chairpersons of Public Enquiries into eg RHI scandals) but Failure to keep proper records, Lack of a papertrail or Audit trail so beloved of Due Diligence Operatives, Auditors, Risk Assessors Underwriters and Scrutineers alike, seems to be a wide spread problem in the attraction of much needed Investment.

I wonder if, in light of these identified Investment Deterring Failures (IDFs) there were perhaps any plans to improve record keeping, establish Audit Trails?

If so can we please have copies of such plans, which we will of course be happy to share, giving reassurance and building confidence every where, nationally and internationally, in Boardrooms and without, that things are at last on the right track.

Rest assured no one in any way judges, there is of course nobody on trial. Queries such as these are rather the very embodiment of FOI Legislation working as it should and as Parliament intended, getting good positive Investor attracting news out there, shared by everybody. Equally.

Yours sincerely,

AIDAN QUINN

From our initial assessment, it is clear that we will not be able to answer your request without further clarification. Under section 1(3) of the Freedom of Information Act, a public authority which receives an FOI request need not comply with it unless any further information reasonably required to locate the information is supplied.

It is not clear which areas of the Department's work you are referring to in regard of record keeping and audit trails. BEIS requires further information in order to identify and locate any information held in relation to your request. In particular, it would be useful to know what specific BEIS policy areas or types of records you are referring to.

We will be able to begin to process your request once you have supplied us with the further information required, but we are unable to do so until this clarification has been provided.

Appeals procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the Information Rights Unit:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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