

**Department of Finance
Ireland Correspondence**

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From: Lead Investigator <contact@irldefrauded.com>
Sent: Sunday 23 February 2025 13:44
To: foi <foi@finance.gov.ie>; paschal.donohoe@oireachtas.ie
Cc: Lead Investigator <contact@irldefrauded.com>
Subject: Finance research questions

Dear Mr Donohue and team;

In recent years we have been researching various cases of bank and other frauds in Ireland in preparation for an upcoming documentary.

The attached questions have been prepared based upon the review of information shared with us and based on extensive research. As they may be discussed in our documentary, we are affording you an opportunity to respond formally. In the meantime, we reserve the right to publish our queries on our website and we are willing to include any response you may wish to provide.

If you would like to consider being interviewed on camera, we will provide you name to the Producer in conjunction with your response and the team at the production company will make the final decision.

Sincerely,

Martin O Cianain
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Email response from: Foi@finance.gov.ie

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From: foi <foi@finance.gov.ie>

Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 11:14 AM

To: Lead Investigator <contact@irldefrauded.com>; foi <foi@finance.gov.ie>

Subject: Opt Out

Dear Mr O'Cianain,

Thank you for email.

We will not be commenting on these questions.

Kind regards,

FOI Unit, Corporate Affairs

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An Roinn Airgeadais

Department of Finance

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2nd email to Department of Finance

From: Lead Investigator <contact@irldefrauded.com>

Sent: Friday, February 28, 2025 1:36 PM

To: foi <foi@finance.gov.ie>

Cc: paschal.donohoe@oireachtas.ie <paschal.donohoe@oireachtas.ie>; Lead Investigator <contact@irldefrauded.com>

Subject: Research

Dear Sir or Madam

I acknowledge receipt of your email.

For our records and most importantly, in light of transparency for the Irish taxpayer, please provide the name of the official within the Department of Finance who has generated this response.

Please also explain the legal basis upon which an FOI Unit within the Corporate Affairs division of the Department of Finance is in a position to opt out of receiving emails. The primary objectives of any FOI Unit are to promote transparency in government operations by ensuring that information is accessible to the public as well as accountability to deter misconduct.

An FOI Unit plays a crucial role in fostering an open and informed society and by not providing a Department official's name and not providing any responses to our questions indicates that the Department of Finance has matters to hide from Irish taxpayers, leaving us with a sense of unease.

We will pass the questions to journalists in Ireland and ask them to pursue on our behalf and will share your feedback from this email with the documentary maker.

Sincerely,

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