



An Roinn Airgeadais  
Department of Finance

Reference: FOI/2512011

22nd of December 2011

Mr Ronan Manly

Sráid Mhuirfean Uacht,  
Baile Átha Cliath 2,  
Éire.

Upper Merrion Street,  
Dublin 2,  
Ireland.

Teileafón / Telephone: 353-1 676 7571  
Facsimilir / Facsimile: 353-1 678 9936  
Glao Áitiúil / LoCall: 1890 66 10 10  
<http://www.finance.gov.ie>

Dear Mr Manly,

I refer to the request which you have made to this Department under the Freedom of Information Act, 1997 for copies of any records relating to.

- The Irish State's gold reserves managed by the Central Bank of Ireland, which are custodied at the Bank of England
- The investment strategy of the State's gold reserves
- The Irish State's gold reserves transferred to the ECB between 1999 and 2011

Your request was received by e-mail in this Department on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2011. I as the Deciding Officer have today made a final decision on your request. I may be contacted by telephone at (01)                      The delay in responding to your request is regretted.

I regret to inform you that a search of the Department has not yielded any of the records sought by you. Consequently I must refuse out request in accordance with Section 10(1)(a) of the FOI Act (a copy of Section 10 is attached for your information).

### **Rights of Appeal**

Under the FOI Acts I am required to inform you that if you are not satisfied with this decision you may appeal in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Finance, 2-4 Merion Row, and Dublin 2. You must make this appeal within four weeks from the date of this notification (the making of a late appeal may be allowed in appropriate circumstances). The appeal process known as internal review, will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department. The decision on the internal review will be given within 3 weeks of receipt of your letter. Please note that there is a fee of €75 for making an appeal or €25 for medical card holders. The fee, which should accompany your appeal, can be paid by way of Bank Draft, Money Order, Postal Order or personal cheque made payable to the Accountant, Department of Finance.

Yours sincerely                      1

Deciding Officer

