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Dear Sir,

REFERENCE: FOI\24\109

Thank you for your request for information dated 15 September 2024 in which you requested the following information:

From 2nd May 2019 onwards, please provide details of spending on events, promotional materials, literature, merchandise, media, marketing, advertising or any other projects or activities which promotes any of the following occasions – including any and all grants, funding and payments from all and any funding sources to any recipient in connection with these purposes:

- *St. Patrick's Day*
- *The Northern Ireland Centenary*
- *Commonwealth Day*

Please provide a full breakdown with dates of the relevant spending, spending by year, and please specify what events/activities/projects were in receipt of funding, how much funding they each received, and explanations of the nature of these events/activities/projects.

Furthermore, please explain to what extent your policy and actions (be it related to funding or otherwise) have either provided for, or restricted, or otherwise regulated or concerned, the promotion or endorsement of the occasions referred to above, including but not limited to via the raising of flags, the lighting of buildings, or other such displays, and please advise of the history of your policy and actions on this matter and any changes to it since its inception.

Please also provide copies of any correspondence between you and the Commonwealth of Nations, and any correspondence with any public body or official, and any private organisation or representative thereof, relating to Commonwealth Day or the Northern Ireland Centenary.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 gives you two rights of access when you write to us asking for information. You have the right to know whether we hold recorded information falling in scope of your request and you have the right to receive this recorded information subject to cost limit or exemption.

The Department does not hold any information in relation to your request.

You also have asked about the flying of flags. That is being treated as a line of Business enquiry and while it is not a DoJ-led policy, I can advise that The Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000, as amended, make provision as to the flying of flags at government buildings in Northern Ireland.

If you are unhappy with the result of your request for information you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. If you request an internal review please do so in writing stating the reasons to the address above.

If following an internal review you were to remain dissatisfied you may make a complaint to the Information Commissioner and ask the Commissioner to investigate whether the DOJ 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

Further details on the role of the Information Commissioner can be found at:
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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