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Dear

Thank you for your request for information dated 01/03/16 and detailed below.

Can you confirm if the public is allowed to know whether any Security assessments have taken place, or are planned, in relation to the impact of the UK leaving the EU - for example, on the possible security implications of the introduction of border controls between Northern Ireland and the Republic or other possible changes.

Is it also possible to confirm if the public is allowed to know what the remit of any Security assessments are, who requested them, the dates of any such assessments (past or future are) and who is allowed to see the results.

If such an assessment was carried out by the PSNI or by MI5 would the Department of Justice be informed about this?

Can you confirm whether the public can request information from MI5 as to whether they have carried out their own assessment?

Also can you confirm Is there has been any assessment of the likely impact on the work carried out by the Department of Justice in Cooperation with the Irish Republic on Security matters if the UK is no longer in the EU?

We have searched our records and have established that we do not hold any recorded information relating to your request.



You may find it helpful to know, and outside of our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, that the information you have requested may be held by the Northern Ireland Office (NIO). Their contact details are as follows:

Records and Information Management Team 1 Horse Guards Rd SW1A 2HQ

Email foi@nio.x.gsi.gov.uk

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Information Commissioner

Wycliffe House

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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

