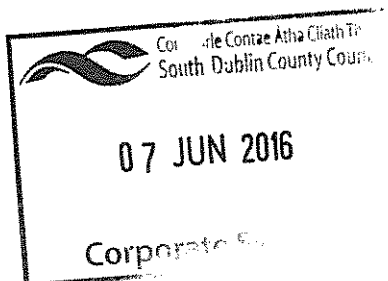




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Dear Mr. O'Neill,

I refer to your correspondence to An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, forwarded to Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, in relation to the motion passed at the meeting of South Dublin County Council on the 11th January 2016.

The motion sought confirmation that all Irish records of the period leading up to the foundation of the state are in the public domain. Records of the period transferred to the custody of the National Archives are available for public inspection, with the exception of those where release is not possible due to privacy or security concerns and which have been appropriately withheld from public inspection in accordance with Section 8(4) of the National Archives.

The National Archives, along with its sister institutions, has been progressing a number of decade of commemoration projects to digitise relevant holdings and publish them online such as the Dublin Metropolitan Police surveillance files and the Property Losses (Ireland) Commission compensation files.

I hope this clarifies the matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

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