



01/03/2021

Our Ref: FOI/Req/21-025

Dear Ms. Walsh,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department:

1. The database of spending for the Department of Foreign Affairs, including invoices for flights, embassy building maintenance and repairs etc.

This should include all data from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020.

I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.

I note as discussed this relates to amounts over €10,000. I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 28 January 2021.

I have identified two records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant the records.

Please note that the supplier name is not a requirement when entering payments on the Vote 28 Financial Management System in our overseas offices. Therefore in these cases the field will be blank.

The Department of Foreign Affairs is responsible for two Votes, Vote 27 (International Cooperation) and Vote 28 (Foreign Affairs). This response collates data from both votes.

Right of Appeal

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or by email to foi@dfat.ie. A fee applies for an appeal for access to non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30 (€10 for medical card holders). A copy of the medical card should be provided to avail of the reduced fee. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at foi@dfat.ie, or 01-4082857.


You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha
Department of Foreign Affairs

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shane O'Keeffe".

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