



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

09/10/2017

Our Ref: FoI/Req/17/181

Dear Madam,

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

The cost of operating embassies in other European member states and the UK, consulates, chanceries and other diplomatic representation, broken down by premises costs, salaries and allowances and other costs, in tabular form, for the years 2016 and 2015.

A list of the embassies, consulates, chanceries and other diplomatic premises in European member states and the UK which are owned by the State, and their estimated value.

The number of staff employed in Irish embassies in member state countries and whether they are part-time, full-time or casual

The rental cost or paid for value of ambassador residences and also office premises in European member states and the UK

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 21st September 2017.

Please find enclosed details in response to your request.

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. 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.

Yours sincerely

William Townsend