



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

Our Ref: Fol/Req/18/217

Date 24/8/18

Dear Requester,

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:

- ‘ - How much was spent by the department on security?
- How much was spent on alcoholic beverages / food / drink / chocolate / lunch / dinner / bottles of water for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, guests, visitors and staff?
- How much was spent on transport for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, guests, visitors and staff?
- How much was spent on gardening?
- How much was spent on hotel rooms for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, guests, visitors and staff?
- What was the total cost of the visit overall?
- What was the cost of providing transport for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle for the duration of the visit.
- How much was spent on catering for visitors and staff.
- How much was spent on gifts for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, such as Irish souvenirs like hurley sticks etc..’

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 13/8/2018.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade works closely with a range of stakeholders in the development and delivery of programmes for high-level visits that support the promotion of Ireland’s interests internationally and contribute to the development of strong economic, political and cultural links, including the recent visit of HRH the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. In all arrangements, business is allocated on the basis of the most economically advantageous cost savings arrangements, value for money and high quality service and products. Cost savings are sought where possible.

Accommodation and security costs were not incurred by this Department in relation to this visit. Costs incurred are outlined below. Please find below in spreadsheet format the costs under various headings.

Description	Cost
Transport	€3,862.50
Airport services	€2,000.00
Catering	€3,601.58
Booklet Printing	€528.65
Gift	€55

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@dfa.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@dfa.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

Eleanor Farrell