



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

Our Ref: Fol/Req/2018/115

24 May 2018

Mr Ken Foxe  
Right to Know

Dear Mr Foxe

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:

“copies of the invoices associated with the following and if possible an explanatory note on the location/purpose of the expenditure:

A3STATEENT STATE/OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT 03/10/2017 Protocol	€24,583.75
A3STATEENT STATE/OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT 16/10/2017 Protocol	€18,445.11
A3STATEENT STATE/OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT 16/10/2017 Protocol	€16,449.09
A3STATEENT STATE/OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT 20/06/2017 Protocol	€16,044.50
A3STATEENT STATE/OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT 20/10/2017 Protocol	€15,482.59”

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 4 May 2018.

As you are no doubt already aware, the FOI legislation does not apply to certain classes of records. Invoices associated with these payments are records to which the Act (Section 42 (h)) does not apply and we are therefore not in position to release them.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cecily McKenna".

Cecily McKenna  
Protocol Division