12th June 2018

Cathal Lee

Our Ref: FOI/Req/2018/125

Dear Mr. Lee,

I refer to your recently submitted requests for information, made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, which were revised and merged with your agreement as follows:

I request access to the following records for the period 2015, 2016, 2017

1. Breakdown of the total amount spent on ICT Equipment by the Department at HQ.
2. Breakdown of the total amount spent on ICT Software by the Department at HQ.
3. Breakdown of the total amount spent on ICT Services by the Department at HQ.
4. The name and company details of each provider of ICT Equipment, Software or Services provided to the Department.
5. Breakdown of the total amount spent on training for Department staff or personnel on GDPR training or awareness, cyber security training or awareness, data protection training or awareness, and the names of the providers of this service.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 5th June 2018.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade consists of headquarter offices in Dublin and Limerick and a number of satellite locations in Ireland. These are complemented by more than 80 resident diplomatic and consular missions abroad. The Department operates a centralised model for ICT service delivery to a user population of 2,100 approx.

The information contained in the tables below is based on the expenditure at HQ by the ICT Unit of this Department. The name and company details of each provider have been included.

Table 1 below contains a breakdown of the amount spent on ICT Equipment, Software and ICT Services for the year 2015.

Table 2 below contains a breakdown of the amount spent on ICT Equipment, Software and ICT Services for the year 2016.

Table 3 below contains a breakdown of the amount spent on ICT Equipment, Software and ICT Services for the year 2017.

Table 4 below contains a breakdown of the total amount spent on training for Department staff or personnel on GDPR training or awareness, cyber security training or awareness, data protection training or awareness, and the names of the providers of this service.
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,

Nuala Courtney
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