



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dublin 2

20 May 2014

Mr Ken Foxe,
RTE Investigations Unit,
Stage 7,
RTE,
Donnybrook,
Dublin 4

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2014/042

Dear Mr Foxe,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 for records held by this Department, in which you requested:

‘Copies of the mileage expense claims submitted by the Minister – or Ministers – at your Department in the period 1 July 2012 and date of receipt of this letter. I am seeking actual claim forms.’

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 2/5/2014.

I have identified 27 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant all of the records.

There is no official car provided to Ministers of State, the figures provided reflect the motor travel allowances claimed by former Minister of State Lucinda Creighton TD and Minister of State Paschal Donohoe TD for official travel undertaken, and processed subject to guidelines as set out by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

No claim for mileage expenses has been submitted by Minister of State Joe Costello TD in the period 1 July 2012 to 24 April 2014.

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, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2. A fee applies for an appeal, with the exception of an appeal against the imposition of a fee, the level of this fee has been set at €75. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to the Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs.

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

Collette Appleby