

Freedom of Information Officer
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
76/78 Harcourt Street,
Dublin 2.

23rd December 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to request access to the following records under the Freedom of Information Acts.

1. All records concerning the project to carry out the recent redesign of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website, dfa.ie including details of the cost of the project, the parties contracted to carry out the project and the length of time the project took;

including all records concerning the planned migration to the new website of the online citizens' registration facility for Irish citizens living or travelling abroad;

including details of the numbers of Irish citizens living abroad who will be asked to re-register their details on the new dfa.ie/travel/citizens-registration and in what countries they reside;

including all records concerning what has happened to the personal data of citizens on the old (pre-migration) database and whether that database has been decommissioned and the personal information destroyed;

including details of any additional cost to the final project due to the inability to migrate data directly from the old system;


including any assessments of the likely reliability and accuracy of the new database in circumstances where the personal data of citizens abroad could not be directly migrated.

Essentially, I am looking to examine the data governance issues surrounding the migration project, the likely cost (including staff costs, design costs, project costs, consultant costs) and the information on the number of citizens impacted by the change.

I attach a €15 in respect of the applicable fee for this request.

You may contact me at _____ or at _____ should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,


Elaine Edwards
The Irish Times

