



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

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2015/043

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2 June 2015

Dear Ailbhe

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:

- 1. The amount claimed for purchase of makeup, cosmetics, hair or beauty products by each current or previous Minister or Minister of State each year since the current Government took office in February 2011. Please include the year 2015 up to the most recent date for which figures are available.**
- 2. The amount claimed for professional hair styling, beauty, make up or personal styling, shopping/grooming services by each current or previous Minister or Minister of State each year since the current Government took office in February 2011. Please include the year 2015 up to the most recent date for which figures are available.**
- 3. The amount claimed for new clothing, shoes or accessories, dry cleaning, laundry or clothing repairs by each current or previous Minister or Minister of State each year since the current Government took office in February 2011. Please include the year 2015 up to the most recent date for which figures are available.**

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 12th May 2015. I am the responding officer in this case.

I have identified no records that fall within the scope of your request and in that light I am refusing your request. Where access has been refused, the records are exempt from release under the following section of the Act.

Section 15. (1) A head to whom an FOI request is made may refuse to grant the request where—

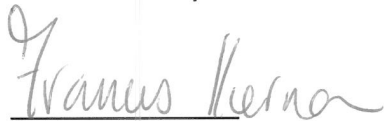
(a) the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken,

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances Kiernan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Frances Kiernan