



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

24 June 2016

Craig Hughes

Our Ref: Fol/Req/16/070

Dear Mr. Hughes,

I refer to the request which you made under the Freedom of Information 2014 in which you requested the following:

A breakdown of payments made to companies for translation services from English to Irish between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2015.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 9 June 2016.

I have identified one record which falls within the scope of your request. The record is listed in the schedule below. I have made a decision to grant that record.

SCHEDULE	
Record Description	Granted/Part Granted/Refused
1. Breakdown of payments made to companies for translation services from English to Irish from 01/01/2013-31/12/2015	Granted

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is responsible for two Votes – Vote 28: Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Vote 27: International Cooperation.

Expenditure by the Department on translating publications, documents and advertisements into the Irish language for each of the three years from 2013 to 2015, extracted from the Department's financial management system, is set out in the attached record. This expenditure includes the translation passport application forms and the translation of official publications and documents into Irish. The upgrading of Departmental websites in 2013-2014 and associated online services included once-off translation of a large volume of content on the website from English to Irish. The vast bulk of these costs were incurred in 2013.

Advertising undertaken by my Department relates mainly to notification of changes to passport and consular fees, public office opening hours, and occasional employment

opportunities, grants, and other matters, including Irish Aid activities, which require communication to a national audience. In compliance with the Department's obligations under the National Languages Act 2003 these are translated into Irish.

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

Siobhán Egan

Responding Officer