



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Dublin 2

Martin Grant  
Irish Independent  
Independent House  
27-32 Talbot Street  
Dublin 1

Our Ref: FoI/Req/15- 089

Dear Mr. Grant

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:

*"A breakdown of all expenses, including overnight expenses, claimed by each civilian driver employed by the Department in 2011 (from when ministerial drivers were abolished), 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015. Please relate the drivers expenses to the assigned minister he/she drives. Please also state the salary of each driver in each of those years."*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

Subsistence expenses are paid in accordance with rates and regulations set down by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

I am the deciding officer for your request. I have identified one record that falls within the scope of your request which is listed in the schedule below. I have made a decision to grant it. The record includes the drivers name, the Minister they worked with, subsistence paid and the salary broken down by year.

SCHEDULE OF RECORDS FROM 01.01.14 TO 30.09.2015		
Record no.	Description	Granted/Part-Granted/Refused
1	Breakdown of expenses claimed by civilian drivers employed by DFAT for the years 2011 - 2015	Granted

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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 "Clare Doyle". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Clare Doyle  
Finance Division