



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

Ken Foxe

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Our Ref: Fol/Req/16/180

29th November 2016

Dear Mr. Foxe,

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 schedule of works (or another similar record, which would explain the work involved) for all of the invoices released under FOI/Req/16/141 where I was granted copies of receipts associated with transactions in 2015.**

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 7th October 2016.

As responding officer, I have identified 4 records which fall within the scope of your request and have decided to grant access to all 4 records.

In the evolving global economic and trading environment, and against the backdrop of the British vote to leave the EU, it is essential that our mission network is equipped to adapt and evolves to meet new challenges and exploit new opportunities for Irish trade. We also need to ensure that the network continues to be appropriately equipped and resourced to support Ireland's economic objectives overseas.

It is also increasingly important that our work both at HQ and abroad is strategically focused and closely coordinated as a whole-of-government exercise. Guided by the Government's Trade, Tourism and Investment Strategy, launched in 2010 and reviewed in 2014, new Embassies or Consulates-General have been opened since 2014 in seven locations, including Bangkok (Thailand), Jakarta (Indonesia), and Hong Kong (China). The opening of these new Embassies and Consulates has strengthened Ireland's capacity to take advantage of emerging market opportunities.

Since 2015 Ireland's Permanent Representation (Perm Rep) to the EU in Brussels, the State's largest overseas mission, has been co-located with our bilateral embassy to Belgium; an arrangement designed to maximise cost-efficiencies, improve coordination among all parties and maximise Ireland's diplomatic presence there.

Record Description		
1.	Schedule of works for Hong Kong Chancery	<b>Granted</b>
2.	Schedule of works for Perm Rep Brussels Chancery	<b>Granted</b>
3.	Schedule of works for Bangkok Chancery Works	<b>Granted</b>
4.	Schedule of works for Jakarta Chancery	<b>Granted</b>

### **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



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