

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

17 August 2017

Our Ref: FOI/Req/2017/138

Dear Requester,

I refer to your recently submitted request for information, made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, in which you requested the following:

- Details of any purchases of computer equipment, mobile equipment, tablets, laptops, any mobile or computer accessories, any electrical equipment or appliances on behalf of any officeholder, Minister or Minister of State at your Department in period between 1 May 2017 and the current date.
- Copies of any requests for additional office space, furniture, decoration, or paintings by any officeholder, Minister of Minister of State at your Department in period as outlined above.
- Copies of the response that issued in any such instance.
- Copies of any receipts or invoices associated with the above.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 31 July 2017.

I am the deciding officer for your request. I have identified four records which fall within the scope of your request and I have decided to grant you access to all four. In the case of record 3, information outside of the scope of your request has not been included.

Table 1: Schedule of Records

Record Description	Granted/Part-Granted/ Refused
1. Details of any purchases of computer equipment, mobile equipment, tablets, laptops, any mobile or computer accessories, any electrical equipment or appliances on behalf of any officeholder, minister or minister of state at your Department in period between 1 May 2017 and the current date.	Granted
2. Copies of any receipts or invoices associated with the above	
3. Copies of any requests for additional office space, furniture, decoration, or paintings by any officeholder, minister of minister of state at your Department in period as outlined above.	Granted
4. Copies of the response that issued in any such instance.	Granted

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade equips offices for the Minister and Ministers of State with the standard range of ICT services and office facilities generally available across the Department. The Department also supports the provision of mobile services with the use of mobile devices such as iPhones, iPads and laptops.

Mobile devices and accessories were purchased for Minister Simon Coveney, T.D. The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Simon Coveney, T.D., and the Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development, Ciaran Cannon, T.D., have been accommodated in the same offices as their predecessors.

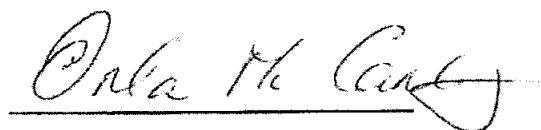
Property Management Unit have received a request from the Minister of State for European Affairs, Helen McEntee, T.D., to be facilitated with an office in the Harcourt Street building of Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade. The previous Minister of State for European Affairs did not have an office within the Department as responsibility for European Affairs was transferred to this Department in autumn of 2016. Property Management Unit works with the Office of Public Works to provide all Departmental office space. It is planned that the office space will be ready and made available to Minister of State McEntee in September 2017. It is expected to be furnished with existing furniture.

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,



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