



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

Our Ref: Fol/Req/2019/025

15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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 spreadsheet of all costs incurred by your department in hosting a Global Ireland 2025 event that took place in January 2019.**

**The costs would include but are not limited to: travel costs for those attending, accommodation costs for those attending, dining costs, official transport costs, entertainment costs, event costs, equipment costs, floral costs, printing costs, any costs associated with the attendance of the cultural ambassadors that were announced at the event.**

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

As was previously mentioned to you, due to the proximity of the Conference date to the request, not all expenditure has been invoiced to the Department or recorded on the Department's Financial Management System. All information in the attached spreadsheet relates to information recorded on this Financial Management System on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

As you may know, the 'Global Ireland 2025: Making It Happen' Conference was of significant importance to the Department in marking the centenary of the Irish Diplomatic Service, and the launch of Global Ireland 2025 in June 2018. Heads of Mission from across Ireland's network of Embassies, Consulates and Representations gathered with key partners in Government Departments, the Irish business community and from the world of arts, culture and sports to network, discuss and debate Ireland's place in the world as we enter Ireland's second century of independence, as well as determine how 'Global Ireland 2025' might be best delivered.

The opportunity for Heads of Mission to return to Ireland at the beginning of the year is also of great benefit to the strategic planning of the Department, and allows discussion for

business planning and goal setting in the year ahead. Heads of Mission also take this opportunity to hold a number of meetings in Ireland to assist and support them in delivering priority actions for Ireland in the year ahead.

### **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@dfa.ie](mailto:foi@dfa.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@dfa.ie](mailto:foi@dfa.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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