



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

Our Ref: Fol/Req/19/206

Date 31/7/2019

Dear Mr Blaney,

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:

- **Provide a list of items which are required for official accommodation and representation purposes. In particular, furniture and glassware.**
- **Any other relocation costs that an Officer would receive to assist with their relocation to another country.**

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on the 10th of July 2019.

I have identified 8 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the attached schedule. I have made a decision to grant all 8 records.

Records 1-8 cover items which are required for official accommodation and representation purposes.

The Embassy network is used by the Department in pursuit of its goals on behalf of the State. They consist of offices and official accommodation which provide platforms for our Missions to promote Ireland's political, economic and cultural interests and values, provide services to our citizens, develop strategic stakeholder relationships and represent Ireland in international organisations.

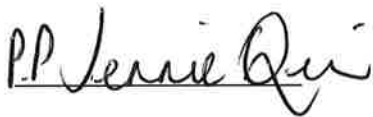
In relation to the other relocation costs officers who are required to relocate to Ireland's overseas Missions in service of the State may apply for a flat rate miscellaneous expenses provision. Heads of Mission are not eligible. This provision compensates for miscellaneous items of expenditure which become necessary as a direct result of an officer's transfer and which would not otherwise arise were s/he to remain assigned within the State. The flat rate ranges from €339.13 for an officer with no dependents to a maximum of €508.66 for officers with three or more dependents.

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. 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, 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 black ink, appearing to read "P.P. Jennie Qui". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Katie Morrisroe