

08/01/2020

Our Ref: FOI/Req/2019/341

Dear Mr. Fraughen,

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:

- 1. A list of all payments made on your behalf to any supplier in a currency other than the Euro, for the first three quarters of this calendar year. Showing the currency paid, the amount paid, a brief description of what was being procured, the bank/FX payment provider who processed the transaction, the cost of the transaction (the cost of the foreign currency in Euro's), the cost of any additional bank charges.
- 2. A list of all receipts in a foreign currency other than the Euro, charged by you to any customer

I refer to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019. I also refer to our e-mail exchange where we agreed to an extension to the deadline for reply.

I have identified two records that fall within the scope of your request. Please note that this Department holds bank accounts in a number of currencies which reduces the requirement to purchase currency via a bank/FX payment provider for payments to suppliers.

The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made the decision to grant access to each record.

## 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 <a href="mailto:foi@dfat.ie">foi@dfat.ie</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:foi@dfat.ie">foi@dfat.ie</a>, 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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