



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

Our Ref: Fol/Req/20/066

09th April 2020

Dear Mr. Coyle,

I refer to the request, received 12th March, which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

- 1. Details of all expenditure by deputy John Deasy in his role as Special Envoy to the US since he was appointed to the role***

Since his appointment as Special Envoy to the United States Congress in June 2017, Deputy Deasy has worked on issues relating to the undocumented Irish in the US, and on progressing the E3 visa bill to secure future pathways for Irish to travel to the US. Deputy Deasy has been supported, from a logistical perspective, by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The staff resources required have been drawn from existing resources in relevant sections of the Department, as needed and on a case by case basis. Deputy Deasy has been, in particular, supported by the US & Canada Unit of this Department and by the Embassy of Ireland in Washington, D.C. Likewise, Deputy Deasy's travel and subsistence expenses have been covered from within the existing resources of the Department, as and when he has undertaken activities in connection with his role as Special Envoy.

Please see table attached for detailed breakdown of all costs related to Deputy Deasy's role (2017 -2020).

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,
Doireann O'Brien

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