



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

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2018/215

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Requester,

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 incurred as part of Ireland's bid to secure a seat on the UN Security Council.
- Details of how much was spent by your Department on the design of a logo as part of the bid process. The name of the company contracted for this project and a copy of the tender documents related to it.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

I would like to express our appreciation for your understanding and agreement to a number of extensions related to the response date for your request. I regret that I was not able to provide a response within the previously indicated response dates.

Your request has been taken to refer to costs incurred by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade relating to the launch of Ireland's candidature for election to the UN Security Council for the term 2021-2022.

Please find attached a schedule of costs associated with the official launch of Ireland's UN Security Council candidature. The official launch of Ireland's candidature took place on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 on the North Lawn of the Headquarters of the United Nations.

The costs itemised in the attached document refer both to the cost of hosting the event itself, travel and accommodation costs for the Tánaiste, Minister of State Cannon and relevant officials and logistics support staff and approximated subsistence costs for the travelling officials and logistics support staff.

It should be noted that in addition to travelling to New York to attend the Security Council campaign launch and associated events; An Tánaiste, Minister of State Cannon, the Secretary

General of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and other senior officials engaged in a number of meetings unrelated to the Ireland's candidature for the Security Council.

In addition to the information on costs provided in the attached document, I can confirm that there were no charges incurred by the Irish Government with regard to tickets for the U2 concert on the eve of the official launch of Ireland's candidature. The tickets to the concert for the UN Ambassadors were generously provided as a gift by U2.

Furthermore, please find attached a schedule of costs to date associated with the promotion of Ireland's UN Security Council candidature. These materials were produced to coincide with the launch event in New York on 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2018 and will be utilised throughout the remaining 20 months of Ireland's Security Council campaign.

The design of a visual identity for Ireland's candidature for the United Nations Security Council was undertaken under existing graphic design contracts. Initial design work was carried out by Mitchel Kane Associates (MKA). Further design work and the completion of the final visual identity was carried out by Zero G.

As all design work was carried out with companies under existing tendered contracts for the supply of graphic design services, no individual tender was therefore issued for this work.

A schedule of spending to date on the design of a visual identity for Ireland's candidature to the UN Security Council has been provided.

### 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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