

02/10/2018

Our Ref: FOI/Req/2018/242

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.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 14 September 2018.

The answer to your request is as follows:

1: The total cost of expenses paid out to advisors to the Minister for Foreign Affairs for 2017 & 2018 up to 21 August 2018.

The total cost of expenses paid was €7,331.80 in 2017 & €4,773.63 to 21 August 2018

2: A full list of the expenses paid out to advisors in the Ministers Department

The following is a list of expenses paid:

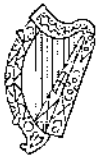
- Subsistence
- Mileage
- Car Hire
- Car Parking Charges
- Notional Transport Costs (*the cost of equivalent public transport where officers opt to use their private means of transport*)
- Miscellaneous Expenses
- Taxis
- Rail/Train/Luas/Bus Tickets

Note: Where meals are provided for they are deducted from subsistence at the appropriate rate.

3: A full list of expenses and the amount by the Minister for 2018

The only expense paid to the Minister in the year to date was subsistence in the amount of €1,509.70. Where meals were provided for they are deducted from subsistence at the appropriate rate.

The Department complies with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform guidelines on official travel. The central aim of the Departmental travel policy is to minimise official travel costs and to achieve value for money for expenditure necessarily incurred, consistent with the effective discharge of official duties.



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@dfat.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@dfat.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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