



**An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Baile Átha Cliath 2**

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dublin 2**

22 September 2014

Mr Ken Foxe
RTE Investigations Unit
Stage 7
RTE Donnybrook
Dublin 4

Re: Fol/Req/2014/068

Dear Mr Foxe

I refer to your recent application under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003 in connection with your information request as follows:

'A list of all observers sent overseas in the period between March 2011 and the current date, to include details of where they were sent, the date on which they were sent, the amount of money they were paid (including expenses), and a short biography of each person if the Dept retains such a record.'

Following the Department's email to you of the 27 August 2014, you confirmed that this request related to election observers.

Set out in the attached Annex is a table with a list of the observers deployed overseas on an annual basis, countries to which they were sent, the organisation deploying the observers, the observers role, the month in which the elections were held and expenditure details. For clarity, I have also set out additional explanations for some of the terms on page nine of the annex.

Regarding your request for 'a short biography of each person if the Dept retains such as record' I wish to advise you that we do not have such records. I would also add that the release of information such as employment history is exempt from release under Section 28 (1) of the FOI Acts 1997 and 2003.

Importance of Election Monitoring Missions

The Government believes that international election monitoring missions have an important role to play in the promotion of human rights and democracy. Irish Aid in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade maintains a roster of observers for election monitoring missions.

The Department aims to ensure that, when requested, Ireland is represented at an appropriate level in international observation missions for elections and constitutional referendums. Irish observers participate primarily in missions organised by the European Union and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), but have also been involved in missions organised by the Council of Europe, the United Nations and the Carter Centre.

Observers who participate in missions supported by Irish Aid are entitled to one pre-departure grant of €600 in every 12-month period to cover any costs incurred in preparing for the trip, including medical costs such as vaccinations and doctor's certificates. Additional costs for observers participating in EU-led missions are covered by the European Commission.

For OSCE missions, the costs of OSCE observers on these missions are covered by the participating countries, in Ireland's case from the budget of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The costs of these missions are also dependent on the length of the mission.

Right of appeal

You may appeal this decision. Should you wish to appeal this decision, you can do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 80 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2. A fee applies to this appeal with the exception of an appeal against the imposition of a fee. The level of this fee has been set at €75. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order, or personal cheque made payable to the Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

You should make your appeal within four 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 staff at this Department.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Crowe', written over a horizontal line.

John Crowe
Assistant Principal

Election Observation Missions 01 March - 31st December 2011

Country ⁱ	Organisation ⁱⁱ	Role ⁱⁱⁱ	Forename	Surname	Expenditure ^{iv}
April^v					
Nigeria	EU	LTO	Diarmuid	Peavoy	€600
Nigeria	EU	LTO	Sandra	Conway	€600
Nigeria	EU	STO	Adrienne	Boyle	€600
Nigeria	EU	STO	Jimmy	Somers	€600
Kazakhstan	OSCE	STO	Robin	Henry	€3,732
Kazakhstan	OSCE	STO	Joy	Kanter	€4,332
Kazakhstan	OSCE	STO	Philippe	Carr	€4,584
Kazakhstan	OSCE	STO	Raymond	Murphy	€4,517
Kazakhstan	OSCE	STO	Paul	O'Shea	€4,603
May					
Albania	OSCE	STO	Eric	Byrne	€3,443
Albania	OSCE	STO	Abdi Hassan	Ibrahim	€2,927
Albania	OSCE	STO	Maurice	O'Donnell	€2,770
Albania	OSCE	STO	Simon	Deignan	€952
June					
FYROM	OSCE	STO	Maurice	Canavan	€2,956
FYROM	OSCE	STO	Michael	Smith	€2,956
FYROM	OSCE	STO	Paul	Lindsay	€2,956
FYROM	OSCE	STO	Siobhan	Coyne	€2,251
Peru	EU	LTO	Marion	Roche	€0
Peru	EU	STO	Patrick	Maher	€0
September					
Zambia	EU	STO	James	Doody	€600
October					
Tunisia	EU	LTO	Sandra	Conway	€0
Tunisia	EU	LTO	Traolach	Sweeney	€600
Tunisia	EU	LTO	Diarmuid	Peavoy	€0
Tunisia	EU	STO	Mary	O'Shea	€600
Tunisia	EU	STO	Philippe	Carr	€0
Tunisia	EU	STO	Mary	Boland	€600

Kyrgyzstan	OSCE	LTO	Eithne	MacDermott	€7,792
Kyrgyzstan	OSCE	STO	Caroline	Brennan	€3,751
Kyrgyzstan	OSCE	STO	Peter	McMahon	€3,751
Kyrgyzstan	OSCE	STO	John	Lynch	€3,751
Kyrgyzstan	OSCE	STO	Mary	Dowling	€3,751
Kyrgyzstan	OSCE	STO	Tom	Kitt	€3,678
Kyrgyzstan	OSCE	STO	Michael	Coyne	€3,678
Kyrgyzstan	OSCE	STO	Patricia	Donnelly	€3,751
Kyrgyzstan	OSCE	STO	Eric	Byrne	€2,952
Kyrgyzstan	OSCE	STO	Mathew	Quinn	€3,115
Kyrgyzstan	OSCE	STO	Robin	Henry	€3,151
Kyrgyzstan	OSCE	STO	Fiona	Devlin	€3,151

November

Nicaragua	EU	LTO	Donal	Blake	€600
Nicaragua	EU	STO	Patrick	Maher	€600

DRC	EU	LTO	Dorcha	Lee	€0
DRC	EU	LTO	Marion	Roche	€600
DRC	EU	STO	Aidan	O'Shea	€600
DRC	EU	STO	Colm	Fahy	€600
DRC	EU	STO	Patricia	Kearns	€600
DRC	EU	STO	Peter	Ballagh	€600

December

Russia	OSCE	STO	Finbar	O'Sullivan	€3,687
Russia	OSCE	STO	Maria	Kiernan	€3,687
Russia	OSCE	STO	Sandra	Conway	€3,687
Russia	OSCE	STO	Michael	Grange	€3,687
Russia	OSCE	STO	Terry	Duffy	€3,723

Election Observation Missions 01 January – 31 December 2012

Country	Organisation	Role	Forename	Surname	Expenditure
January					
Kazakhstan	OSCE	STO	Patricia	Barker	€3,643
Kazakhstan	OSCE	STO	Paddy	Buckenham	€3,193
Kazakhstan	OSCE	STO	Paul	Cosgrave	€3,643
Kazakhstan	OSCE	STO	Michael	Humphreys	€3,643
Kazakhstan	OSCE	STO	Cecilia	Keaveney	€3,643
February					
Senegal	EU	LTO	Diarmuid	Peavoy	€0
Senegal	EU	STO	Aidan	O'Shea	€0
March					
Russia	OSCE	LTO	Michael	Verling	€17,029
Russia	OSCE	STO	Grattan	Lynch	€4,301
Russia	OSCE	STO	Julian	Clare	€3,756
Russia	OSCE	STO	Noreen	Kerins	€4,301
Russia	OSCE	STO	Chris	Andrews	€4,301
May					
Armenia	OSCE	LTO	Sean	O'Callaghan	€6,967
Armenia	OSCE	STO	Ann	Ormonde	€3,304
Armenia	OSCE	STO	Blaise	Treacy	€3,304
Armenia	OSCE	STO	Edward	Horgan	€3,304
Armenia	OSCE	STO	James	McNamara	€3,304
Armenia	OSCE	STO	Terence	Fleming	€3,304
Armenia	OSCE	STO	Brian	Fagan	€3,304
Armenia	OSCE	STO	Eimear	Friel	€2,717
Serbia I	OSCE	LTO	Orla	Cluff	€6,827
Serbia II	OSCE	LTO	Peter	McMahon	€3,685
Algeria	EU	LTO	Dorcha	Lee	€600
Algeria	EU	STO	Mary	Boland	€0
Algeria	EU	STO	Peter	Ballagh	€0
July					
Timor Leste	EU	LTO	Mary	O'Shea	€0

September

Belarus	OSCE	LTO	Peter	Donovan	€8,086
Belarus	OSCE	STO	Noel	Brennan	€2,775
Belarus	OSCE	STO	Julian	Clare	€2,230
Belarus	OSCE	STO	Patrick	Finneran	€2,775
Belarus	OSCE	STO	Finbar	O'Sullivan	€2,541
Belarus	OSCE	STO	Deirdre	Grogan	€2,857
Belarus	OSCE	STO	Mark	Long	€2,857
Belarus	OSCE	STO	Rebecca	Moynihan	€2,775
Belarus	OSCE	STO	Anne	Choiseul	€2,775

October

Georgia	OSCE	LTO	Eithne	MacDermott	€6,730
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Cecilia	Keaveney	€3,546
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Eileen	McCabe	€4,146
Georgia	OSCE	STO	John	O'Connor	€4,122
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Peter	Emerson	€4,146
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Conor	O'Clery	€4,122
Georgia	OSCE	STO	James	Mallon	€4,122
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Les	Allamby	€4,122
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Richard	McEvoy	€4,122
Ukraine	OSCE	LTO	Seamus	Martin	€11,473
Ukraine	OSCE	LTO	Michael	Verling	€10,746
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Eric	Byrne	€3,258
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Geraldine	Power	€3,425
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Raymond	Dunne	€3,425
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Ciaran	Kinsella	€3,425
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Fionnuala	Brennan	€3,425
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Kevin	Grogan	€3,425
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Julian	Clare	€2,825
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Thomas	Bellew	€2,827

November

Sierra Leone	EU	LTO	Colm	Fahy	€600
Sierra Leone	EU	STO	Michael	Coyne	€600
Sierra Leone	EU	STO	Michael	Boyle	€600

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January					
Jordan	EU	LTO	Mary	O'Shea	€600
Jordan	EU	STO	Abdi H	Ibrahim	€0
February					
Armenia	OSCE	STO	Dermot	Ahern	€3,447
Armenia	OSCE	STO	Maca	Hourihane	€3,447
Armenia	OSCE	STO	John	Purcell	€3,447
Armenia	OSCE	STO	Edward	Naessens	€3,447
Armenia	OSCE	STO	Elizabeth	Mullan	€3,447
Armenia	OSCE	STO	Simon	Deignan	€2,400
Armenia	OSCE	STO	Pat	Carroll	€3,447
March					
Kenya	Carter Centre	STO	John	Lynam	€0
April					
Paraguay	EU	LTO	Grattan	Lynch	€762.39
Paraguay	EU	STO	Chiara	Popplewell	€0
Paraguay	EU	STO	Ciaran	Kinsella	€45.49
Pakistan	EU	LTO	Edward	Horgan	€227.43
Pakistan	EU	LTO	Donal	Blake	€827.43
Pakistan	EU	STO	Sheena	McMahon	€827.43
Pakistan	EU	STO	Mary	Boland	€725.09
Pakistan	EU	STO	William	Bulman	€725.09
June					
Albania	OSCE	STO	John	Mulvihill	€3,726.62
Albania	OSCE	STO	Catherine	Brophy	€3,726.62
Albania	OSCE	STO	Brendan	Gogarty	€3,726.62
Albania	OSCE	STO	James	McCarthy	€3,726.62
Albania	OSCE	STO	Padraic	McDunphy	€3,726.62
Albania	OSCE	STO	Andrew	Richardson	€3,787.62
Albania	OSCE	STO	Jerry	O'Brien	€3,787.62
Albania	OSCE	STO	Patrick	O'Reilly	€2,990.03
Mongolia	OSCE	STO	Theresa	Reidy	€5,781.33

Mongolia	OSCE	STO	Joseph	Scanlon	€5,781.33
Mongolia	OSCE	STO	Ronan	O'Brien	€5,781.33

July

Mali	EU	LTO	Dorcha	Lee	€797.11
Mali	EU	STO	Mary	Dowling	€641.70

September

Guinea	EU	LTO	Colm	Fahy	€189.53
Guinea	EU	STO	Philippe	Carr	€649.26

October

Azerbaijan	OSCE	LTO	Geraldine	Power	€2,941.01
Azerbaijan	OSCE	LTO	Seamus	Martin	€5,387.65
Azerbaijan	OSCE	STO	John	Kelly	€3,381.62
			Thomas		
Azerbaijan	OSCE	STO	Joseph	Mangan	€3,381.62
Azerbaijan	OSCE	STO	Christopher	Andrews	€3,476.12
Azerbaijan	OSCE	STO	Maria	Kiernan	€3,337.62
Azerbaijan	OSCE	STO	Asa Karl	Cusack	€3,432.62
Azerbaijan	OSCE	STO	Annetta	Flanigan	€3,381.62
Azerbaijan	OSCE	STO	Cathal	Kelly	€3,381.62
Azerbaijan	OSCE	STO	Paul	Brennan	€3,381.62

Madagascar	EU	LTO	Mary	Boland	€295.66
Madagascar	EU	LTO	Grattan	Lynch	€295.66
Madagascar	EU	LTO	Traolach	Sweeney	€895.66
Madagascar	EU	STO	Aidan	O'Shea	€653.07
Madagascar	EU	STO	Robert	Sampson	€653.07

Georgia	OSCE	LTO	Peter	McMahon	€6,726.27
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Eamonn	Walsh	€3,638.33
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Peter	Cotter	€3,587.33
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Kevin	Cronin	€3,883.33
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Fergus	Gleeson	€3,723.33
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Fidelma	McHale	€3,723.33
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Caroline	Brennan	€3,784.33
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Una	McGurk	€3,784.33
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Vincent	McCorley	€3,784.33
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Suhail	Ahmad	€3,883.33
Georgia	OSCE	STO	Ann	Ormonde	€3,978.33

November

Honduras	EU	LTO	Celeste	MacKenzie	€800.90
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Honduras	EU	STO	Patrick	Maher	€664.44
Honduras	EU	STO	Ciaran	Kinsella	€664.44
Kosovo	EU	LTO	Paul	O'Shea	€842.59
Kosovo	EU	STO	James	Somers	€641.70
Nepal	EU	LTO	Frank	Scott	€797.11
Nepal	EU	STO	Terry	Duffy	€664.44
Nepal	EU	STO	Victoria	Somers	€664.44
Mali	EU	LTO	Thomas	Earlie	€831.22
Tajikistan	OSCE	STO	Fergal	McCusker	€4,038.50
Tajikistan	OSCE	STO	Cecilia	Keaveney	€4,038.50
Tajikistan	OSCE	STO	Anne	Donnellan	€4,038.50
Tajikistan	OSCE	STO	Gerard	Buckley	€4,038.50

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Country	Organisation	Role	Forename	Surname	Expenditure
March					
Serbia	OSCE	LTO	Keaveney	Cecilia	€5,001.37
April					
Macedonia	OSCE	LTO	O'Callaghan	Sean	€5,949.48
Macedonia	OSCE	STO	Durnin	John	€2,720.29
Macedonia	OSCE	STO	Byrne	Eric	€2,720.29
Macedonia	OSCE	STO	Brocklesby	Gabrielle	€2,720.29
Macedonia	OSCE	STO	Coakley	John Paul	€2,720.29
Macedonia	OSCE	STO	O'Keeffe	Almha	€2,720.29
Macedonia	OSCE	STO	Schorderet	Aisling	€1,982.29
May					
Guinea Bissau	EU	STO	Cunniffe	Diarmuid	€641.70
Egypt	EU	STO	Boyle	Michael	€649.28
Malawi	EU	LTO	O'Shea	Aidan	€155.44
Malawi	EU	STO	Kavanagh	Michael	€656.86
Malawi	EU	STO	McCabe	Ellen	€656.86
Ukraine	OSCE	LTO	Verling	Michael	€15,135.54
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Denny	David	€3,785.01
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	O'Sullivan	Finbar	€3,785.01
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Kennefick	Frank	€3,785.01
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Doody	James	€3,785.01
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Moore	John	€3,785.01
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Cousins	John	€3,785.01
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Grogan	Kevin	€3,785.01
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Brennan	Noel	€3,785.01
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Donovan	Peter	€3,785.01
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Lynch	John	€3,785.01
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Emerson	Peter	€3,785.01
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	Richardson	Andrew	€3,785.01
Ukraine	OSCE	STO	MacHale	Fidelma	€3,185.01
Ukraine	EU	STO	Grogan	Deirdre	€37.91
Ukraine	EU	STO	McDaniel	Patrick	€37.91
Ukraine	EU	STO	Mulvihill	Patrick	€37.91

June

Kosovo	EU	LTO	Murphy	Nicholas	€600.00
Kosovo	EU	STO	Boyle	Adrienne	€600.00

August

Turkey	OSCE	LTO	O'Shea	Barbara	€5,711.63
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ⁱ This relates to the country where the election took place.

ⁱⁱ This refers to the organisation/body that organised the deployment of observers, which in the majority of cases is under the remit of the European Union or the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

ⁱⁱⁱ Observers are normally sent as Long Term Observers (LTO) or Short Term Observers (STO).

^{iv} All observers who are deployed on a mission receive a once off sum of €600 in a twelve month period to cover expenditure associated with deployment such as medical costs, etc. In the case of OSCE elections, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provides for the costs associated with the deployment of observers, including flights, insurance, the one off sum of €600, if applicable, and a daily subsistence rate as set by the OSCE. The costs incurred are dependent on the length of the particular mission, which is set by the organising body. In the case of EU observers, all costs are paid directly by the EU. In such cases, the Department incurs the one off deployment amount of €600, if applicable, and associated insurance.

^v The month relates to the date when the election was held in the country. Observers, depending on their status - i.e. LTO or STO - travel according to the dates set by the organising body.