



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dublin 2

12 November 2015

Mr Martin Grant
Irish Independent
Independent House
27-32 Talbot Street
Dublin 1

Our Ref: FOI/Req/15/102

Dear Mr Grant

I am writing with reference to your request of 14 October 2015 made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 seeking the following information:

The total amount of money the Department spent on cleaning companies/contractors since the current Government came to power in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 (up to the date of your letter). Please state the total per year and the amount paid to each contractor in each year.

I am releasing the records listed in the attached schedule in respect of 9 premises occupied by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Dublin, Cork and Limerick as agreed with you by the Freedom of Information Manager, Ms Frances Kiernan, in the course of clarification of your request. The records are an extract from the Department's accounts. The payments to the companies listed cover cleaning of premises together with a range of related services and supplies, including removal of waste and recycling.

Right of Appeal

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MH', is positioned above the printed name.

Monica Horgan
Facilities Management Unit