



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

16 March 2016

Our Ref: FoI/Req/16 /025
Eamon Patterson

Dear Mr Patterson,

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:

'The budget allocation to each Irish Embassy and Consulate General Office for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 8 March 2016.

I have identified two records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant the two records.

The Department of Foreign Affairs is responsible for two Votes – Vote 28: Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Vote 27 International Cooperation.

Vote 27 funded mission manage large and complex aid programme which are implemented in very challenging and difficult environments often characterised by low levels of indigenous capacity and high levels of inequality and corruption. Missions need to be sufficiently resourced to provide the appropriate levels of oversight and control to the programme and the funding allocated.

We are currently working on finalising 2016 budgets but they will be very similar to 2015 levels.

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

Albert Rattigan