



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

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

24 February 2015

Mr. Ken Foxe  
RTE  
Donnybrook  
Dublin 4

Our Ref: FoI/Req/15/014

Dear Mr Foxe,

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 following in relation to the Tánaiste, Minister, or Ministers, who have served at your Department at any time between the formation of last government in early 2011 and the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014. I am seeking details of all payments made to them by way of salary or expenses in the above period, and broken down by calendar year for 2011, 2012, 2013 & 2014.**

**This is to include, but is not limited to, the following. It excludes costs relating to overseas travel. The allowance (gross) paid to them as Taoiseach, Tánaiste, Minister, Junior Minister, Officeholder etc. broken down year by year. The total in mileage expenses paid to them, broken down year by year. The total in other expense claims, subsistence, hotel bills and so on, broken down year by year. Mobile phone bills paid for by the Department broken down year by year. The purchase of mobile phone, computer equipment and other related material for them broken down year by year. Payment of any other expenses to them relating to their office as Minister(s), and broken down year by year. The cost of any allowances claimed for by the Minister(s) and broken down year by year.”**

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 5 February 2015.

I am the deciding officer for your request. I have decided to grant you access to all information requested which is included in the attached spreadsheets and explanatory note on communication equipment/services.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 "Aoife O'Connell", written over a horizontal line.