



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála
Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Dublin 2

23rd August 2016

Ms. Catherine Sanz,
The Sunday Times,
4th Floor,
Bishop's Square,
Redmond Hill,
Dublin 2.

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2016/110

Dear Ms Sanz,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which you requested.

Expenses claimed by Minister Dara Murphy in the last calendar year.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 5th August 2016.

I am the deciding officer for your request.

All official travel undertaken by the Minister or Ministers of State is in accordance with the central aims of the Department's travel policy, which is based on the travel policy for all Government Departments laid down by the Department of Finance (circular 11/81 and letter on foreign travel dated 31/3/1998), which is to minimize official travel costs and to achieve value for money for expenditure necessarily incurred, consistent with the effective discharge of official duties. Hotel accommodation at moderately priced hotels is reserved for the Minister or Ministers of State in the city where the official business is to be transacted. Ministerial mileage expenses are paid in accordance with rates and regulations set down by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. Mileage expenses are a monthly total and reflect business related travel across Ireland during the respective month, and incorporate deductions for any personal-related travel.

Payments made in relation to the provision of certain ICT services at the Houses of the Oireachtas and in the Minister's Constituency Office can also be found on the table set out below.

Summary Table.

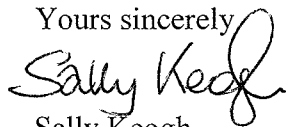
Date	Description	Amount Paid.
1 st January 2015- 31 st December 2015.	Travel, subsistence and mileage.	€32,123.36
1 st January 2015- 31 st December 2015.	ICT Services provided.	€1,317.81

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



Sally Keogh

Finance Division DFAT.