



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

28th September 2017

Ref: FOI/Req/17/171

Dear Requester

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:

- Copies of all Mileage claims made by Minister Flanagan in the Calendar year 2017.
- Any records relating to the provision of a “fresh start” to Minister Flanagan for the purposed of calculating his mileage in 2017.

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 1st September 2017.

I am the deciding officer for your request.

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.

I have identified 6 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached.

Mileage paid to Minister Flanagan in the calendar year 2017

Name	Period	Amount
Minister Charles Flanagan T.D.	January '17	€1,210.40
	February '17	€2,449.63
	March '17	€1,561.88
	April '17	€1,449.77
	May'17	€1,660.10
	June'17	€767.56

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@dfa.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@dfa.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

Clare Doyle
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