



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

Our Ref: FoI/Req/2019/274

29 October 2019

Dear Mr. Farrell,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for details as follows:

- *A breakdown of all costs associated with the state visit of US President Donald Trump in June*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 25 September 2019.

The table below refers to costs incurred by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Please note that the trip did not fall under the category of a state visit.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade works closely with colleagues in the Department of the Taoiseach, other government Departments and State Agencies in the development and delivery of programmes for high-level visits that support the promotion of Ireland's interests and values internationally. Ireland has a long-standing and deep relationship with the United States, expressed through economic, political, cultural, diaspora and people-to-people links. The recent visit to Ireland by President Trump further strengthened the relationship between Ireland and the USA, and the Government believes that as the Taoiseach has a standing invitation to visit the White House every St. Patrick's Day, so too is it appropriate that the US President have a standing invitation to visit Ireland.

Details of the relevant costs are set out in the table below. These costs cover items such as accommodation and transport for officials between Dublin and Shannon, air travel for the Irish Ambassador to the United States to accompany the visit, transport for media (including advance hire to ensure availability and to facilitate security screening), and catering.

In relation to service costs for each visit, business is allocated on the basis of the most economically advantageous cost savings arrangements, value for money and high quality services and products. Costs savings continue to be sought where possible.

Description	Cost
Transport	€10,074.99
Accommodation	€5910.50
Catering: Press Centre - University Limerick	€4450.00
WiFi: Press Centre	€6000
Transport: media	€17,902.60
Air fare	US\$1203.78

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Daniel Lowe

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