



**An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha**  
**Department of Foreign Affairs**

Our Ref: FOI/Req/21/023

Mr Pat Laverty

12 February 2021

Dear Mr Laverty,

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:

- 1. Number of engineering staff in your organization who were paid or reimbursed either in part or full their annual membership fees for Engineers Ireland for the years 2018 and 2019.**
- 2. A list of all and any other professional subscriptions or membership fees (broken down by name of institution, and staff grade and number of each separately) either paid or reimbursed, partly or fully, during 2018 and 2019.**

I also refer to the acknowledgement of this request sent on 25 January 2021.

No records were found within the Department of Foreign Affairs that fall within the scope of part 1 of your request. Accordingly, I must refuse it under Section 15 (1) (a) of the FOI Act 2014 which states that the release of a record may be refused where “the record concerned does not exist or cannot be found after all reasonable steps to ascertain its whereabouts have been taken”.

I have identified one record which falls within the scope of part 2 of your request. The record is listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant access to this record.

### **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, (€10 for medical card holders). A copy of the medical card should be provided to avail of the reduced fee. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at [foi@dfa.ie](mailto:foi@dfa.ie), or 01-4082618.

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

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