



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

Our Ref: FOI/Req/21/040

Mr Craig Farrell

15 March 2021

Dear Mr Farrell,

I refer to your recently submitted request for information, made under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2014, in which you requested the following:

**In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, 2014, I wish to request access to the following records that I believe to be held:**

- **A list of all the gifts presented by each Irish Ambassador for the embassy listed below in 2019 and 2020; please include a description of the gift, the cost, where it was purchased, and to whom it was given.**
- **A list of all the gifts received by each Irish Ambassador for the embassy listed below in 2019 and 2020; please include an estimated value of the gift (if possible), a description of the gift and who gave it.**

**List of embassies included: Canada, USA, China, Israel, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Japan, Belgium, Holy Sea, UK**

I also refer to the acknowledgement of this request sent on 17 February 2021, and to your email of 2 March 2021 in which you agreed to limit the scope of the request to gifts with a monetary value greater than €50.

I have identified two records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant both records.

There were no gifts presented in 2019 or 2020 by the Ambassadors of Ireland to the USA, China, Israel, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, the Holy See, or Great Britain, with a monetary value greater than €50.

There were no gifts received in 2019 or 2020 by the Ambassadors of Ireland to Canada, the USA, China, Israel, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Japan, Belgium, or the Holy See, with a monetary value greater than €50.

## 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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David Ormond  
FOI Section