



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

Our Ref: Fol/Req/18/114

Ken Foxe

24th May 2018

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 the invoices associated with the following purchases and if possible an explanatory note of reason/location of purchase:

A6ART ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE 04/08/2017 Property Management Unit MAURICE WARD & CO LTD € 11,653.72

A6ART ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE 13/12/2017 Property Management Unit CRAFT COUNCIL OF IRELAND € 10,000

A6ART ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE 31/08/2017 Property Management Unit € 6,927.29

A6ART ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE 05/08/2017 Property Management Unit WATERFORD TREASURES € 5,000

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 4th May.

As responding officer, I have decided to grant access to all records.

Item Number	Description	Purpose
1. A6ART ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE 04/08/2017 Property Management Unit MAURICE WARD & CO LTD 11653.72	Invoice 1 - Customs VAT Payable to Irish Revenue.	Customs Vat payable to Irish Government for Art piece donated to Embassy of Ireland in London.
2. A6ART ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE	Invoice 2 – Payment to the Design Council of Ireland and The Department of	Payment into the agreed joint purchase fund with the Design Council of Ireland which enables

13/12/2017 Property Management Unit CRAFT COUNCIL OF IRELAND 10000	Foreign Affairs and Trade joint purchase fund.	The Department of Foreign affairs and Trade to purchase quality Irish made crafts for use overseas.
3. A6ART ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE 31/08/2017 Property Management Unit 6927.29	Invoice 3 - Details of items provided on invoice.	Purchase of print artwork for the newly finished Embassy of Ireland in Tel Aviv.
4. A6ART ITEMS OF ARTISTIC VALUE 05/08/2017 Property Management Unit WATERFORD TREASURES 5000	Invoice 4 – Contribution towards the John Hearne Bust	Contribution towards the joint commissioning with Waterford City and Country Council of a bust of Waterford born John J Hearne Ireland's first ambassador to the United States, 1950 – 1960 and who played a pivotal role in the drafting of the 1937 constitution.

The Department's network of embassies provide a platform for the promotion of Ireland's trade and economic interests and cultural heritage, while also serving as showcases for Irish arts, crafts and products. Irish artists are renowned globally for their artistic excellence. Promotion of Ireland's culture, arts and creative industries through our Embassy network is a key element of the Department's Statement of Strategy.

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



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