



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

11/06/2018

Our Ref: FOI/Req/18/124

Dear Sir,

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:

**Records created after 1st January 2017 related to the cost of Ireland's mission to the United Nations in New York**

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018.

Ireland's membership of the United Nations has been central to our foreign policy since we joined in 1955. The principles and values enshrined in the UN Charter are those which we have always strived to promote and protect. Through our active participation at the UN, Ireland, despite its small size, can impact on global issues. The principles and values enshrined in the UN Charter are common goals held by Ireland, and our EU partners, including maintaining international peace and security and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms. Ireland will also launch its bid in July to join the UN Security Council for the years 2021-2022. If successful, this will place Ireland at the heart of UN decision-making on matters of vital importance, including international peace, security and development.

Please find enclosed a table containing information in response to your request.

**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@dfat.ie](mailto:foi@dfat.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@dfat.ie](mailto:foi@dfat.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

William Townsend