



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

12 June 2018

Our Ref: FoI/Req/18/127

Mr Ken Foxe  
Right to Know

Dear Mr Foxe,

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:*

*Visit by the President of the Republic of Croatia, Visit by The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall, Visit by the Prime Minister of Canada, Senior Management Forum, Visit by the Governor General of Australia and dinner hosted by the Tánaiste for the recipients of the PDSA.*

I refer also the acknowledgement sent to you on 23 May.

As outlined in response dated 7 March 2018 to your earlier request for information regarding Farmleigh House, the table provided related to costs incurred between 1 January 2017 and 10 February 2018 by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade which are specific to Farmleigh House. For service costs for the each event, business is allocated on the basis of value for money and high quality service and products. Cost savings continue to be sought where possible.

With regard to relevant invoices, I have identified 12 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. Bank details and VAT numbers have been redacted from the records. In the case of record 6, sections of the record are also redacted as they do not relate to Farmleigh and are therefore outside the scope of the request.

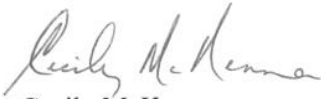
It has come to our attention that there are discrepancies in relation to two of the amounts for catering shown in the table previously provided. In the case of catering for the visit by the Prime Minister of Canada, an additional invoice for €77.93 should have been included, bringing the total to €6,196.09. In the case of catering for the dinner hosted by the Tánaiste for the recipients of the Presidential Distinguished Service Award, the correct amount for catering is €7,604.26 and not €9,172.25 as shown.

## **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



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