



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

17/08/2018

Our Ref: FOI/Req/18/216

Dear Sir,

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for the following information:

- 1) **The amount of fees generated by Irish Consul Office in San Francisco, USA for all services e.g. Passport Applications etc. in the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and to-date in 2018 in tabular form.**
- 2) **The amount of fees generated that have been retained by Irish Consul office in San Francisco in the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and to-date in 2018 in tabular form.**
- 3) **The amount it has cost the Department to run the Irish Consul Office e.g. Rent, Electricity in the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and to-date in 2018 in tabular form (Please exclude this information if the office where the Irish Consulate General is located is state owned.**
- 4) **If the office where the Irish Consulate General is located is not state owned; please indicate when the lease for this building is next due for renewal.**

Please find enclosed a table containing information in response to your above request nos. 1 and 3.

Please note that in relation to request no. 2 the Consulate General does not retain fees, all fees are remitted to the Exchequer and are lodged as Appropriations in Aid.

Please also note in response to request no. 4 the Consulate General premises in San Francisco is not state owned and the lease for this premises is next due for renewal on the 01/08/2020.



**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



## Consulate General San Francisco Costs 2015 to YTD June 2018

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>YTD End June 2018</b>
	<b>Total €</b>	<b>Total €</b>	<b>Total €</b>	<b>Total €</b>
Payroll Costs	547,370	503,013	513,528	288,201
Total Office Administration Costs	428,229	306,162	387,021	198,243
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>975,599</b>	<b>809,175</b>	<b>900,549</b>	<b>486,444</b>
Fees Generated inc. Passport Fees, Visa Fees, Consular Fees.	474,689	589,003	529,895	211,328