

17/08/2018

Our Ref: FOI/Req/18/216

Dear Sir.

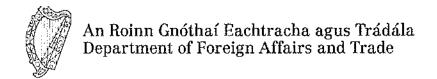
I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for the following information:

- 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 <u>foi@dfat.ie</u>. 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 <u>foi@dfat.ie</u>, 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

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