

An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála Baile Átha Cliath 2

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Dublin 2

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Elaine Edwards The Irish Times, The Irish Times Building, 24-28 Tara Street, Dublin 2

Our Reg: FOI/Req/2014/004

Dear Ms. Edwards,

I refer to your recently submitted request for information, made under the terms of Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, in which you requested access to the following:

- The overall cost of the project to redesign the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade website(s) and details of what payments were made to whom in that respect.
- An indication (based on departmental oversight of the entire project) of how many Irish citizens living abroad, and in what countries, have been asked to re-register their details with their local consulate or embassy as a result of the change to new system.

As agreed on 7 February, please find enclosed an information note on the Citizens' Registration Service and, in particular, the differences between the service on the old and new DFA site. The note also includes information on overall costs.

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. A fee applies for an appeal, with the exception of an appeal against the imposition of a fee; the level of this fee has been set at €75. Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money order, postal order or personal cheque made payable to the Secretary General, Department of Foreign Affairs.

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,

Sioblian Wiley

Website Coordinator